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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hope you are keeping well in this cold weather. We have been very busy in school the last few weeks.

DOGS TRUST

We had a very informative visit from Dogs Trust recently. The children learned all about animal welfare and the work Dogs Trust do, thanks to Paul.

TRAMPOLINING

Children have been enjoying trampolining lessons in the school hall.

SCIENCE

Classes have been working with Lego bee bots and we had a science afternoon as part of Science week. Thanks to Ms. Whelan and Mrs. Pearson's classes for their presentation of a wide variety of science experiments.

SAFETY

We had a visit from Mountrath Fire Brigade recently, reminding us to be vigilant in the run-up to Christmas. Also, Irish Water Safety instructors spoke to classes about the PAWS Programme (Primary Aquatic Water Safety), raising awareness of safety in and around water.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year we had a tremendous response to the Christmas Shoe box appeal. We sent 56 boxes to children in need. Well done to all who brought in a shoe box.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lolita and Ciara in 6th class who came 1st and 2nd place in the Lions Club Peace Poster Competition. Their pictures were displayed in the County Hall, Portlaoise.

PYJAMAS PARTY

The children had a lovely day last Friday in school. Thanks to the Parents' Council each child was given hot chocolate, cookies and a goodie bag. Selection boxes were also raffled in every classroom. Special thanks for Niamh and Brenda for all their work on the day.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE, 7TH DECEMBER

As you know our Christmas Bake Sale is this **Friday at 1 p.m.** in the school hall. Please bring in your baking on Friday morning. Our "Scoil Bhríde Christmas Draw" cards need to be returned. On the afternoon of the bake sale there will be fantastic prizes raffled, thanks to the Parents' Council for organising sponsorship prizes from local businesses in the town. There will also be a sellers prize and prizes of hampers. Reminder to give your daughter small change for the afternoon of the sale. The 6th class and Ms. Whelan are busy organising some stalls for Friday, e.g. nail bar, guess how many words in the book/sweets in the jar etc.

SCOIL BHRÍDE CHRISTMAS PLAY

Our school plays are scheduled for the nights 18th and 19th December in our school hall. The plays will commence at 7.00 p.m. More details to follow.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out our school website **scoilbhridemountrath.weebly.com** for latest updates and photographs. Thanks to Ms. Brereton for all her work with the site.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

_____(Principal)
M. Rohan