



**11/12/2020**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the first school term is nearly over, time has moved so fast over the last couple of months.

Despite the circumstances of this year being unusual, all the pupils have been very busy with work and fun activities over the last term. They have enjoyed Creative Arts with the Mayfield Arts Centre, Newbury House, making giant paper snowflakes and Christmas decorations. Some classes have also begun learning the Ukulele with Music Mash-Up and two classes composed an excellent rap about St. Killian's with GMC Beats. Many classes have also enjoyed the online audio book series, The Snow Queen.

One of our pupils won the Supermacs Art Competition and won a pizza party for their pod which they happily enjoyed last week.

Bonnie and Rosie, the two Golden-Doodle Puppies have settled very well into school and have enjoyed working with some children and some classes also. The pupils have been excellent in the way they play with puppies and enjoyed teaching them some new skills like sit/stay and paw. The puppies really enjoy spending time in class and on the yard playing ball!

This term has been strange in many ways but the pupils have all done their best to follow the COV-19 rules and kept themselves and their peers safe by doing so. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the families of St Killian's for supporting the school community at this time by being so careful with their children's health and not sending them to school with COV-19 symptoms or other illnesses. This support has ensured all our pupils, staff and families have been safe and I hope that everyone will continue to support the school community by following all Public Health Guidelines into the new year also.



I would like to make a special mention of the St Killian's Staff, all of whom have worked tirelessly this term to keep the school open and to ensure that the children get the best educational experience they can, this is for all Teachers, SNAs, Ancillary Staff and Bus Escorts. The whole St Killian's Staff Community work as a team and this is what makes our school such a special place to be.

Over the next two weeks we will be planning a few Christmas Festivities for the children to enjoy.

1. An online Christmas Celebration from all the classes for the children to see together via the interactive boards in class. This will also be made available to parents via a link which will be sent to all parents via the pupil gmail on **Friday 18th December at 12 O'Clock**. If parents are unable to attend at that time a link will be sent to your child's gmail drive so you can access the show later.
2. An interactive, streamed Panto from the Everyman Theatre on **Thursday 17th December**.
3. A POD Pizza Party on Monday 21st December.

### Fund Raising

The PA will be doing their annual hamper raffle.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a Happy Christmas and hope that you all can enjoy a well-earned break with loved ones.

Best Wishes

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