# Scoil Naomh Fionán



# Christmas Newsletter 2023



#### Green Schools

Clean Air Week (20-24 Nov) was highlighted by our Junior Committee as they held banners and slogans at the 2pm pick up to remind those collecting children to switch off their engines. Sixth Class are currently engaging in The Primary Climate Ambassador (PCA) Program. They took part in an online webinar outlining the tasks that may be undertaken this year. They have at least two tasks to complete this year. We are pleased to inform you that we were announced overall school winner in October's competition of designing and writing a 'back story' for an avatar based on the Global Citizenship themes. We look forward to receiving our prize of a pond kit in the New Year.

# McKenna's Colouring Competition

Aoibheann Doherty from Rang I is the lucky winner of the 100 euro voucher for Smyth's Toy Shop.

## HOPE Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the pupils and their families, Scoil Naomh Fionan collected a total of 97 shoeboxes. There will be a smile on the faces of many children in different countries around the world when they receive the amazing shoeboxes donated this year. Go raibh maith agaibh.

### **Advent Prayers**

Prayers of hope, peace, joy and love written by pupils from all the classes are on display in St. Columba's, Drung for this special season of Advent.



#### **Enrolment**

The school will commence accepting	1 Feb 2024
applications for admission on	
The school shall cease accepting	22 Feb
applications for admission on	2024
The date by which applicants will be	15 March
notified of the decision on their	2024
application is	
The deadline by which applicants must	28 March
confirm acceptance of an offer of	2024
admission is	

#### Christmas Draw

An amazing 850 euros was raised by the PTA who organised a bag pack in SuperValu. Thanks to everyone who very generously donated prizes and to all who bought tickets for our Christmas draw which raised 2,930 euros. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Congratulations to all the winners in this year's Christmas Draw!

# People Who Help Us.

Children in Junior and Senior Infants have been learning about those in the community who help us. The children visited Moville Fire Station where they tried on the helmets and uniforms, they saw the fire engine and had the opportunity to spray the hose with the fire fighter.

Nurse Brian visited the classes and spoke to the children about all the important jobs the nurse has and he showed us how to bandage an injured arm.

We also had a visit from Paul, a Paramedic. He took the children out to the ambulance and took their heart rate, fixed their arms in a sling and showed them different pieces of equipment that he might use in the ambulance.

Finally, we had a visit from Garda Anna who spoke to the children about the importance of road safety and travelling safely in the car. The children enjoyed trying on the Garda uniform and hat. They have had a very enjoyable few weeks.