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# Christmas Wishes from P6



It has been a fun and exciting time in P6 with the run up to Christmas and all the children have been working extremely hard!

The children have enjoyed getting in the Christmas spirit by entering the news2day Christmas art competition 2020.

Staff and children in P6 really enjoyed the Christmas jumper day and Pyjama day all to support a wonderful cause.





## Christmas in P6

Recently Elfie the Elf has made an important appearance in P6 and he is delighted to announce that all the children are on Santa's 'nice list'.

Staff in P6 would like to wish you and yours a magical Christmas filled with happiness, love while making wonderful and special memories.

Happy Christmas to all and to all a goodnight.

Ms Hickey, Helen and Gosia.



# PP2



PP2 have had a great year so far. We are all so happy to be back in school after the long break and it has been amazing to see all our old friends and make some new ones along the way. All the boys have been working hard and getting along really well. We have made it down to the deep end in swimming which we were all proud of. We have particularly enjoyed our weekly trips to the park and cosmic yoga sessions, getting out of the school and staying active as much as we can. Halloween was big highlight and we have been counting down the days to Christmas with lots of fun activities being done. Twinkle our Elf has been reporting all the hard work we have been doing to Santa. We can't wait to see what 2021 has to offer and are excited to experience the new year together.



# News from PP3

We had a very good 1st term here in PP3. Everyone was very excited to return to school back in September. The children were delighted to meet their friends and new classmates. They understand that the restrictions that are in place are for their safety with and around each other.





# PP3

In class the students have worked hard in all areas of the curriculum, doing their best and producing really good work. In PP3 we have super swimmers and amazing creative artists. Take a look at our Christmas display boards.





# PP6

This term the students enjoyed learning about significant events in each other's lives through making personal timelines.

We have a very artistic and talented class so we have been busy creating lots of Christmas art and decorations. Hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you safe and sound in the new year.







**CREATED BY PP7**





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# PV2

Elf on the shelf has been keeping an eye on all the boys and girls in the class. He hasn't had to update his files as PV2 are the best class!

Everyone is very excited for Christmas. It has been a great term with lots of hard work done and lovely friendships made. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year.





**Elf created by PV2**





# Vocational Colouring Competition

We would like this opportunity to thank Ciaran for all his work designing, planning, organising and deciding on the results of our Christmas colouring competition.

We are so lucky to have such a talented artist as Ciaran in our school. The winners of our Christmas Colouring Competition are as follows.

**Junior Corridor:** 1st place: Hannah, 2nd Place: Lana 3rd Place: Faith

**Top Corridor:** 1st place: Conal, 2nd Place: Jamie, 3rd Place: Alison

**Vocational Students:** 1st place: Amy, 2nd Place: Colm 3rd Place: Louis







## Vocational Nursing home project with carepack.ie and An Post

We signed up to [carepack.ie](https://carepack.ie) which is a nursing home pen pal project for residents who are feeling a bit lonely this Christmas due to Covid 19.

An Post are also currently providing free postage of parcels and letters to nursing homes in Ireland. We were given three residents names from Terenure nursing home and we made cards, homemade wrapping paper and the students and staff brought in small gifts to go into the gift boxes such as magazines, chocolates, rosary beads, wool, socks etc!



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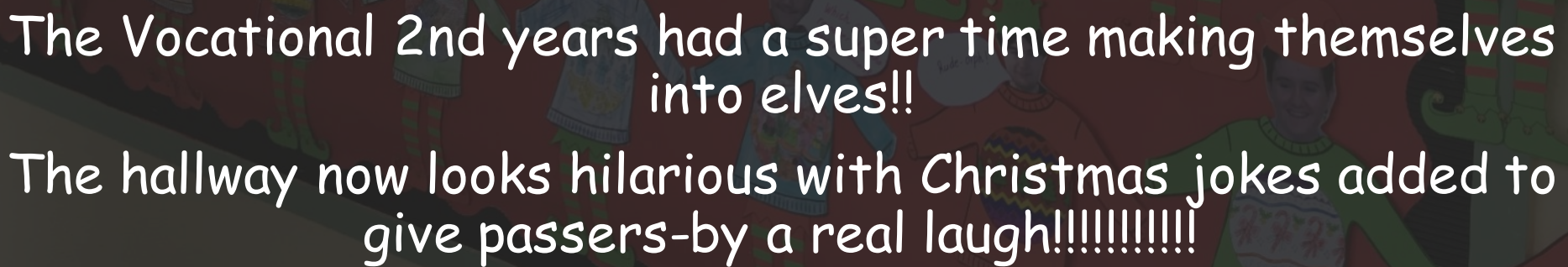
We were so impressed by the generous gifts that were sent in and we had so much that we ended up making two boxes for each person and had some items left over to make up a parcel for all the staff that work there! Students worked hard to pack up the boxes and make sure they were all the correct weight for the postman! Amazing work from all involved!





Some of the beautiful artwork from Vocational so far  
this year!  
We have an exhibition of work up outside our  
classroom!







# QQI Drama

This was the year we thought there couldn't be a Christmas concert. Well our QQI drama class weren't happy with that. They decided to work around the restrictions and try to make it happen. They met after school four days a week, created their plot and made themselves familiar with covid guidelines. They have written and produced their play - *Mary Poppins, The Prequel*, against all odds to bring to your living room.

Of course it's missing one very important ingredient - you, our live and friendly audience. Nevertheless, I hope you will enjoy our play and appreciate the achievement this group of students made in wanting you to enjoy a Christmas concert. See us online on Saint Augustine's school website.



# Music

MEANWHILE 'HOUSE 33', OUR REPRESENTATIVE BODHRÁN BAND HAVE BEEN BUSY REHEARSING. THEY WERE INVITED TO PERFORM WITH THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND SHARON SHANNON AS PART OF *SHINE YOUR LIGHT – SOLSTICE*. THIS HARDY GROUP HAD USED ZOOM TO STAY IN TOUCH SINCE MARCH AND HAD RETURNED TO REHEARSALS IN PODS IN SEPTEMBER; FORTUNATELY THEY WERE READY WHEN THIS CALL CAME. ON 1ST DECEMBER THE GROUP WERE RECORDED WITH THE NSO AND SHARON IN THE RDS. IT WAS A VERY EXCITING DAY. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK THEIR PLACES AMONG THESE PROFESSIONALS AND SHOWED THROUGH THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND THEIR MUSICIANSHIP HOW ACCOMPLISHED THEY HAVE BECOME. THESE YOUNG ADULTS WILL REMEMBER THIS DAY FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. LEAH HUME REHEARSING IN A POD OF 6 PEOPLE, 2 METRES APART WITH HER MASK AND EARPHONES, READY FOR RECORDING WITH THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND SHARON SHANNON. *SHINE YOUR LIGHT SOLSTICE* WAS SHOWN ON RTE1 ON SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 8.30PM.





# Art

Here is a selection of the lovely artwork we have produced since September.

As members of ReCreate we have made use of their amazing resources to create 100% recycled artwork as can be seen from the Christmas Tree decoration and the weave.





# Art



All students were busy making ceramic Santa decorations. The older students were busy making ceramic cupcakes that look good enough to eat!

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from the Art Department.



# *Home Economics*

## *Christmas Decorations*

*The WOW factor! Our Pre - Vocational JCSP students have been busy making fabulous Christmas decorations just in time for Christmas!!*

*Well done to all! Students used their creative skills by using the running stitch and whipped running stitch to make their decorations. Some students also had the opportunity to use the felting machine / sewing machine. They also added texture and a little Christmas sparkle with angelina fibres!!!*







## *Home Economics Festive Cheer!!*

*Students were busy making Rudolf Pancakes in our Christmas Home Economics cabin - how cute. Wouldn't it be lovely to make these Christmas Eve and enjoy for breakfast Christmas morning. Students learned how to measure liquids, weigh flour, manage the hob safely and be creative!!*





# Home Economics Thinking Sustainability!!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> year Vocational also made Christmas decorations, but with sustainability in mind! Students used left over fabrics from other projects, fabric from fabric books which we got in Recreate and wadding from old unwanted teddies! Buttons and sequins from old tops were given a new lease of life and used as eyes etc. They even used a hessian coffee bag to make the loop to hang them!!! Talk about sustainability!!



# Vocational Skills Christmas 2020

Students in the technology area spearheaded a campaign to promote *Christmas Jumper Day* on Friday 11th Dec. with all proceeds being donated to the **Laura Lynn Foundation**. Great posters were created, and each class was given a Christmas wrapped box in which to put the donations, and these were collected up once all those who wanted to donate had done so. On Monday we did the exciting thing of opening the boxes and counting the money.





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