

December 2014

## Christmas Holidays

The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 19th December and will reopen on Monday 5th January 2015.

*All the teachers and staff would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!*

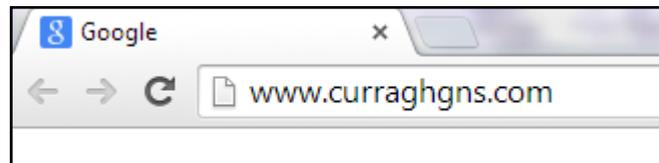


# New School Website

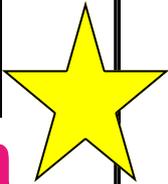
We have just launched our new school website at [www.curraghgns.com](http://www.curraghgns.com). On the website you will find details about our news, school holidays, photos, important dates, class activities etc.

As our new website has not yet been verified by Google, type [www.curraghgns.com](http://www.curraghgns.com) into the address bar at top of internet screen as shown below to access site.

Website was designed and created by Aine.



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# Christmas Newsletter

## Christmas Concert

Well done to all the teachers, staff and pupils who worked very hard and put on great performances last week.



## GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

After receiving our third green flag, we are now working on getting our fourth. The theme for the 4th Flag is Transport. A representative from An Taisce visited our school and helped us do a survey on how the teachers and children get to school everyday. She also carried out a survey with the Green School Committee on road safety in our area.



## Advent Services

The 6th class have led our Advent Services in the school during the weeks of Advent. They made a beautiful Advent wreath and reminded children of the true meaning of Christmas by giving each child an Advent Calendar where they made an entry each day to explain what good deed they were doing to prepare for Jesus.

Well Done to Ms. Casey and the 6th Class girls!



## Computer Classes

This year all the pupils from 5th & 6th class have had 1 hour computer class each week. Since September we have completed a number of projects and lessons, including poems, computer artwork, Halloween, Christmas & winter projects. Well done to all the girls who participated in the Doogoo 4 Google Competition.

After Christmas during computer lessons we will be starting Scratch which is a free programming language and online community where we can create our own interactive stories, games, and animations.

## HSCL News

### **One Book One Curragh**

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In the new year some of the classes will be working on a community reading initiative known as One Book One Curragh. This year's book is the classic novel 'Under the Hawthorn Tree'. There will be many activities, competitions and guest visitors brought in to make support this project and to promote reading in the community. I hope this book makes its way into each house and is read by each family.

### **Workshops**

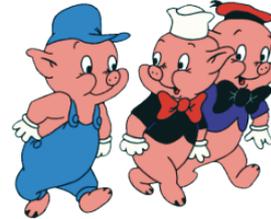
In the past few weeks we have had some great workshops in the school. Firstly we had a mad scientist doing some very cool experiments with the children. Then we had Mike from 'History Live' who brought a mobile museum of historic clothes, weapons and artifacts for the children to embrace. Finally we had an engineer building KNEX with the children.



Happy Christmas to everybody in the community and beyond. I hope you have joyful festive season and a the very best wishes for 2015. If you ever need help or support with your or your child's education don't hesitate to contact me on  
0860363712

## **TRIPS**

Juniors, Seniors and 1st Class are going to the Moat Theatre on Tuesday 16th December to see The Three Little Pigs.



2nd-6th Classes will be going to the National Concert Hall in January for the Irish Times 'Music in the Classroom'.

## Parents' Council

We wish to thank all the parents who supported our Christmas Raffle.

We especially would like to thank Carmel Hayden who very generously donated and managed to get a number of the large prizes for the raffle.

All the money raised will go towards our fund for the refurbishment of the children's lunchroom.

Thank you again to all who sponsored and donated prizes and everyone who bought lines for the raffle.

## Christmas Carol Service

Well done to all the girls and teachers who participated in the Carol Service on Tuesday evening. They all sang beautifully.

