

1st Year Newsletter.



Christmas Edition - December 2024

Message From the Year Head

Happy Christmas to all our first year students and to their parents, guardians and families. Our first year students have navigated their first term in St. Caimin's with great success and they have made a very positive contribution to school life, both inside and outside the classroom. In addition to meeting the academic challenges of the classroom and completing their Christmas Assessments, they also embraced the social challenges of the corridors. The students have generously given their time to enhance the cultural and musical side of the school, partaking in many extra curricular activities including swimming, football, soccer, rugby, SVP and the school choir. These activities help expand pupils' social circles and allow them to connect with the wider school community.



It's the most wonderful time of the year..... On that note, I would like to thank you, the parents, for your continued support. Look after yourselves, be kind to each other and I wish you all health and happiness over the Christmas break.

Siobhan.

Dates for your Diary.

Return to school after Christmas Break - Monday Jan 6th

1st Year Parent Teacher Meeting - Tuesday Jan 7th (4.15pm - 6.45pm)

February Midterm - Monday 17th February - Friday 21th (inclusive)

Christmas Jumper Day.

The weeks coming up to Christmas were hectic here in St. Caimin's as students and teachers engage in acts of kindness and charity. Congratulations to our school choir and our school SVP

conference who put kindness and generosity at the centre of our holiday preparations. All money collected by our SVP conference goes directly to families in our community. The joy our students bring to the older generation as they visited our local nursing home cannot be overestimated- this now annual event is a highlight for all the students and senior citizens involved.

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Above is the link which will bring you to the Christmas Jumper Day Album.



Accelerated Reading.

All our first year students are busy reading their novels to improve their reading skills and to achieve their individual AR targets. Students are encouraged to read for thirty minutes daily. Our library is opened four lunchtimes a week and students are welcome to come to select books, do some reading or just to chill out in a quiet space.

Books make a fantastic stocking filler for Christmas. The following are a few recommendations which are very popular with our first year students.

Super Sleuth by David Walliams

Small Fry by David Baddiel

Finding Hope by Sinead Moriarty

The Lightning Thieves and the Terrifying Dawn by Helena Duggan

Mistletoe and Murder by Robin Stevens

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott



Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week was celebrated here in St. Caimin's from November 25th to 29th. All students and staff were involved in activities to improve their mental and physical health and well being. First years enjoyed an action packed afternoon playing footgolf and lunchtime sessions of mindful colouring. Thanks to everybody who got involved. Further wellbeing information can be found following this link.



St. Caimin's Community School Wellbeing

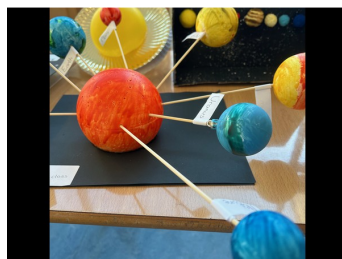
Ways to Wellbeing

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Reaching for the Stars.

Congratulations to all our first year students who created some fantastic three dimensional solar system models during science class. We were delighted to be allowed share their creativity and learning when examples of their work were put on display in the school reception area.



Swimming Club.

Our school swimming squad was given a great boost with the addition of our first year swimmers. They played an active part in our recent outing to UL for the Munster Schools' Swimming

Competition. Well done all.



Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 🎁



Tara O Loughlin

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