



# SCOIL SHINSIREACH NAOMH ATHRACHT ST. ATTRACTA'S SENIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL

## NOLLAIG 2014: FÉILIRE NA MÚINTEOIRÍ AR AGHAIDH LE CHÉILE



DÉ DOMHNAIGH	DÉ LUAIN	DÉ MÁIRT	DÉ CÉADAON	DÉARDAON	DÉ HAoine	DÉ SATHAIRN
<p>30 Samhain</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b> - set up Christmas Altar</p>	<p>1</p> <p>PUT UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE FOYER AND STAFFROOM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY @10.45A.M.</p> <p>Start collecting Food for the V de P Hampers Reminder re Bóthar Appeal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>START PRACTISING YOUR CHRISTMAS CAROL</p>	<p>5</p> <p>When choosing gifts this Christmas, please remember that <b>The Gift of Reading is a Gift for Life!</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Don't forget to collect your loose coins for BÓTHAR</p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>Second Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Mass @ 10.00a.m. for everybody for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Individual practice times for Christmas Carol Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Make Kindness Count – Do a good deed for somebody today!</p> <p>Individual practice times for Christmas Carol Service</p> <p>1.00p.m. Readers to Iníon Uí Mháirtín; National Children's Choir to Halla</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11.00 BCS CAROL SERVICE Lunch from 12.00 – 12.30 12.45p.m. First full run through of Senior School Carol Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Raffle opens! 50c or 3 for €1 BCS CHRISMAS FAIR Rang 3 agus 4 Lunch from 12.00 – 12.30</p> <p>Full run through of Senior School Carol Service @ 12.45p.m. sharp</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Reminder to bring in food for HAMPERS</p> <p>Full Practice for Carol Service starting @ 11.00a.m. sharp</p>	<p>13</p> <p>MAKE TODAY 'READ A GOOD BOOK' DAY</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>SCHOOL MASS @ 11.30a.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>CAROL SERVICE @ 1.15p.m. and @ 7.30p.m.</p> <p>No Homework for children who attend!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>REMINDER! THURSDAY IS LAST DAY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER APPEAL!!</p> <p>PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS FROM 12.00 – 12.30P.M.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NO UNIFORM CHRISTMAS COLOURS DAY: €2 IN AID OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL</p> <p>Thank you for supporting this fundraiser</p> <p>School Christmas Singalong @10.45a.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BÓTHAR</p> <p>Collection Total to be announced</p> <p>PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS FROM 12.00 – 12.30P.M.</p> <p>RAFFLE DRAW TODAY!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>LAETHA SAOIRE NA NOLLAG!</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSES @ 12 NOON</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Board games, jigsaws and construction toys such as Lego and Mechano are excellent choices too!</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Beannachtaí na Nollag is gach dea-ghuí don Áthbhliain daoibh go léir!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Make Kindness Count – Do a good deed for somebody today – give a little something!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OÍCHE NOLLAG</p> <p>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS @ 6.30p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LÁ NOLLAG</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lá 'le Stiofáin</p>	<p>27</p>

## MINI-NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014 GIVE A GOOD BOOK!

Parents don't forget to give a book as a Christmas presents this year to keep the children reading. Think of the peace it will bring !!!



## WE COLLECT USED STAMPS



As Christmas approaches, don't forget to collect the stamps on Christmas cards and send them in to us.

They're always welcome and are passed on to a worthy charity. When removing stamps from envelopes be sure to leave a good edge around each stamp. Thanks!

## OLD MOBILE PHONES PLEASE

Don't forget to bring us in your used mobile phones. We'll donate them to charity in exchange for a life-saving defibrillator, which would normally cost thousands. We hope to reach our target by January so don't throw out any phones over Christmas – please send them our way. Don't forget to ask all your relations for their old mobile phones – particularly as many people will get new ones this Christmas. Come on - let's help save a life!!!



**REQUESTS FROM PARENTS** After the Parent Teacher meetings, many parents have been asking about educational websites such as Mangahigh and Literacy Planet. While cost-prohibitive for the school at present, they can be accessed by individual parents at

[www.literacyplanet.com](http://www.literacyplanet.com) (literacy) &  
[www.mangahigh.com](http://www.mangahigh.com) (numeracy)

## CHARITY CHAIN V de P and BÓTHAR APPEALS



**'Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity, it is an act of justice'.**

~Nelson Mandela

### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

#### Hamper Appeal & No Uniform Day

Your very generous donations to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, are much appreciated. 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will co-ordinate the Hamper Appeal. The collection boxes will remain in classes until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December and will then be distributed to where they are most needed.

Throughout December we are running our Christmas Appeal to raise funds to help those in need. We are fully aware of the increased pressure on family finances at this time of year and greatly appreciate any support you can give our various fundraising projects. Even a small donation will go a long way!

The two charities we support at this time of year are the St. Vincent de Paul Society at home and the Bóthar project which supports families abroad. This year for our Bóthar project, we're aiming for €350 to send a family of pigs and piglets to a family in Africa. Pigs need little land and as they consume garden and vegetable waste, they're not in competition with humans for food.



In return an average sow will have 16-20 piglets a year, which grow quickly and are ready for market in a few short months. The income generated through their sale helps the family to take their first step towards self-sufficiency and provides money for necessities like school, clothes and housing. Pigs also produce manure which acts as a valuable fertiliser to enrich the garden, thus increasing vegetable and crop yields. All we ask for are any loose 1c, 2c and 5c coins you may have. Our total today is €204.

### CAROL SERVICE

A reminder that our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.30p.m. and at 7.30p.m. in St. Attracta's Oratory. A full attendance of pupils is expected at both performances. Full school uniform to be worn by all pupils. Because of the large attendance at the evening performance **we would really appreciate the help of some parents who would ensure doorways are kept clear.** Please drop names into Iníon Uí Mháirtín on Monday morning!!

### An Error on the last Newsletter

On the last newsletter we said the Oratory would be open on Christmas Day. Sadly it won't, but perhaps you'd take a moment during the day to visit Jesus in their hearts and to remember what Christmas is all about.!

### SCHOOL RAFFLE

Tickets 50c each or 3 for €1 in aid of upgrading our Computer Room.

## CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES



### Reconciliation Services:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec in Marley Grange at 8.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Meadowbrook at 7.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec in Ballinteer at 7.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Dundrum at 12noon



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Children's Mass @ 6.30pm  
Christmas Carols @ 8.30 pm  
Christmas Night Mass@9.00pm

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Morning Masses at 10.00a.m. and at 11.30a.m.

## NOLLAIG SHONA!

It is timely to remind parents in the run up to Christmas that the staff of St. Attracta's S.N.S. have absolutely no expectation, requirement or desire that pupils bring in presents for them at Christmas or indeed at any other time of the year. Your prayers at Christmas time are always appreciated.

**MAY GOD BLESS  
YOU ALL IN THIS  
HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON!  
BEANNACHTAÍ na NOLLAG!  
~ Muireann Máirtín (2014)**

