St Patrick's N.S. Calry, Sligo



Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been a busy term as always with too much happening to mention here. Our facebook page will give you a sense of some of the activities that have taken place this term with further information available through our website calryns.ie

The Board of Management would like to bring the following to your attention: The school name has been installed over the front door; Repairs have been made to an area of the playground surface; Enrolments are now being accepted for the 2023/2024 school year with 28 spaces available. The school will cease accepting enrolments on 24th February 2023; School reopens for term 2 on Thursday 5th January.

As we come to the end of the first term of the 2022/2023 school year, on behalf of the Board of Management and all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the school.

Nollaig Shona Duit!

David Gallagher



Pieta Amber Flag Initiative

Our school is currently taking part in the Pieta Amber Flag Initiative. The Amber Flag initiative recognise schools that are helping to create healthy, inclusive environments that support mental well being. Our Amber Flag Committee is working hard to promote positivity and well being in all classes.

Students Council

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the new Students Council. They are Keila Ward, Odhrán O'Neill, Oisín Foy, Eve Mc Sharry, Jamie Brennan, Julianna Costello, Ted Norton and Megan Mc Hugh. They recently ran a very successful School Motto competition with the winning motto being added to the school's website. The winner was Aifric O'Brien - well done Aifric! Her winning motto is "We spread kindness every day, we always think before we say, that's the Calry way!"

Christmas Plays

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the Christmas plays this year. Lots of budding actors and actresses for the future were on display! Thanks to the Parents' Association for providing tea, coffee and goodies!

Sports Report

Over 40 children from 3rd to 6th class participated in this year's Sligo School's Cross Country event in Rathcormack. 4 children qualified for the Connacht Primary School Cross Country in Longford 22nd October 2022. These were John Joe Norton, Shannon Moran, Emily Jane Norton & Fionn McNassor. The best team performance went to John Joe Norton, Fionn McNassor, Charlie McGuaran and Conrad Healy. Thank you to Ultan Menassor for providing the trophy.

Policies

Our school's Assessment and Recording policy has been reviewed, updated and ratified by the Board of Management during October 2022. We are continuing to revise our School Improvement Plan. Both of these will be available shortly to download from our website.

Happy Christmas!

Huge congratulations to Ms de Buitléir and her husband Paul who welcomed a little baby girl recently just in time for Christmas!



Music Generation

Music Generation is continuing under the direction of Fiachra Cunningham in 4th, 5th and 6th classes. The children are learning the violin and performed for our parents during the Christmas show. Lots of musical talent on display!

Thank you to everyone involved and who gave their time to sing for the patients in St. John's Hospital recently. A lovely festive afternoon was had by all!

Parents' Association News

The Parents' Association would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There will be a drive for new members in the New Year so please oblige if you are in a position to do so.

Community Games

Community games events were last held in Calry in February 2020 and are now hoping to reboot the initiative. It's a great initiative but relies on the support of volunteers. It would be a great shame if this initiative was lost to our community. If you are interested and would like to get involved, please contact Myles Kavanagh 087 - 2049097 or Padraic Lunn 086 - 8093406.