



Family Note No. 6: 3rd of December 2019

Dear Parents,

Scoil Barra Open Day: We had our Open Day on Thursday the 14th of November, where a large number of prospective parents and pupils visited our school. There were lots of displays and exhibits in the Halla showing the huge variety of activities and talents here in our school community. Many thanks to all the members of staff who gave of their time to prepare for Open Day.

Green Schools: As we do not have an organic waste collection service in school, pupils must bring all rubbish and unfinished food items home in their lunchbox to be recycled/composted at home. This includes unfinished yogurts so please bear in mind that they may need a separate container or bag to bring home unfinished yogurt.

Shoebboxes: A big thank you to everyone who got involved in our Shoebox Appeal. This year was a record with 407 boxes collected! Maith sibh, uilig!

Christmas Carol Concerts: As December is now upon us, we are beginning to prepare for our annual Carol Concerts. Below is a schedule of classes due to perform on both nights, Tuesday and Wednesday the 17th and 18th of December. The Carol Concerts will take place in the Church of Christ Our Light at 7.30 p.m. each night. More information for families will be provided closer to the time. We are very much looking forward to these special Scoil Barra occasions.

Tuesday, 17th December @7.30 p.m.	Class	Wednesday, 18th December @7.30 p.m.
Ms. Moloney, Ms. Lande and Ms. Marrinan	Junior Infants	Ms. McAdoo, Ms. Lande and Ms. Marrinan
Ms. Dorgan, Ms. Lande and Ms. Marrinan	Senior Infants	Ms. Boyle, Ms. Lande and Ms. Marrinan
Ms. Cooney	First Class	Ms. Barry
Ms. Collins	Second Class	Mr. O' Dwyer
Ms. O' Driscoll	Third Class	Ms. O' Connor
Ms. Murphy	Fourth Class	Ms. Woods
	Fourth Class	Ms. Forde
Ms. Farrell	Fifth Class	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Dwyer	Fifth Class	
Ms. O' Regan/Ms. Keohane	Sixth Class	Ms. O' Regan/Ms. Keohane

St. Vincent de Paul Appeal: This year in Scoil Barra, in the Christmas spirit of giving, we have decided to run a food appeal for the St. Vincent de Paul. Please see information on the reverse of this note regarding items being collected at each class level. The closing date for donations will be Wednesday the 11th of December.

December 20th: A reminder to all families that school will close at 12 noon on December 20th for the Christmas holidays. Infant pupils may be collected from 11.50 a.m. on this day.

Looking forward to a peaceful, happy and healthy December.

Paul Harrington (Deputy Principal)



By F. Hiking/Artist

This year in Scoil Barra, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper appeal. All hampers will be distributed by the society of St. Vincent de Paul to families within Ballincollig. (www.svp.ie)

We would be very grateful if you could spare an item or two from your kitchen press or shopping trolley to donate to this very worthy cause. Examples include tinned beans, peas, jars of carrots, jams, chocolate spread, noodles and soups, jelly, pasta and sauces, tea and coffee, sugar, cereals, biscuits, sweets and crisps.

We understand the very many demands on all families at this time of year. However, any donation would be gratefully accepted and much appreciated.

To ensure a variety of foodstuff in the hampers, we would appreciate donations of the following from each of these classes:

Junior / Senior Infants: Crisps and Sweets

1st Class / 2nd Class: Tins of fruit, beans, chickpeas, etc., Tea, Coffee. Sugar

3rd / 4th Class: Pasta, Rice, Tins/Packets of Soup, Jars/ Packets of Sauce

5th / 6th Class: Cereals, Jams, Spread, Relish, Biscuits.

Closing date for donations: Wednesday, 11th of December.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

'It is in giving that we receive!'