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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Music Generation continues every Tuesday in our school. In addition, coach Damien returns for a series of gymnastics workshops with the children. Damien will be with us on Thursday mornings. This will start back again Thursday 13th November.

This Wednesday, 4th class children and children in 5th and 6th class will be taking part in the Science Blast Roadshow in Drumlish. Children will get to work with circuits and electromagnets, come up with their own inventions, take part in experiments and visit the wow corner!

Madeleine and Brendan will be working with 5th and 6th class children as part of the Cycle Right Programme. We anticipate the programme starting in the coming days.

Our school received very positive feedback from our recent Curriculum Maths Inspection. A report will be published in the coming weeks and will be shared with the school community. This is great acknowledgement for all the hard work going on in the school.

Thank you to all those families who put together a shoebox for the Hope Appeal (both physical and those who did so online). The shoeboxes will be collected this week. The annual Christmas jumper appeal in aid of Crumlin Hospital will be taking place on 12th December. Further information will be shared closer to the time. Christmas annuals order sheets will be sent home in homework folders this week.

Christmas Plays return this year. There will be three performances; Junior, Senior and 1st, 2nd and 3rd and finally 4th, 5th and 6th. The shows will run over two evenings. Provisional dates are Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December. There will be a raffle on both nights with spot prizes. Further details will be communicated through the Aladdin app in the coming weeks.

The enrollment process for our next academic year will begin shortly. Please contact the school in advance to confirm a place for your child. We would be very appreciative if you could please circulate this newsletter to prospective parents.

Is mise le meas, Damien McIntyre

## **Dates for your Diary:**

Confirmation 13th March, 3pm

First Holy Communion: 16th May 2026 at 11.00am.

Christmas Closure: School will close at 12pm on Friday 19th December and reopen on

Monday 5th January