



**Lunches:**

We would like to remind parents children are asked to only bring a **small** treat on Fridays. Also We would like to remind parents to continue to order hot lunches which the children like and enjoy.

**Parents' Association**

Scoil

Bhréainann's Parent Association would like to thank everyone who purchased Christmas cards. Meeting the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. The Parents Association would like to Wish Everyone a Happy Christmas!

**Maths Training Day:**

The teaching staff underwent training on the revised Primary Maths Curriculum in Sneem facilitated by an Oide Professional Learning Leader. The aim of the new maths curriculum is to promote maths in the children's everyday learning environment. It will not change much of 'what' children learn, but it improves 'how' children learn maths. This will include much of the approaches already cemented in our teaching; learning through play and problem solving as per our recent WSE commendations.

**Pact Programme**

We look forward to welcoming Hope Boyle to our school in March to carry out the pact programme in association with Maynooth University's Department of Computer Science.

Computational thinking is about combining the creativity of human thinking with the power of computing machines to solve problems across a range of disciplines.

**External Teachers/Coaches**

Day	Activities
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Tuesday	Football with Sarah/P.J. Reidy alternative weeks
Wednesday	Music with Darragh Lynch (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> class)
Thursday	Gaeilge with Micheal O Sé (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> class)

**Athletics:**

Well done to all who participated in the South Kerry Primary School Cross Country on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Each child ran superbly both individually and in their teams across track and field events

**School Assemblies**

Each month we gather together as a school and perform songs in our classes. It is a time to celebrate pupils' achievements.

**Music Generation** Darragh Lynch has been with us this term and will be returning next term also. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were learning the tin whistle. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class were learning how to play the ukulele.

**Student Council**

Christmas Fun Day was organised by our Student Council members. It was an excellent day enjoyed by all.

# Scoil Bhréainann, Portmagee



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*A message from our principal*

*Thank you for your support over the past year and we look forward to another great year in 2024.*

*As our first term draws to a close, I would like to thank all our staff for all their hard work. Thanks to the teachers for their commitment and dedication to the teaching and learning in the school. Also a special thanks to all our SNAs who help the children in the class flourish.*

*I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas.*

*Karen Stenson (Príomh Oide)*

**Parent-Teacher Communications:**

As our school is getting so big and we do not always get to meet with everyone at the gate. We have decided to provide, teacher email addresses. These will be communicated in January. This is for any individual question, query, worry or issue related your child in their particular class. Your class teacher knows your child best and can help. The same will be apply for pupils receiving support from other teachers. Please call school office for anything immediate or urgent.

**Science Week**

Scan to view our school website



Science Week is a week-long event in Ireland which takes place each November. During Science Week we take the opportunity to celebrate science in our everyday lives. The whole school was actively involved in STEAM activities during this week. Check out our website to see some of what we got up to.

**Green Schools** carried out a recycling survey in our school highlighting the awareness to reuse and recycle.

#### **Christmas Activities:**

All the children really enjoyed gathering together to sing Christmas songs in the build up to Christmas. Some videos from our song singing can be found on our website.

All classes were discussing the true meaning of Christmas and giving thanks for all we have. Our Jumper Day raised money for Valentia hospital. Thank you everyone for your kind donations for this worthy cause.

The Infant classroom and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class created beautiful Christmas cards for the people in Cahersiveen hospital.

#### **Credit Union Art Winners**

Well done to all who worked hard creating beautiful art pieces for the annual Credit Union Art Competition. A big congratulations to our winners; Darragh Lyons, Sadhbh Devane, Doireann Walsh, Senan Sheehan, Éanna O Driscoll and Jack Barry.

### **List of School Closures and Events**

<b>December</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas holidays	<b>January</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> -back to school
<b>February</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> -Bank Holiday 15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> Midterm	<b>March</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> -closed 25 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays
<b>April</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Return to school	<b>May</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday
<b>June</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> -Bank Holiday 21 <sup>st</sup> -School closes	

Reminder—Punctuality is very important. School begins for all pupils at 9:20. Pupils are expected to be punctual and on time. Please continue to log reasons for absences on databiz.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Parent-Teacher Meetings 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of February  
First Confession- February 2024  
Confirmation- 23<sup>rd</sup> of April @ 2pm School Closed  
Communion- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of May @ 11a.m.

#### **Enrolment Info:**

Enrolment for the 2024/2025 school year will commence on . Enrolment forms can be requested via email [portmageens@gmail.com](mailto:portmageens@gmail.com) and are also available from school office on 066-9477211

#### **Our Class News**

**Mrs O’Sullivan’s class** have been very busy practising our songs “Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas” & “Jingle Bell Rock”. Our classroom is decorated with lots of Christmas decorations and the children have learned a lot of new Christmas words as Gaeilge. The children have learned all about 2 D shapes in Maths and we are also continuing to work on all our letter formations in Literacy.

**Mrs Currans class** have enjoyed the build up to Christmas carrying out many art activities and learned many poem as Gaeilge. Literacy stations have really help develop

**Mr Daly’s class** enjoyed learning the “Boatmen of Ardcost”. They were working hard to find various strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. We learned all about the Titanic in reading lessons. We are continuing our Literacy stations this term and have incorporated spellings also.

**Ms Mulvihill’s class** class researched information all about a chosen country. They made powerpoint presentations and presented their project to the class. They also enjoyed using Kahoot. The created some beautiful art pieces including snowmen ornaments and Christmas crackers.

#### **Ms Nugent/Ms Mullarkey classes**

In our classroom we have been doing lots of Christmas arts and crafts. Last week we made sensory snow. We baked Christmas cookies and iced them. We are delighted with our new guitars which we were given.