



Tang NS - Christmas Newsletter 2023

As the Christmas break approaches, below are some activities the children have been involved in since midterm and some important dates to take note of.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

Christmas Holidays: 22nd December(half day) - January 7th. School will reopen on Monday, January 8th

Confirmation: Wednesday, February 21st @ 12pm in Ballymore Church

First Confession: March 12th (in school)

First Communion: April 27th, Tang Church @ 11am.

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Thursday Jan 25th and Thursday Feb 1st. Please check your emails for your allocated time and contact the office to arrange an alternative if this time is not suitable.

Science Week

Science week was celebrated throughout the school at the beginning of November. The children enjoyed carrying out investigations and experiments in their classrooms

School Football

After a short break before Christmas training will recommence in the New Year for boys every Monday and girls every Wednesday after school from 3pm to 4pm. The children are very dedicated and are doing Tang NS proud playing other schools from around the county. Thank you for your continued support of the school teams.

Congratulations to Grace Reilly who received player of the tournament in a mixed football blitz hosted by the Covent

Secondary School, Ballymahon. This blitz was organised by the TY students and out of all of the local schools who attended in the area, Grace was recognised for her outstanding performance on the day. Well done Grace, we are very proud of you.

Football and Hurling Blitz

The boys and girls in 1st and 2nd classes visited TUS Athlone twice over two weeks in November to take part in a football and hurling blitz which was organized by Westmeath GDA in lieu of the trainers visiting the school this term. The children were mixed into teams along with Ardnagrath NS and played a number of matches on both days. The coaches guided them through the games and passed on lots of useful tips. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Reviewed School Policies

The following school policies have been reviewed and updated by staff and ratified at our most recent Board of management meeting on 12th December 2023:

- Data Protection Policy (included data processing and consent form for our Admission's Policy)
- Parental Complaints Procedure

Green Schools

Well done to our Greens Schools Committee for all their hard work this term.

Credit Union Poster Winner

Congratulations to Emma Donoghue 1st class who won 1st place in the Credit Union Art competition. Her entry will enter into the next phase of the competition at regional level. Well done again to Emma.

Creative Schools Cluster

As part of the Schools Creative Cluster we exchanged our Christmas decorations with other schools. It was lovely to share our creations with others. Photos are on our website.

Hot School Meals

We are delighted to let you know that we have been approved for hot school meals. This will commence in April 2024 where each child will receive a hot lunch daily, free of charge. Details regarding the supply and delivery will be provided closer to the time.

Ballymahon Community Games Quiz

We will be putting together a Tang NS quiz team in the New Year. This team will represent the Ballymahon area in the Community Games in the Rustic Inn on January 16th. We would ask parents to encourage their children to express their interest in taking part.

Santa visits Tang NS

We had a very special visit from the big man himself Mr Claus on Thursday 21st Dec and thankfully he was able to confirm that we are all on the nice list! The children were treated to a selection box from Santa and all had their photo taken with him before the infants & 1st class sang him a song or two and he advised us all to get to bed early! Please see the school website for pictures from the visit.

Christmas Performances

We would like to congratulate the children from infants to 1st on their stellar performances of 'Hey Ewe' for the other

classes and their families on Monday 18th December.

The children from 2nd to 6th class also put on a spectacular show in our annual Carol Service in the church on Wednesday 20th of December. They certainly raised the roof with their beautiful singing and got us all in the Christmas spirit.

We were so proud of each and every narrator, actor, singer and dancer! Well done also to their teachers for all their hard work on both shows.

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all who sponsored prizes and sold tickets. The draw was held in school this morning amidst great excitement. A list of the lucky winners is on our school website.

Wishing all our families and friends a very Merry Christmas and every blessing for the new year!

