

Pelletstown ETNS Newsletter

December 2023

School Events

We've had a busy few months with lots of exciting events that took place in our school. See below for the list of these events which all classes participated in:

- Student Council Elections and Fundraiser
- Science Week (5th Class visit to Dunsink)
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Winter Craft and Bake Sale
- Whole School Performance for Parents
- ISPCC Winter Jumper Day
- Garda Band visit on Wednesday 20th December.



GAA

We were delighted to welcome our new GDO (Games Development Officer) Fearghal to the school this term. He has been working on GAA skills with a number of classes on Fridays this Term and he will work with the rest of the school in the New Year.

A message from the Student Council

By Ella and Saoirse (5th Class)

The student council decided that they wanted to do something to help people in need. So we decided to raise money for the Simon Community.

What is The Simon Community?

The Simon Community is a charity for the homeless and people struggling to get food. We agreed to raise money by having a hot chocolate party and to have a food drive.



The student council members first started by pouring the hot chocolate and unpacking the marshmallows. Then the Junior Infants got theirs first. After that, everything happened in a blur! At last we served sixth class their hot chocolate. There was over 80L of hot chocolate in total for the whole school. Then all we had to do was clean up. It was very fun seeing the inside of the staffroom and cleaning up too!

For the food drive people donated items like cereal, sweets, tinned food, rice and packets of soup. We also collected toiletries like shaving foam, razors, deodorant, tooth brushes and moisturiser. **We raised €675 and a car full of donations.** We think it was a great success. Thanks for your support!



Hot Chocolate party preparation.



Packing up the donations.



The final donation to the Simon Community.

Class Google Drives

Your child's Class Teacher has sent you a **link** for a closed Google Drive folder to share updates of the activities from your child's classroom. The link to this Drive or its contents must **not** be shared with anyone or posted to any social media platform. Many thanks for your co-operation with this!

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming events:

Clothing donation: 16th January (see PTA correspondence)

School Photos: 29th/30th January and 1st February (further details to follow)

School Closure: 31st January (staff training day)

Intercultural Food Night for parents: 21st February in school hall (further details to follow)

Intercultural Food Day for students (during the school day): 22nd February

Remember to check our school calendar for all dates for your diary:

<https://www.pelletstownetns.ie/news-events/calendar>

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