

## **Principal's Post**

**06<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The Board of Management ratified the reviewed Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment and Antibullying policies at the Board meeting last Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Thank you to all parents who gave feedback in relation to these policies. The reviewed policies will be posted on our website in the coming days.

Well done and congratulations to 19 pupils who received their Junior Cycle Provisional Statement of Results on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We are very proud of you all. The Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement as issued by the Department of Education and school will be provided for the pupils in the New Year. We await a date from the Department in relation to these.

Thank you to all parents, families and businesses who sent in vouchers, gifts and donations for our annual Christmas Raffle. The money raised will be used to purchase outdoor exercising equipment (similar to the exercising machines in many of the parks).

On Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, Palmerstown Credit Union presented us with a donation of €250.00 towards our Christmas fundraiser. Thank you to the parent who organised this for the school.

Pupils are invited to wear Christmas jumpers next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December as a fundraiser for Barretstown. Barretstown offers free, specially designed camps and programmes for children and their families living with a serious illness – supported behind the scenes by 24 hour on site medical and nursing care. Pupils are asked to donate €2. The Student Council will collect this money on Monday morning. They will also visit classes on Monday afternoon with some special guests! Thank you to the Student Council and Ms Wilkinson for organising this event.

Christmas dinner has been organised for all pupils and staff on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, with the Christmas raffle taking place in the afternoon. Pupils can also wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

Parents are invited into our school on the morning of Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas celebration. The Parents' Committee will host tea and treats for parents from 9.30a.m, with our Christmas celebration commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 p.m. Fr. Cornelius will be our celebrant.

Music Week was held from 28<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Thanks to Ms O’Riordan for organising this week and to all the performers who came to our school. There was a professional saxophone player, a Traditional music session, a popular music session and a Christmas Medley. There is a bodhran workshop organised for next Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to our Student Council for hosting this event under the direction of Ms Wilkinson. It was a great week and the pupils enjoyed the varied music sessions and responded so warmly and enthusiastically to the volunteer musicians.

Thank you to Ms Lynn who has made application for our school to participate in the ‘Amber Flag’ (Wellbeing) initiative.

A big well done to the classes of St. Gertrude and St. Brendan who brought filled shoeboxes and donated them to the annual shoebox appeal.

We encourage all parents to look at our school website regularly, [www.stmichaelsholyangels.com](http://www.stmichaelsholyangels.com) It has had a recent reform. We acknowledge the work of Ms Quinn and Mr McGorman in the redesign and accessibility of information on this website.

Parents are asked to note that the school is closing for Christmas on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12 noon. This is different to the school calendar published in the school journal. Apologies for this error. An amended school calendar will be emailed home this week.

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Sharon Gorevan