



6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter Tests: W/b Monday 9th December

Parents/Guardians should check the School App for the Winter tests timetable. It is important parents/guardians know when their child should be in school.

Canteen

The current arrangements for the canteen are going to remain in place until further notice. There will be a service available in the canteen so pupils entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will continue to receive a lunch from the canteen (sandwich/soup/roll). Other pupils can purchase soup and a bread roll for £1.30 or a sandwich pack includes a sandwich, bottle of water and fruit for £2.80. The permission parents/guardians provided last week will suffice for next week if a pupil would prefer to go off site to purchase something hot to eat.

SVP Hamper Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations toward our Advent SVP hamper appeal. Year 11 students who are completing their Muiredach Cross Faith Award have been busy sorting and preparing hampers as part of their social justice project.

There is still time to donate if you would like to contribute to our appeal.

Some items we are currently in need of are listed below:

Stock cubes	Red sauce	Brown sauce
Gravy	Salt	Pepper
Tea bags	Coffee	Sugar
Custard	Peas	Carrots
Cranberry sauce	Soup packets	Tin foil
Rice	Shloer	Cooking oil
Christmas crackers	Napkins	Selection boxes.
Trifle sponges	Jelly	Long life desserts e.g. chocolate yule log



Thank you everyone for your support.



Advent Collective Worship



The theme of Collective Worship this week was Advent and preparing our hearts to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Pupils reflected on the meaning of the candles on the Advent wreath and were encouraged to spread faith, peace, joy and love during this advent season.

Advent Lunchtime Prayer

Our Year 11 and 12 Muiredach Cross Faith Award participants created a beautiful prayer space in the board room and led our Advent themed prayer drop in on Thursday. Pupils and staff were given an Advent Kindness Challenge to take away.



North West Migrants Forum

Thank you to Women's Aid who visited yesterday to facilitate a workshop to Year 10 on 'Healthy Relationships'.



Christmas Hamper Draw for SVP – Prize Winners

Thank you to Siobhan McLaughlin for organising the Christmas Hamper Draw. The draw was made at the end of our Advent Reflection before school this morning by our Head Boy, Donal Mullan.

Congratulations to Mr Shaun McLaughlin (1st prize) and Mrs Una O'Connor (2nd prize).

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. All proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul.



Sport - GAA

Thank you to 'Clean n press' for their sponsorship of the U16 Gaelic team this year.

Sport - Soccer

Congratulations to our U14 soccer team on their victory against Oakgrove Integrated College this week.



Key Dates

Monday 9th December

Wednesday 11th December & Thursday 12th December

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Winter Tests Begin

Christmas dinner (provisional)

Christmas Jumper Day & Prize Draw for SVP

Carol Service (PM)

Term ends at 12.00 p.m.

Final prayer

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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