

OLV Infants News and Upcoming Events

November/December 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians

Winter Walk 3rd December wearing Santa Hats

Our Winter Walk will take place on **Friday 3rd December**. This is a fundraiser for school resources- we will purchase a BOSE sound system for outside concerts/events; furniture and resources for Nurture Room/Library etc. Sponsor cards will be sent home. If your child requires a second sponsorship card, please ask the teacher. **All cards returned are entered into a draw.**

On 3rd December, the Junior Infants will walk and march and have fun activities on the school grounds and the Senior Infants and Firsts will go to Albert College Park/DCU where there will be activities organised. These activities link in with our Active Flag. If you require a Santa hat, let the teacher know on SeeSaw. We have a few.

Christmas Concerts

We have such a wonderful tradition of Christmas concerts which we want to preserve. To ignite a little Christmas cheer in OLV Infants, we hope to have outdoor live performances if this is still permitted (DES/HSE). **As these mini concerts will be weather dependent, some may need to be rescheduled –please keep an eye on SeeSaw.** Performances will be short with parents wearing masks and socially distancing. **Provisional Dates – 13th December – Junior Infants; 14th December Senior Infants; 15th December First classes. These dates may change at short notice.** Teachers will communicate if costumes are needed- we have built up our own store of costumes over the years.

Outdoor Learning/Biodiversity



Outdoor learning and biodiversity are valued in our school. Thank you to all the families who have made such *beautiful bird-feeders*. **Please keep sending them in!** We will take photos of the bird feeders on the day of the Winter Walk. We have enhanced the outdoor area by the driveway. Large holly bushes have been planted for winter interest. [holly | Description, Trees, Facts, & Species](#)

9000 native bluebells will be planted under the hornbeam trees in the next week; these will increase and multiply and flower in a sea of blue in May. [Wildflower Bluebell Irish Wild Flora Wildflowers of Ireland](#)

A spruce Christmas tree will be decorated in the outdoor classroom (behind the wall at the entrance) and this will be planted in the ground so we have an outdoor Christmas tree every year. This spruce tree has a blue tinge on its spindles. [blue spruce | plant](#)

Thank you to the pupils who have raked and composted leaves. Thank you to pupils who have planted spring bulbs

Wellbeing Committee



The Wellbeing Committee will send correspondence to the North Pole requesting that Santa might pop in OLV to see us as before, some day in December. Of course, this will be outdoors. Santa is likely to have a small gift for each child. We HO HO HO Hope he can come!

Parents, please keep an eye on SeeSaw. If you need a new account, ring or text **Claire**, Home School Liaison **087 415 2165** . Teachers and Principal communicate with parents on SeeSaw. Please make sure you have access to SeeSaw.

I hope you all saw the Science Week video on the website Newspaper. Science and Maths Weeks were really stimulating and exciting -thankyou to all the teachers and SNAs involved.

Thank you parents and guardians for your ongoing positivity and support.

Best wishes

Mary McDonnell

Principal