

Co-curriculars cont.

all classes. Yoga will resume after midterm for the children who didn't have classes this term. In the meantime, we have blogged the notes from our teacher Maura Broaders for those who would like to continue at home.

Internet Safety

The school has engaged the services of a tutor to provide workshops for senior students on this topic for the 26th of January. Christmas is a time for new tablets and phones and parents might like to refer back to the safety rules we discussed here in school for Tablet Day last year.

Educational Trips

As promised, the students will take a number of educational trips this year instead of storing up our energies for the end of year. On Thursday, fourth, fifth and sixth will visit Dáil Éireann and learn how our national parliament works. Then fourth and sixth will visit the Natural History Museum while fifth will take a guided tour of some of our favourite paintings in the National Gallery. The bus will depart promptly at 8.45am and students are asked to dress smartly in their uniforms for this historical event.

The Science Fair

You can see from the attached press release that fifth class were very fortunate to be chosen to represent the school at this year's Science Fair in the RDS. The experiments have concluded and now we are extremely busy with the presentation of the findings. We have never been to the Science Fair for Primary Schools before and so we are very grateful for any help offered at this very busy time of the year.

The Annual Carol Service

Preparations for the Carol Service are well underway. This year the service will have a new format; Instead of the 'Greatest Story Ever Told' each class will perform a selection of Christmas themed acts full of variety and magic! To help the night run smoothly and safely please be mindful of the following:

- Please park where guided, remember the attendants are all volunteers
- Children will come to the church in their costumes
- The Carol Service is in concert form this year with a stage at the front of the altar. Please remember that we are in the church and not the Concert Hall; no mobile phones, food or disrespectful behaviour
- The concert will commence with the Infants on the stage and the older children arranged behind them on the altar (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th). The Senior students will remain on the altar throughout the service. Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second class will sit with their parents and the front section of the church will be reserved for this purpose
- There will be a video and sound system in place, please make sure that there are no small children running around. The DVD will be available to purchase afterwards. The school is happy to facilitate collection and delivery of DVDs but please place your order on time.

All that remains is to wish you a very peaceful, holy and happy Christmas on behalf of the staff and don't forget to sing along next Wednesday night!

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir,
Máire Ní Bhraonáin