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# SAPLINGS NEWS!



End of Term Newsletter

## What has happened this half-term:

- Class Activities
- School Decorations
- Cinema Trip
- NCC & Fundraising
- AIB Carol Concert
- Christmas Toy Appeal

## Christmas is here!

As we are coming to the end of our Autumn term there is great excitement in the school. We are getting into the Christmas spirit with the school full of decorations and Christmas Cheer!



## Class Activities

Over the past few weeks the children have been working hard on many Christmas based tasks and activities. Here are just a few pics from each class of what the children have been getting up to!

### Classroom 1



### Classroom 2





Classroom 3



Classroom 5



Cinema Trip

This year the children went to the local cinema in Naas to see the film Trolls. It was a private screening and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the PA for supporting this trip with the costs of the buses, tickets and the McDonald's lunch!

Classroom 4



NCC Fundraising

A huge thank you to Naas Cycle Club for all their efforts in the fundraising for Saplings this year. They managed to raise a huge figure of 12,000 Euro for Saplings Special School. This event would not have been possible without the support of our parents and families and with the invaluable help of the AIB volunteers. We will have the official cheque handover in the Spring term when we are hoping to host an open night where all parents will be invited to attend. The money raised this year is going directly to support our new Library area which we hope to have completed by April 2024. Below are some great pictures from the event.



## Fundraising

A huge congratulations to Cerys Rooney who has worked hard over a number of weekends to raise money for her big brother's school, Saplings Special School in Kill. Cerys managed to raise a great figure of 300 Euro for Alex's school and we are thrilled with her contribution. Well Done Cerys!



## AIB Christmas Carol Service

AIB were welcomed back to Saplings this year for their annual Christmas Carol Performance. It was an absolutely brilliant event that the children thoroughly enjoyed and it was great to see a visit from Santa Claus himself. Thank you so much to all the AIB staff and parents who made the occasion so special for our children.



## Christmas Toy Appeal

Thank you to all the parents and staff that contributed to our school's Christmas Toy Appeal. We collected toys for children and families who would otherwise have gone through the Christmas period without anything. We worked in conjunction with **The Dining Room** who have been supporting families in Kildare for the past number of years.

