

St. Oliver's Special School Newsletter December, 2014

SEPTEMBER

September was a busy month at St. Oliver's. We enjoyed lovely weather, and were able to play outside in our Sensory Garden almost every day.

One Monday morning, we were so excited to see a very special arrival at school....our new prefab!! It is a general purpose room that each class can use. We hope to use it for P.E., Drama, and Music. We can also use it for meetings when parents come to the school.

OCTOBER

This October we had a Cheerios Breakfast Morning as part of Cheerios Childline Breakfast Together Week. The children had their morning breaks together, and parents were invited to the school also. We had a nice turn out and we raised €125.92 for Childline.

October 13th-17th was Maths week and some classes participated in outdoor Maths activities in the playground and garden.

On October 17th we were lucky enough to be able to go to see the show "the Musical Menagerie" at the Mall Theatre in Tuam, as part of the Baboró International Arts Festival for Children. It was a great show and we all really enjoyed it.

Just before the Mid-Term Break, we had a whole-school assembly where each class performed two Halloween songs for the rest of the school.

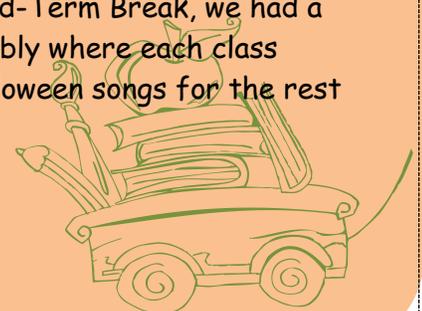
Dear Families,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the school year. We hope this finds you all well. We are all looking forward to Christmas, and cannot believe Christmas has come around so quickly!

We have had a lot of changes this new school year. Marieta is our new acting Principal and class teacher in Class 3. Miriam is our new acting Deputy Principal and class teacher in Class 2. Natalie is the class teacher in Class 1 and Aideen is class teacher in Class 4.

Our website www.stoliversschool.ie is being updated regularly. On the website you can find school news, and each class has its own page where you can find news and pictures from each of the four classes.

Our next Newsletter will be at the end of next term, in March. Until then, we hope you enjoy reading about our news from this term.



NOVEMBER

Some of the children at school went on an outing in November to City Limits in Oranmore, where they got to go bowling as part of ten-pin bowling week.

We had a second school outing at the end of the month, where the whole school went to The Aquarium in Salthill, and on to The Galway Bay Hotel for lunch. This outing was provided for by the Make It Happen Foundation.

DECEMBER

The children have been busy making art for our Christmas cards. All proceeds are going towards School Fundraising.

By the time you get this Newsletter preparations for the school concert will be in full swing which will be held on Tuesday December 16th in the Corralea Court Hotel, Tuam. We have been practicing our songs since the start of December. Each class will be performing two songs. The songs are up on our Website on the "School News" page.

THE YEAR AHEAD

We will be returning to school after our Christmas holidays on Monday January 5th. School activities will be resuming including swimming, horse-riding and visiting the large Multi-Sensory room in the Glebe, as well as Drama.

Our class teacher from Class 4, Aideen, will be leaving us at the end of term, as well as Breda, our secretary, who will be leaving us too. We will be very sad to see them both leave, but hope to see them again soon some time. Bernie and Maria, our class teachers will be returning to school after their maternity leaves after the Christmas Holidays. Dawn, our secretary, will be returning after her Maternity leave also.



Thank you

We would like to thank the Presentation School in Tuam for their Fundraising on our behalf. We would also like to thank the Corralea Hotel for kindly providing us the use of their function room for our School Show free of charge.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Here at St. Oliver's Special School we are able to go on many outings, and the children are able to participate in activities such as Horse-Riding, Swimming and Social Outings. These activities would not be possible without the help of our volunteers. We are so grateful to our kind, and helpful volunteers. We would not be able to do what we do without you!

THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone at our school, we wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

From all the children and staff at St. Oliver's

Happy Christmas

