

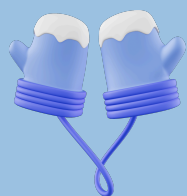
# Mol an Óige Steiner CNS – Winter Newsletter (December 2025)



Blackboard Drawing by Jon

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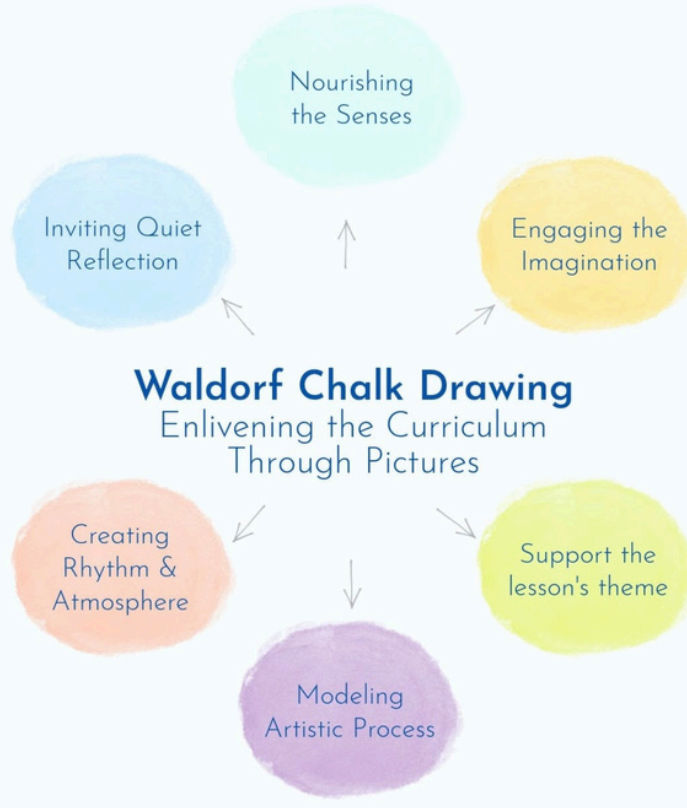
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## Christmas Féile

*Congratulations and sincere thanks to all the parents who were involved in organising and supporting the Christmas Féile.*

*The total raised was €4,582.65 (this was over double of last year's intake!) and this incredible achievement will make a meaningful contribution to our school. We are very grateful to everyone who gave their time, energy, and support.*





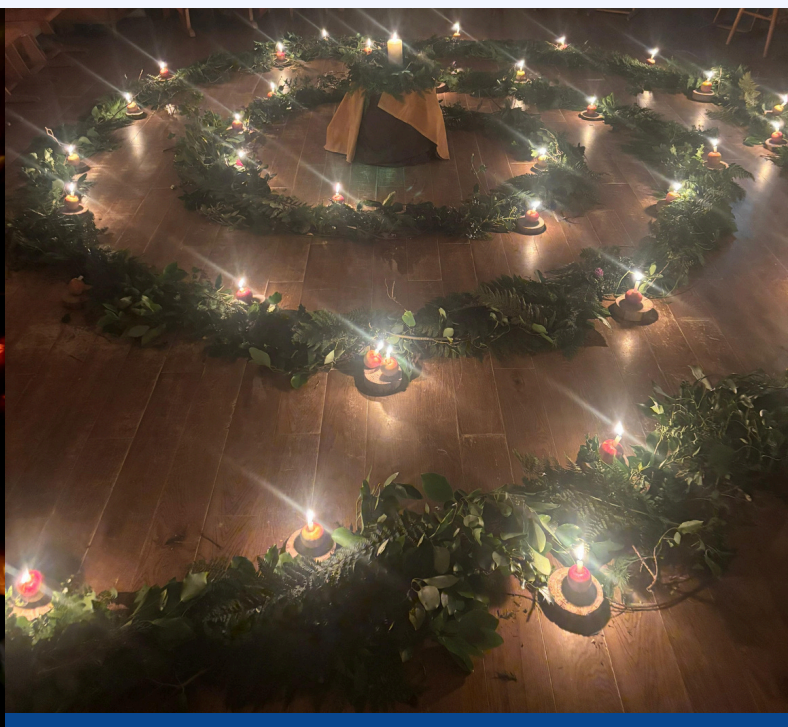
## Senior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> Class

Seniors are really enjoying doing their main lesson books in the cosy cabin. The whole class have been working together to build a den using an array of materials in the woods.



## The Lantern Festival & Spiral of Light

*Hosted by Marie, 3rd & 4th Class le Múinteoirí Sarah & Róisín*

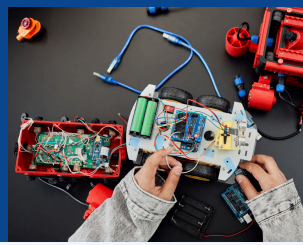




# Class Spotlight

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Múinteoir Damian



## Science Week – Science Day at Mol an Óige

Children planned and carried out a range of investigations during Science Week, testing ideas, making observations and practising key scientific skills through active, collaborative learning. The day reflected Mol an Óige's commitment to experiential learning and care for the natural world.

Across 4th, 5th and 6th class, pupils explored different types of experiments involving water, movement, materials and change. These included investigations into floating and sinking, air and motion, and how substances react and change when combined. Children worked independently and in small groups, making predictions, testing their ideas and discussing results as young scientists.

### 📸 Photo 1 – Ruairí (Balloon & Cart Investigation)

Ruairí explored how air can be used to create movement by attaching a balloon to a cardboard cart. As the balloon was inflated and released, the escaping air pushed the cart forward, allowing it to travel from point A to point B. This investigation helped demonstrate basic principles of force, motion and cause-and-effect.



### 📸 Photo 2 – Millie & Caitriona (Flour & Egg Experiment)

Millie and Caitriona investigated how different materials behave in water by placing flour and eggs into containers of water. They observed changes such as sinking, floating and texture, and discussed how water affects different substances. The experiment encouraged careful observation and comparison.



# Science Week continued...

by 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class

## 📷 Photo 3 – Finn (Colour Transfer Investigation)

Finn explored how colour spreads and changes by using different coloured dyes on paper. He observed how the colours moved, blended and transferred when water was applied, helping him understand absorption, mixing and pattern formation.



## 📷 Photo 4 – Flynn (Colour Mixing & Reaction Experiment)

Flynn investigated how colours change when combined with water and sodium peroxide, using different types of food colouring. He observed how colours reacted, blended and transformed, discussing cause and effect and recording his findings using scientific language.



## ❄️ Foclóir an Gheimhridh – Winter Gaeilge Glossary

❄️ Geimhreadh – Winter

🎄 An Nollaig – Christmas

🔥 An dorchadas – Darkness

🔥 Teas – Warmth

🤝 Cairdeas – Friendship

🌳 An dúlra – Nature

🎉 Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh –  
Happy New Year !!!



Notes from  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Class  
Múinteoir  
Killian



1st and 2nd class listened to the story Otto and the Secret Light of Christmas, and inspired by Otto, the gnome in the story, the children made their own wood gnomes.





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The children explored the spiral through movement and practice, first using cones to understand the pathway. We then brought this learning to the chalkboard/paintings and then into our main lesson books with care and focus. This gentle preparation helped the children engage meaningfully with the Spiral of Light. They then experienced the Spiral of Light with their family, making it a special and peaceful experience.



**Junior Infants** have been thoroughly enjoying their Eurythmy sessions with Swenja. The children were captivated by the beautiful crystals she brought in and the gentle playing of the lyre, which helped to create a truly magical atmosphere for dancing and singing together. We have also loved our weekly visits to the library, where the children delight in choosing books and becoming fully immersed in stories.

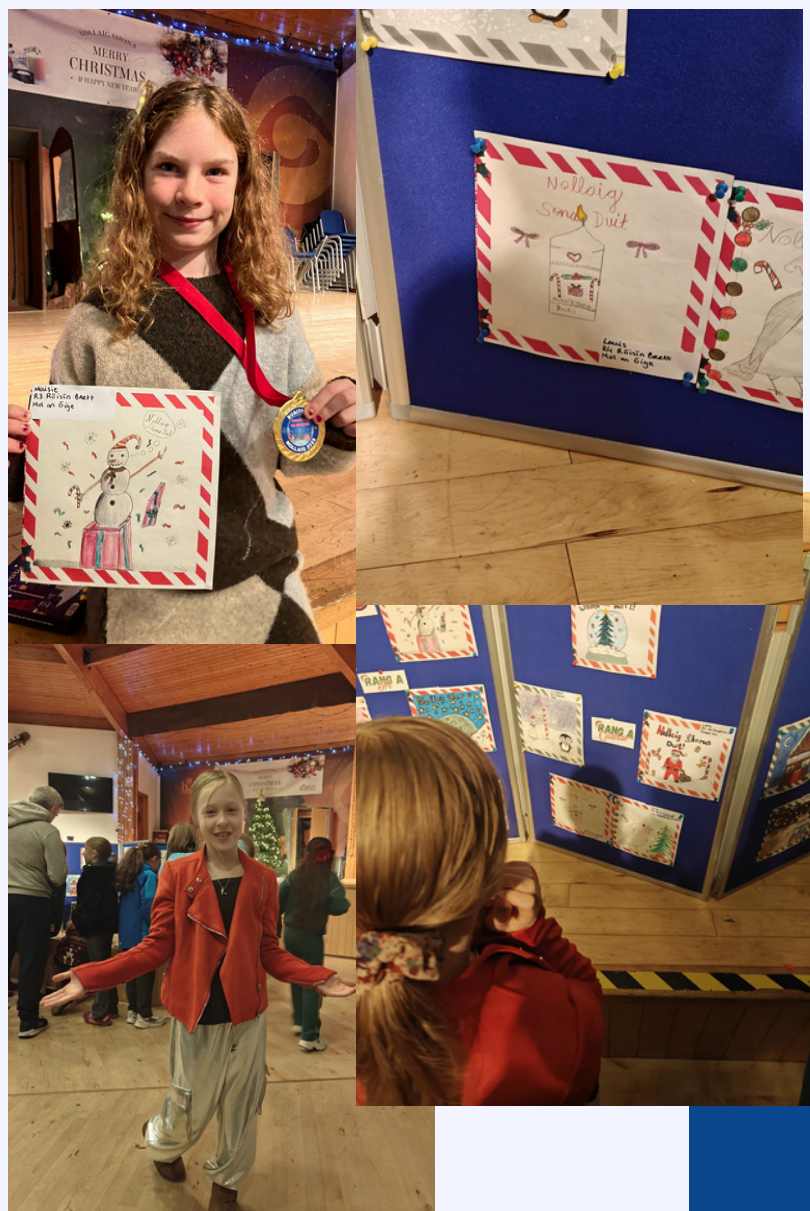






Junior Infants had great fun baking and icing their Christmas cake (with a little bit of help from Sheila), carefully adding the finishing touches with pride and excitement. Once complete, they proudly presented their festive masterpiece to all the classes, with the kind help and support of Saul and Manus.





## Cárta Nollag

We were delighted to see two beautiful Cártaí Nollag created by Maisie & Louise selected for display at Cois na hAbhna. Their cards show wonderful creativity & it's heartening to see úsáid na Gaeilge being nurtured, valued and shared with the wider community. Maith sibh cáilíní!



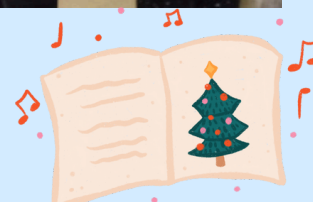
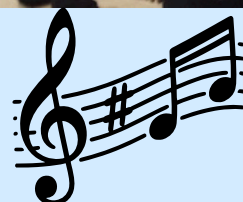
A total of €75.90 was raised by the schools for Christmas Jumper Day Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds went to 'Help bring Cillian O' Brien home' fundraiser ... Well done yo everyone involved!

## Carol Singing

### By 4th, 5th & 6th Class Students

Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th class visited the local community hospital to share Christmas carols with the residents. The children sang beautifully and brought great joy and festive cheer to everyone present.

This meaningful visit was made possible with the support of Múinteoirí Maree and Damian, and it was a lovely opportunity for the children to connect with the wider community through music, kindness, and care. It was a special experience for both the residents and the pupils alike.







# MERRY Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

from all of us at  
Mol an Óige



## Message from the Board of Management

As we come to the end of the term, the Board of Management would like to thank the Principal, staff, parents, and children for their continued commitment, cooperation, and care for our school community. We wish all our families a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

**Neil Haran (Chairperson),**

**on behalf of the members of the Board of Management (2025):**

**Enda Byrt, Iryna Kislova, Chris O'Keefe, Máire Nunan, Sarah Wheeler & Hillary Gillespie**

