



## Our Lady of Victories Infant School December Newsletter

17th December, 2021

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are keeping well. Thank you so much for your support in these strange times and for cooperating with Covid/Illness measures. I am also very appreciative of the immense efforts and enthusiasm of OLV Staff for their sheer enthusiasm and generosity of spirit in keeping the festive season joyous. May I take the opportunity to thank the Board of Management for their ongoing support and interest in our pupils and staff.

As you all know, we value our OLV traditions dearly. Covid restrictions are indeed very limiting. Our *Winter Walk* was a great success and thank you to one and all. Funds raised will be used to enhance our resources. We have just invested in a very inspiring bank of books/literature to increase resilience/wellbeing/confidence.

*Santa* visited last Friday and delighted the children in the yard, gifting everyone with Christmas annuals. Classes have enjoyed several educational but fun festive activities provided by teachers & SNAs.

### *Kindness & Compliments Week*

In the run up to Christmas, we are encouraging awareness in these areas. You will be delighted by the following clip starring 4 first class children from Ms.Hiney's class which gives us all a few tips! [Click here to view!](#) Please take every opportunity to continue the themes at home.

### *Outdoor Learning/Biodiversity*

Thank you to all the children who planted thousands of bluebell bulbs under the trees along the avenue- the bluebells may take a couple of years to flower. This project was also generously guided by Mary Cronin (National Botanic Gardens), OLV parents Jolita and Alan, and Derek, our caretaker- "many hands make light work"- much appreciated! An additional thank you to Derek who had several hours of work to do fixing up the campus grounds following the impact of Storm Barra.

### *Ventilation/Staying Warm*

As you know, we are ventilating the school. We have been blessed with the weather so far. Should you wish, your child may continue to wear his/her tracksuit and runners every day to school in 2022 while Covid challenges us. We are currently sourcing HEPA filters for rooms which will be in situ as soon as possible. Please label your child's hat and gloves in addition to uniform. Please encourage junior infants to be able to do up their coats etc. They are a remarkably independent group of junior infants!

### *Maths Week & Science Week*

The children thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of exciting activities. Some of the highlights of Science week are on our [Website Newpage](#)

### *Absences/Appointments*

Please email all absences and appointments to [attendance@olvinfants.com](mailto:attendance@olvinfants.com) rather than phoning; Gwen already has a very busy schedule. Your email sent to the designated email above will be shared with the class teacher.

### *Contact Mobile*

Please make sure that Gwen always has your up-to-date mobile number- Email your new contact details to [office@olvinfants.com](mailto:office@olvinfants.com) **It is vital that we can make immediate contact should your child become unwell.**

### **Christmas Holidays**

**A reminder that school closes on Wednesday 22nd December at 12 noon.**

**We reopen on Thursday the 6th of January 2022 at 9 am.**

We hope that all our staff and families stay well and in positive spirits. I hope Santa comes to all our wonderful girls and boys!

We wish all our families and their relatives in Ireland and other countries every blessing this Christmas. We look forward to a bright and successful 2022.

Best wishes  
Ms Mc Donnell  
Principal