
Scoil Mhuire, Barntown

November 2019

Tel: 053-9120376
Email: info@barntownns.ie
Twitter: [@BarntownNS](https://twitter.com/BarntownNS) Website: www.barntownns.ie

A busy three weeks ahead before the Christmas break! Lots of creativity and hard work on display in the classrooms- Keep it up!

Sports

Thanks to all the teachers and SNAs who along with Willie and Barry Leacy (GPO), for facilitating Hurling 365 each morning. It is great to see the children being active in the mornings. We appreciate your support in bringing your children to Hurling 365. Next week is the final week before Christmas and we will resume in the New Year on Monday the 13th of January.

We had a great turnout last Wednesday after school for hockey training and will have two more sessions before Christmas. Thanks to Ms. Barrett, Ms. Cullen and Ms. Ryan for coaching the girls and to Wexford Hockey Club who have supplied us the equipment.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

151 shoeboxes were donated to Team Hope, thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. It is very much appreciated.

Concern Primary Debating Competition



Our second debate took place against Glynn NS last Friday. Clara Hogan captained the team and along with team-mates; Amelia Connick and Stephen Bardgett represented our school tremendously. The standard of speeches from all children were outstanding. All of sixth class helped with researching and preparing for the debate. A special

mention to Hazel Dunne who acted as Chairperson, an important role.

Christmas Performances

This year we are grouping the Christmas Performances into two shows, Junior Infants – 2nd class in the school hall and 3rd – 6th class in our beautiful church. The classes have started practicing and we really hope that you enjoy the shows. We are conscious that there is limited space in both the hall and the church and for that reason the older pupils will watch a full dress rehearsal of the Junior show before performance day and will not be brought to the hall on the day. As this is the first year we are combining the class performances, we welcome your feedback afterwards, particularly in relation to the space that is available for the audience.



Dates for your diary

Friday, 6th December

Final Day of Hurling 365

Wed, 10th December

Final Day of Hockey training

Monday, 16th December

Last day for return of Raffle Cards

Wed, 18th December

Christmas Shows

Infants – 2nd Class
@12:30pm in the School Hall

3rd – 6th classes @
7:30pm in the Church

Friday, 20th December

Final Day of Term.
School closes for all pupils at 12:30pm

Board of Management 2019-2023

Thank you to all the parents who were willing to be nominated for the new Board of Management. Your support is very welcome. The counting of votes for Parents' Nominees took place on Tuesday last and Gerald Reynolds and Lucy Nevins Broaders were elected.

Aladdin Connect

We have received very positive feedback in relation to Aladdin Connect. If you have any difficulties with the App, please contact us.

Christmas Raffle

Christmas Raffle cards went home in the school bags today for a Christmas Draw which will take place on the 18th of December. The top prize is a **framed Leinster Rugby jersey** signed by all the players along with two hampers. Thanks to SNA Derek Peilow for organising the jersey. There are also sellers' prizes for the children who sell the winning lines so please ensure your child/children's name is on the top of the card. Final date for return of cards is **Monday the 16th of December**. Any donations to make up the hampers can be given to Nicola Wildes or left in to the school office – by Wednesday the 11th of December. Thank you

Reminder re Carpark and Set-Down Area

The set-down areas are used for children in Suaimhneas classes 1 & 2 only. We ask all other parents to use the carpark and appreciate your co-operation with this for all our pupils' safety. It has been reported that a small number of parents are not parking, instead stopping to let children alight from their cars which is causing delays further back towards the entrance. This is slowing down cars entering the carpark. We encourage all parents to park in the spaces.

Trip to Wexford Wildfowl Reserve

On the 6th of November, Ms. Ryan's class travelled to the Slobs. At the visitors' centre we met our guide. She explained what we would be doing that day and gave some facts about White-fronted Geese. About 40% of the world's population of white-fronted geese migrate to Wexford each winter. We went on a trail and completed a factsheet. We had to identify birds from their bones and skulls. After lunch we were split into three groups and went to the bird-watching tower among other activities. We had a great day.

(Report from Isabelle Wickham & Aidan Furlong)



Christmas is a time when lots of electronic devices might arrive for our children. Coupled with poor weather and dark evenings it is difficult to squeeze in physical activities, so some children may end up spending more time on devices. Webwise is a great source of information for teachers and parents to keep update and aware of the different apps and games that are targeted at children. Parents can sign up to e-newsletters at www.webwise.ie and Webwise also has a twitter page that gives great information.

Christmas Giving Tree



On Monday the 1st of December are Christmas Tree will be in place, beside the crib, under the stairs at the back of the school hall.

Once again our Student Council are supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Drive.

Donations of any non-perishable food items such as tinned food, cereals or biscuits can be left under the tree any day during the month of December.

All donations will be passed on to the local branch of St Vincent de Paul, thank you.

