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Dear Parents,

Hope this note finds you well. We have been very busy in school the last few weeks!

TEAM HOPE APPEAL

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the girls who brought in shoe boxes for the Christmas Appeal. We had a truly fantastic response this year. See website for photographs. Also, our school will feature on the Leinster Express in the coming weeks re same.

MS READATHON

Sponsorship cards are now due back in school. Please return them on or before **Friday 1st December**. Thank you to those who participated in this years MS Readathon.

LIONS PEACE POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lucy Smullen and Lolita Perepicaja in Ms. Whelan's classroom who came 1st and 2nd place in the Lions Club Peace Poster Competition. Their pictures are on display in the County Hall, Portlaoise. Lucy is going to represent Laois in this Art Competition.

SCIENCE IN SCOIL BHRÍDE

To celebrate Science Week last week, Dale Treadwell, formerly from RTE Junior came to our school to tell the children (Infants to 6th Class) all about dinosaurs. The workshop was informative, fun and very engaging! Also, children in 4th Class made slime in school on Friday last, learning about properties and mixtures.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Sincere thanks to Mountrath Fire Brigade for their visit to our school yesterday. They spoke to the children in Ms. Thompson's classroom about the importance of fire safety, especially in the lead up to Christmas. Every girl received a booklet of information to bring home.

MOUNTRATH LIBRARY

Children in Ms. Sheppard's room went to the Library last week to listen to stories from Brigid Breathnach. They also created a story board. Also, 4th class visited the library yesterday and they participated in an Art Workshop facilitated by Laois artist Caroline Keane. Some of the art work they did was based on the novel "The Little White Horse" which they have been reading in school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please make note of the following dates and events which will be taking place over the coming weeks.

27TH NOVEMBER (Monday): CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Our Parents' Council have organised a Christmas Movie Night for the children this coming Monday from 6 p.m-8 p.m. Details are on our web site - €5 per child, €8 for two children, €10 for three or more children from the same family. This fund raiser will be held in Castletown Community Hall, your support would be greatly appreciated,

8TH DECEMBER –ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JUMBLE SALE.

As is now a Christmas tradition in our school, our Jumble Same will take place on 8th December in the school hall from 1 p.m. – 3p.m. You are welcome to start to bring in any unused items **all in good** condition which can be sold e.g. cosmetic sets, perfume, teddies, toys, handbags, scarves, children's books etc. Please do not send in broken toys etc., as we don't want to be left with unsold items and need to be mindful of our Green School ethos.

14th DECEMBER: SCHOOL PLAYS

You are invited to our school on Thursday 14th December at 7 p.m. to enjoy our class Christmas plays. This promises to be a very enjoyable evening, it will also be a fun-raiser for our school, more details to follow.

17TH DECEMBER (SUNDAY) Irish Tenors and children from Scoil Bhríde and St. Fintan's

An Irish Tenor Group (TRÍ) will be performing in the Parish Church in Mountrath on the evening of 17th December, organised by Fr. Joe Brophy. Fr. Joe has asked that children from our school and the boys school perform two songs on the night. We are honoured to have been asked to sing and Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (5th Class) will perform her own solo piece on the night also.

Finally, please check out our school website for recent updates and photographs thanks to Ms. Brereton.

Thank you for your continued support. Looking forward to seeing you over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

_____ (Principal)

