

# Castleplunkett NS Newsletter



January 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The first month of the New Year is complete. January was busy and there was lots going on in Castleplunkett NS as always!

The Senior Room pupils have covered many different elements connected to the theme of Space since their return to school. They completed two particularly striking art projects this month, examined and explored lots of facts about the Solar system and the planets and studied the sun both scientifically and in poetry and written work. Their table of interest was laden down with lots of fabulous books on the topic! When they weren't busy in Outer Space they also managed to complete a block of work on the PE strand Gymnastics during January!



In the Junior Room, the Post office was this month's theme. There was lots of fun exploring the role of postal workers, the services a post office provides and the journeys our letters and parcels make when they are posted. We loved the selection of books we read, which all contained letters as part of the stories. Everyone in the Junior Room learned about letter writing in January with our post office theme and learning about communication generally. The children wrote letters to the children in the Junior room in Ms. Grogan's old school and were very proud to send off their edited and published letters. We are awaiting the replies eagerly and are looking forward to receiving mail, just like the character in our poem What's in the Mailbox?

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are enjoying computer classes on a Tuesday morning. They have three sessions completed out of six, and instructor Margaret from CÁIT Roscomáin is teaching them about typing, word skills and some Scratch skills over the course of the six weeks. Everyone responded generously to our SVP food appeal as part of our lived experience of the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2024 – our school as a community of service. We were very interested to listen to Sheridan, the volunteer from the local SVP branch tell us about their work and how they help families in need and will use our donations to help. Fr. Devine also visited us during Catholic Schools week and led a short prayer service for everyone. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class volunteers read the readings and prayers very well and Fr. Devine advised us to spread hope and good as much as we are able to. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support of our SVP appeal.



Thank you to our Parents' Association for their contribution to the cost of computer classes. Their contribution and an amount from the school has allowed us to keep the price for families the same as last year, despite the increase in the charge. In February the children in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6 will be looking forward to participating in the Five Aside Soccer competition and there will be some participation in Scór na bPáistí later in the month also. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of February is a Bank Holiday, while Midterm Break is scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February. Enrolment forms for 2024 are available and if anyone knows of anyone who would like to join our lovely school community, they should be advised to contact the school. Thank you to everyone for your continued cooperation and support of the school.



