



# Ardfinnan N.S.



## Nollaig 2022

### Nuacht Scoil Náisiúnta Ard Fhionáin

#### Ardfinnan NS: County Champions

As the bus left Ardfinnan school, you could feel the nerves around the place from both players and supporters. Ardfinnan U13 boys ran on to the pitch to face the boys of Gaelscoil, Nenagh. The first ten minutes of the game were very slow, sloppy football as the awful wet muddy conditions dictated. Ardfinnan got off to a good start, kicking the ball with a goal from Jim Purcell. Gaelscoil retaliated and scored 2-1 with no response from the Ardfinnan side until Jackson Callanan broke the Nenagh line of defence, forcing a foul and a penalty was awarded resulting in an amazing save from the Nenagh goalkeeper.

The half time whistle was blown and the score was 2-1 to 1-1 in favour of Gaelscoil, Nenagh. The Ardfinnan boys were slightly disappointed with the score but there was no time to dwell. Nenagh got the first score of the second half, but Ardfinnan completely dominated the remainder of the game with scores from Dylan

Shone, Jim Purcell and Jackson Callanan. The ref blew the whistle and we began to celebrate when Nenagh successfully claimed there was five minutes left on the clock. Thanks to some great defending Ardfinnan prevented a final push from Nenagh and at last the whistle blew. We arrived back in Ardfinnan as County Champions to cheering crowds. A special thanks to our mentors Mr Leahy, Mr Moroney and of course Mr O'Sullivan.

- Matthew Walsh, 6th Class

*What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?  
Hornaments !*

**A Word from our Principal**  
Christmas is merrily upon us and we are enjoying classrooms and corridors filled with Christmas songs and cheer. The boys and girls are delighted to be able to return to the stage after a number of years and for some it is their very first time performing for parents and the school. Christmas can be such a busy and joyous time for our friends, family, co-workers, teachers, postal and retail workers and many more, we must also be mindful of those around us that might need a kind word, a hug, a phone call and company over the Christmas period.

I'd like to thank our dedicated staff, pupils and their parents for their continued support throughout 2022. The New





Year will bring new learning experiences, new challenges and with it new fun. I wish you all Peace, Joy, Health and Happiness during this Christmas season and throughout 2023. - Ms Quinlivan.

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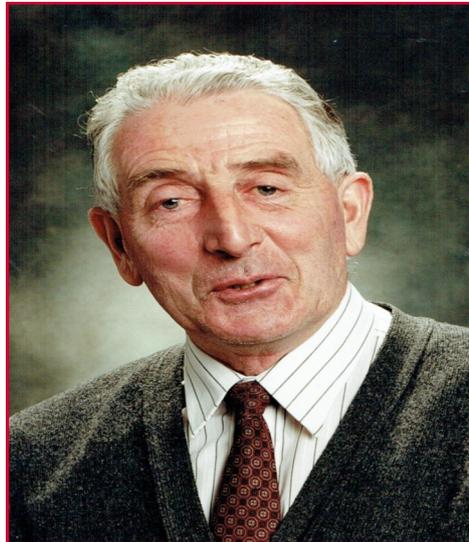
**Sensational Sixth Class** has worked on a variety of things this term from sports to art; here are some of the highlights – lots of beautiful, colourful collaborative art, the U13 boys won their division B football against Gaelscoil Nenagh, Athletics in Marlfield, Coaching with Nigel and Barry, Yoga with Brenda, attending the shows *All Shook up* and *Annie*. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

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**Mr Moroney's Class** have had a very busy few months! One of the highlights of the term was science week. We enjoyed designing and building a mini boat and testing how much it could hold. We also had fun trying to make the tallest spaghetti tower using only marshmallows and spaghetti! The S.T.E.M workshop with was also lots of fun! We have incredibly talented artists in our class and made some beautiful artwork. We celebrated quite a few birthdays this term. At the moment, we are busy preparing for our Christmas Show. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas.

### Shoe Box Appeal

The boxes are on their way to less fortunate children spreading Christmas joy! Well done to all !!



### Mr Matt O'Sullivan RIP

We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our former principal Mr. Matt O'Sullivan who died in recent months. Matt was principal of our school from 1964 - 2003. We wish to express our sympathies to Matt's wife Maura and family including our recently retired Deputy Principal Mr. Liam O'Sullivan.

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**Junior Infants are jingling** their way to the Christmas holidays this year and after a busy couple of months we have all settled in to school so well. We have done lots of lovely things this term including going to the magic door each week to discover our new letter sounds with Inky Mouse, taking part in Aistear which involves learning through play, doing our literacy stations, going to Athletics and completing lovely art and craft activities each week.

Last month we studied the hospital and enjoyed lots of fun activities based on this theme; we made ambulances for Art and craft, first aid kits and even built our very own classroom hospital!

Most recently, we have been busy getting ready for our Christmas performance in the church and if you pass our classroom door you will hear song singing and get to admire all our lovely Christmas art.

We would like to thank all of the adults who help out in our classroom every day as they help to make our classroom a





very happy and fun learning environment for all the boys and girls. We hope that everybody has a very safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to lots of fun and again in the New Year. Love from Junior Infants x

**Fourth Class** have finally reached the end of this term. It was filled with fun, games and activities. We have been very busy this term, practising for our Christmas show, playing football with Barry and getting really creative with our art. We made pom poms, papier mache and winter trees art. We carried out lots of experiments for Science week and Aoife from Lismore Heritage Centre showed us how to carry out C.S.I. We enjoyed

**First Class** have had a busy and exciting first term and are looking forward to the Christmas break to recharge our batteries! We have been doing a Literacy Lift Off and our reading and skills have come on in leaps and bounds! We decorated our classroom for Christmas-Mary is super at decorating. We were busy creating beautiful art for Christmas and winter. Edel loves art and is a great help to us. We really enjoyed putting our Christmas decorations on the school tree, and also the treats supplied by the Parents' Association afterwards! They were yummy!!

the Christmas show in Clonmel and wrote Christmas cards to care homes. Merry Christmas everyone!- Cullen, Hannah, Lily

**A Poem by Senior Infants**

The Holidays are coming, Senior Infants have been busy, Arts and Crafts, 3D shapes, Cúpla Focail, and plenty more, We can read lots of words, a list that spans from the ceiling to the floor!!! We would like to say thanks to all our helpers, Edel, Mary, Ms. Cody, Caroline. They come each day to help us in every way, We do our best for them all of the time!!

Mrs. Purcell says we are the best, the best she's ever had, Our neat handwriting, beautiful art, song singing, But best of all, our kindness and teamwork makes her glad!!

**Cara's Late Late Appearance:** Cara Darmody was invited onto the Late Late Show by Ryan Tubridy but little did she know that she was about to receive her Junior Cert results in front of the entire nation. Cara attained an absolutely amazing result and was also recently honoured with a Young Carer of the Year Award.

We work like troopers but we are ready for this term to end, January will soon be here but for now, we would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our family and friends!! x



We have formed our **Amber Flag** committee and have begun to plan some fun wellbeing events for the new year. For our first Amber Flag activity 1st, 2nd & 4th have sent Christmas Cards to elderly people as part of the Carepack.ie initiative.

*What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?  
A Christmas Quacker !*

*Who says Oh Oh Oh?  
Santa going backwards!*

*What do you call a snowmans's dog?  
A slush puppy!*





## Happy Christmas from 5th Class!

Ms Mackey was warmly welcomed to our class by all of us and instantly fit in and she has done so many fun things with us like, a project on the countries in the World Cup as well as building catapults with cardboard sticks and we started a Soccer League. We put up Christmas Decorations on the window and throughout different parts of the classroom. This month has been so fun and we hope 2023 is just as good.

-Jimmy, Conor & Alex.

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## Peace Proms

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class are busy preparing for the Peace proms concert which will be on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> in Waterford. We had an amazing rehearsal on November 17<sup>th</sup> with our conductor Greg. We got great tips and are really looking forward to showcasing our singing and dancing in March. Keep up the practice over the Christmas holidays.

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## Food Dudes

We had great fun trying and tasting new fruits and vegetables this term with Food Dudes. Ms. Finnegan along with her two helpers, Conor and Cillian were busy delivering all the fruit and vegetables to the classrooms each day! We enjoyed it and loved all the great prizes and stickers!

## Athletics

Just before Halloween, we headed off to the schools' cross-country competition in Marlfield. There were a lot of contestants there and we were one of the last to race. We must have waited for half an hour before we headed to the starting line. We ran for eight hundred metres. Everyone tried their best but unfortunately we had no winners- I would totally do it again!! -Shane Howe 5th

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## Green Schools Committee

have had a very busy and productive term. After settling in to school in September we have tried to meet every second Thursday to plan and discuss events and identify areas we need to work on and address as a school. We celebrated Climate Action Week in November and all classes made some wonderful climate pledges. Most recently, we marked Clean Air Week and Fergus Nugent of Ardmac donated some fruit trees to the school which we were delighted with as they will encourage bees.

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**Second Class** are getting really excited about Christmas, we are decorating our classrooms with lots of our Christmassy art. We are rehearsing every day for our Christmas show in the church and we look forward to seeing you there.

We will have our Communion on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Ms. Griffin's Class** are delighted that our two new junior Infants had a wonderful first term. We really are an active bunch: we participated in food dudes, stem challenges and art competitions! with Barry and Yoga with Brenda. Our 3rd class boys also enjoyed swimming and violin with Úna. Designing Ryan Tubridy's jumper was very exciting, congrats Mikey on being the chosen one! Our annual santa visit to Cahir is our favourite of all. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

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**Third Class** have enjoyed a very eventful first term including Science week when we conducted several experiments in class. We made parachutes and butter (yum!) and even had a scientist visit us to carry out some more experiments. Shhh!! Don't tell Ms. Quinlivan we put a hole in the ceiling!!! Every week in 3<sup>rd</sup> class we have maths stations which is a really hands on and exciting way to explore our maths concepts. The Friends for Life programme is a big hit with all our 3<sup>rd</sup> class pupils, we enjoy practicing our breathing and relaxing techniques.

*What do you sing at a snowman's birthday? Freeze a jolly good fellow!*

