

# Notre Dame Junior School

Newsletter, Term 1, Christmas 2013



## *A message from Ms. Sisk*

As another action packed term draws to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes Notre Dame Junior School such a happy and successful place.

To the girls for their super behaviour and consistent effort, my right hand lady Miss Walsh, the staff for their dedication and to the parents and guardians for their invaluable support and co-operation.

Thanks again to our sponsors for this year's calendar, Dundrum Dental Surgery and Rainbows Daycare. We appreciate it.

In this newsletter you will get a flavour of some of the activities and projects undertaken from the smallest children right up to Prep 6. It includes articles and photographs of a typical day in the life of Notre Dame. On behalf of us all at Notre Dame I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe, happy and healthy Christmas.

Beannachtaí na Nollag,

*Gilda*



*Síofra & Kate, Montessori, getting ready for their Nativity play.*



*Santa pays a visit to K1!*

# Montessori



Tempus fugit ..... It's hard to believe that the group of young ladies who started school last August have almost completed their very first term of school life. An action-packed and fun-filled term for sure, with lots of progress evident in different aspects of development for each child in the class. New friendships have emerged, along with more independence and self awareness, as well as an understanding of the importance of respecting others and learning how to work together amicably. Thankfully the girls are a gregarious little bunch, who settled into school very quickly and within a fortnight, we were well and truly motoring! As well as the general Montessori Curriculum and additional activities, the girls have also focused on a number of specific themes this term.

We began the year with a few activities to do with the topic 'Myself', which included Going to School, My Pets and My Family. We then focused on 'Exercise', to coincide with our sponsored walk in Marlay Park. We celebrated Grandparent's Day, which was a huge hit towards the end of September and October kicked off with Friendship Week. A very successful outing to Dundrum Library was arranged to mark Book Week and we were blessed with a glorious day, which made for a very pleasant and enjoyable walk to the library. The classroom was a hive of activity with autumnal and Halloween art activities, stories, songs and poems for the remainder of October and the Halloween Dress-Up Day was a very fitting finale for reaching the half-term milestone, with positivity and enthusiasm still in abundance!

The return to school following the mid-term break was calm and easy, now that familiarity was part of the package! The girls bounced back with renewed energy and we began November with the topic 'Road Safety and Transport', which was another big hit. Science Week, which involved lots of fun with magnets and floating and sinking activities was next on the agenda. We then spent some time looking at the continents, before embarking on the story of The Mayflower and Thanksgiving. All of the girls attended the school Thanksgiving Dinner on 28th November and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Currently we are focusing on The Story of Christmas and preparing for our Nativity Play next week. How that goes remains to be seen, but suffice to say it promises to be a highly entertaining event! All in all a very productive and happy term, in no small way thanks to the parents, who have been so supportive, which was much appreciated because it wasn't just the Montessori girls who started this year on unfamiliar turf!

With every best wish for a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Ho! Ho! Hope Santa is good!



# K1

The K1 girls have been very busy during their first term in class. Everyone has settled in well, worked very hard and, most importantly, made new friends.

In September we showed our grandparents (and some great grandparents!) our classroom. We sang them a song and recited some poems and had lots of fun. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October we paid a visit to Dundrum library. We wore our princess crowns and walked down in the sunshine. The librarian made us very welcome and Ms McAnaney read us some wonderful stories!

For Thanksgiving we joined the rest of the school in the hall for dinner. This was so exciting!  
What other adventures await us during our time in K1?



Mary & Joseph, a.k.a. Alannah & Meena.



Emily enjoying her Thanksgiving lunch.



Halloween Fun!



Our trip to Dundrum Library.





When we started P1, we found out that we were having Ms. Conboy as our teacher. We were really happy and excited. Ms Conboy also had a great assistant called Katie De Marco. In September, we had Grandparents Day. This was so much fun. We interviewed our Grandparents and gave them tea and cake. We said a poem for them. They loved being here and we loved having them....even Ms. Conboy's grandmother came!



We went on a trip to Knocksink Woods, this was really cool. We went on a scavenger hunt, a treasure hunt and an amazing nature walk. We got to find all kinds of things from nature and saw loads of minibeasts. Before Science Week we had a big treat. Gerri (Rebecca Neary's mum) came in and told us all about the heart. Gerri brought in a lamb's heart and we all got to see inside it and to touch it. It was really interesting and a bit disgusting!

It was very busy during Science Week. First of all we were invited into Miss Sisk's class to see a real scientist. It was Kate Gallagher's dad. His name is Liam. He wore a white coat and brought a real assistant with him. He showed us lots of experiments and made lots of mess in Miss Sisk's classroom. Our favourite was when he had a rubber glove, he put a frozen sausage in it. He tricked us and we thought it was his finger. He banged a hammer on it and we all got a big fright! During Science Week we went to Imagonisity on the Luas. We all got a chance to be scientists, we watched a girl doing four experiments and then we got to make our own volcano. Afterwards, we got to play, some of us played in the supermarket, the post office, the car and even put on a show. At the end of Science Week, Emma, Izzey's mum came into our class. She taught us about our digestive system. It was kind of gross because she made a fake stomach that vomited. We all really had fun!



Our class had a fashion show in Irish. We invited K1, K2 and P2 to see it. We all got to wear really cool clothes and were so glamorous. Bhí a lán spóirt agus spraoi againn! At the end of November we had Thanksgiving in school. Our class got to do the assembly. We told the school about The First Thanksgiving and we talked about all the things we are thankful for. The parents and teachers cooked us a delicious meal....some of us had a lot of helpings!

There was a great show in the Senior Show. We were invited to the dress rehearsal. Sophie and Laura's sisters were in it. It was great! Our Christmas Fair was on last week. Anna and Grace did peoples hair. We got plaits in our hair and some of us kept them in for a few days. Some girls got their nails done and Miss Sisk let us wear it in school. At the moment we are busy getting ready for our Christmas concert. We can't wait for our parents to come and see us.

We have had the best couple of months in P1. We can't wait to see what more exciting things we are going to do after Christmas!



By Ava, Beth and some help from everyone in P1



We have settled back nicely in the 1st term of 5th class. At the start of the term we had Mrs. Gumisiriza and she was very nice but then she had to go have her baby so now we have a very nice teacher called Ms. Dooley. Mrs. Gumisiriza also had her baby and it's a girl. Her name is Lucia and she is so cute. Mrs. Gumisiriza brought her in when she was just five weeks old

When we were learning about the heart in Science Dr. Cusack came in and talked to us. She is a General Practitioner and taught us all about how our hearts work. We also dissected hearts and it was gross and fun all at the same time!

We had a very busy time during Science Week. We did lots of science experiments and it was great fun. There were lots of explosions and a very strong smell of vinegar in our classroom! We also went to a C.S.I exhibit in Dundrum Library. We had to do lots of tests to try and solve who killed a "famous" singer. We finished off the week with a trip to the Senior School Science Fair. Some of us got to do the cracker challenge and see how many crackers we could eat in a minute.

In November when we were learning all about bog bodies we went to The National Museum of Ireland to see them. We saw bodies that were over two thousand years old. It was fascinating but a bit creepy. Afterwards we had a hot chocolate and Chloe and Maggie got a slice of chocolate biscuit cake each as it was their birthday. They were very kind and shared it with everyone.

We helped at the Christmas Fair too. Some of us helped out at the book stall, others helped at the popcorn stand and some of us helped to sell our 2014 calendars. A very enjoyable day was had by all and it really got us into the Christmas spirit!



*Our trip to the Bog Bodies Exhibition.*





## Rock Climbing

We went to the climbing walls for our Minibeast project for the Young Scientist Exhibition. The wall was 50 feet high!! It was in Trinity College.

To get up the wall we had to put all our strength into it and you had a rope in case you fell. I got to the top of a really hard part and so did Orna and Claire. We also did a hanging competition and Sophia won but I didn't enter because there was no time. A 10 year old boy has a record of hanging off the wall for 1 minute 47 seconds and that's amazing!!

We had a brilliant day!

Cristina Kennedy-Rodriguez

P4

Getting down to 'Bug Business'!!



We've had a very busy first term in Prep 4. At the start of the year we learned all about farming and even tried our hand at making hay and silage-the hay worked out well but not the silage unfortunately.

Our work on the Young Scientist has kept us very busy with hunting down minibeasts, examining them under microscopes in the Senior School, going rock climbing and having a lecturer from UCD, Tom Wilkinson, in to talk to us about bugs. He even brought in bugs from all over the world for us to look at, some were huge!!

We really enjoying the Science Fair in the Senior School and got to see some really cool experiments. Our class also got to do orienteering with the 4th Years around the school. You had to read a map and run to different points to collect stamps. The fastest team back won.

We're looking forward to relaxing over Christmas and getting ready for the New Year.



## Whose Child is This?



'Whose child is this?', I asked one day

Seeing a little one out at play.

'Mine', said the parent with a tender smile,

'Mine, to keep a little while.



To bathe her hands and comb her hair,

To tell her what she should wear,

To prepare her that she may always be good

And each day do the things she should'.

'Whose child is this?', I asked again

As the door opened and someone came in.

'Mine', said the teacher with the same tender smile,

'Mine, to keep just for a little while.



To teach her how to be gentle and kind,

To train and direct her little mind,

To help her understand every rule,

And get the best she can from school'.

'Whose child is this?', I asked once more,

Just as the little one entered the door.

'Ours', said the parent and the teacher as they smiled

And each took a hand of the little child.

Ours to cherish and teach together,

Ours this blessed task forever.

Author Unknown



Orna, Ella, Rachael & Cristina, P4 with their Choral Verse Speaking Competition Award.



Hannah & Rachael, P6, donating money raised from carol singing to the Laura Lynn Foundation.



# P2



What a hectic term we have had in P2! It was very exciting coming back to school in September as we got to wear uniforms for the first time. They felt a little strange at first but we soon wore them in and got the hang of our tricky ties! We went to the Georgian House on our first school trip. It was really interesting learning about how people lived in the past. We all agreed that the maids really did do all the work because the Georgians were just too busy 'showing off'! We made carrot cake for Grandparent's Day and we were delighted to have so many grandparents come for a cuppa and a chat. All the grandparents loved are classroom, our poems...and our carrot cake. We sent them all our secret recipe so they could make it themselves!

We started the MS Readathon in October and lots of our class took part. We all love reading in P2 so it was a great chance to read and at the same time raise money for charity. We read loads of books! We went on another trip, this time on a 'Bug Safari' to Knocksink Woods in Enniskerry. It was lots of fun scavenging, pond dipping and looking for bugs.

It is a big year for P2 this year and in November we started practising for our First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass. We learnt our songs, promises and prayers to perfection and Miss McNiffe, Miss Sisk and our Mum's and Dad's said we did a great job at our mass on November 24th. We each got an enrolment certificate in assembly the next day and we felt very special.

We had our annual Thanksgiving lunch on November 28th. We loved it all and ate so much we thought we would burst!

In December we could finally mention the word 'Christmas'! We started by decorating our classroom and singing Christmas carols. We practised hard for our Christmas concerts and we had so much fun. We were a little nervous on the night, but those nerves soon turned to excitement! We got to go Christmas carolling with P6 and P5 in Dundrum shopping centre. We sang lots of carols and everytime someone put money in our basket we sang even louder. It was a little chilly, but we got hot chocolate and chocolate bars as a treat and to warm us up when we got back to school.

In between all this fun, we have been working really hard too and have learnt lots of new things. Miss McNiffe told us she is proud of each and every one of us. We are looking forward to a little rest over the Christmas holidays before seeing what new and exciting things next year holds in store!



*Our trip to the Georgian House.*



*Dani & her lovely Nana.*





## Fighting Words

P6 were delighted to attend the 'Fighting Words' Creative Writing Workshop this term. We were going to write our very own book. We arrived into the Workshop at 10am very excited. The leaders introduced themselves to us and we got individual photos taken which were to appear on the back cover of our books.

We went in through the 'magic wall' and sat on cushions in a big room. We had our very own typist and illustrator on hand to help us produce our book.

We decided on the story, characters and plot together and wrote our story sentence by sentence. The typist worked away whilst we were telling the story and it was projected onto a huge screen in front of us. Meanwhile, we kept the illustrator very busy.

We were then given the chance to write our own endings to the story whilst our books were being published. We got lots of assistance and advice from the 'Fighting Words' volunteers.

We were really lucky as children's author Sarah Crossan was visiting that day and we took part in a Questions and Answer Session and a workshop with her. She gave us lots of advice on how to get a book published and said our story was brilliant!

On leaving, we were each given a copy of our book with blank pages to finish off the story. We had the best day ever. The Booker Prize awaits.....



# P3



Hi from everyone in Prep 3. We have just completed a very busy first term. In September we welcomed two new friends to our class. Jeeun is from Korea and Rosangel came to us all the way from Venezuela. The two girls have made lots of new friends in Prep 3 and are settling in very well. We celebrated Grandparents Day with all our dear grandparents who came to visit us and tell us stories of their own school days. A great time was had by all.

In October we had a fabulous trip to Knocksink Woods as part of our Science programme. We learned so much about mini beasts and their habitats. We also learned Ms. Kiernan doesn't like spiders very much. We had a lovely time picking new books to read at the Book Fair. It was also the start of the annual M.S. Readathon. We did very well as we read lots of books for a very good cause. At the end of October we had great fun dressing up for our Halloween Friday at school. Our class did the Assembly that week and everyone said we were very good.

November came and we celebrated Science week with great enthusiasm. Each of us demonstrated our own experiment for the class. We were like real scientists. We did lots of other science since then, including electricity and life-size skeletons. We also made 'Hands of Friendship' as part of Friendship week. The end of November was celebrated in style with our annual 'Thanksgiving Dinner'. Everyone really enjoys having our lunch together as a whole school community. Our parents were a great help as always.

December came and we had exams but we needn't have worried as they were fine and we also got through them with flying colours. We made a great big Advent calendar to count down to Christmas Eve and Santa's visit. We looked forward to taking part in our Christmas concert and practised very hard. It was a fantastic show and we enjoyed performing for friends and family. To relax after all our hard work for the exams we got to go to the Panto. It was so much fun. Santa took time from his busy schedule to visit all of us children here in the school. We were so excited.

This term has been a busy one indeed but we had great fun making lots of memories for the future. Prep 3 wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas!



Halloween Fun



Jeeun & Lottie enjoying Thanksgiving lunch.



## Science at Imaginosity

We went to Imaginosity to learn more about science .We went to Imaginosity on the Luas. I was partners with Theodora. My mum also came with us.

When we arrived at Imaginosity a girl called Rebecca brought us to the second floor. She brought us into a room. Lots of scientists were there. One of them gave us pencils and another scientist gave us a sheet of paper.

First we had to watch Rebbeca. She had a cup of fizzy water and still water. Another scientist came over with a bowl full of raisins. Rebecca took four raisins, the other scientist did the same thing. Then Rebecca asked us what will happen if she puts four raisins in the still water or what will happen if she put four raisins in the fizzy water? My estimate was that in still water the raisins would float. But they sank . I estimated that the fizzy water was going to explode. But the raisins went up and down.

Then we did a foaming experiment. Rebecca had some washing up liquid and some vinegar. She mixed it up with some yeast. Then it exploded. It went all over the place. Then Rebecca asked us if glow sticks would go brighter in cold or hot water? I said cold water but I was wrong. After that we made glittery explosions. Then we all got to play. I loved Imaginosity.

By Katie de Marco, P1



*Science fun at Imaginosity.*



*Ruby & Kate, Ireland's next rockstars!?*





## P3's trip to Knocksink Wood

On Wednesday the 23rd of October Prep 3 left school at 9:30am and we set off on the bus to Knocksink Woods. The weather wasn't too bad and at least it was dry. Two moms came with us, Annabelle's mum Annette and Laura's mum Orla. We arrived at Knocksink Woods at 10 am. We met two women there that were going to guide us through the trip. They were Kathy and Matteo. When we got into the classroom we had a snack. Then the women told us what we were going to do throughout the day. They also told us what type of minibeasts and animals we would see there. One of the things they told us was how the otter had three layers of fur and that it could go on water and land.

After our snack we went on a scavenger hunt. We had to find and collect things: like eight things that look like the legs of a spider or fifteen things that look like the legs of a centipede. We even had to find worm poo!! Afterwards we went on a treasure hunt and we had to find 40 clues that were scattered throughout the woods. When we brought them back we used them to solve a crossword.

After our lunch we went pond dipping and we found leeches, algae, shrimp and water snails. Then Kathy told us all about the wild life of the area. She told us about the bats, birds, owls, foxes, butterflies and lots more. When she finished we went for a mini beast hunt and I got a little fly with the pooter. You put one plastic straw near the minibeast and you suck through the other straw and the minibeast ends up in the little jar. We played bat and moth and an insect game and later on we played a listening game while we were waiting for the other groups.

Inside the classroom there were three jigsaws and Anna, Gen and I did them all. There was a microscope and there were glass dishes you could put under to look at. The bumble bee looked so freaky. Kathy let us hold a worm and when it was my turn to hold the worm it tickled so much I had to give it to someone else.

After the games we did a minibeast hunt where we put an orange sheet under a tree branch and someone shook the branch and we saw loads of minibeasts. We found an earwig and a spider. Miss Kiernan didn't go anywhere near the spider because she is scared of them. We left Knocksink and we arrived back at school at 3:30. We were so good on our trip and well behaved Miss Kiernan gave us a treat. It was a great day and we all had so much fun.

By Sophia, Moya, Lottie, Megan and Elizabeth.





## P5 Crime Scene Investigators!

During Science Week, in November, we went to the Library to see the C.S.I Exhibition. It took place in Dundrum Library. When we got there a scientist called Fiona greeted us, she told us of the evidence they found at the scene. The suspect had left a note and so we had to test the ink used to find out who the suspect was.

Ms. Foster, Mrs. Dooley and Fiona gave us some ink samples of the suspect's ink. We got special absorbent paper and put a spot of the suspects ink and we then put it in water. All the colours that made the colour ran down the paper. We then did the sand test with cabbage juice and squeezed it on the sand. In the end we found out it was Ms. Scarlett as the ink matched the ink she had used. It was a very enjoyable experience and we learned a lot about how to solve a crime.



## Debating Club

Debating Club is held every Wednesday and Friday at lunchtimes. It is open to Prep 4, 5 and 6. So far, we are all brilliant and Miss Walsh says we are doing great at arguing our points.

After Christmas a school debating team will be formed and they will be representing Notre Dame in the Primary School's Debating League.

Miss Walsh says that Prep 4 are particularly great as it is their first year debating. The team captains from P6 have really helped us with our points. Each week, we nominate time keepers and adjudicators so we are all kept busy. From Facebook to fizzy drinks and from Tattoos to TV's we have debated them all!

I make sure everyone knows what they are debating and what days they are on. It can be difficult to keep it all organised as people often forget whether they are proposing or opposing the motion.

We think we may have lots of future politicians in our debating club.....

By Jessica Ryan, P4





*Ellie & Dara preparing to launch their balloon rocket.*



*Dr. Rafferty checking Cassie's heartbeat.*



## Science Week in P2

Science week was really fun. We did lots of experiments including making a waterwheel, a volcano, a chemical explosion, a balloon rocket, making rainbows, magic floating ping pong balls, testing insulators, flexibility and an experiment with plants. My mum came in to talk about the respiratory system. She taught us about how we breathe and that your diaphragm moves up and down which makes our lungs inflate and deflate which makes us breathe.

Rebecca's mum came in to teach us about the eye. It was really interesting, we discovered that two eyes are better than one and that none of our class are colour blind. In the bright your pupil gets smaller and in the dark it gets bigger.

Our favourite experiment was the volcano. This is how the volcano worked: we got vinegar and bread soda and mixed it together. It made lava because when you mix the vinegar and bread soda together it makes a chemical reaction and makes gas. It really did look like lava, it was amazing!

By Izzey & Emily



*Magical Science!!*





We were so excited. It was the end of the summer holidays and while we all enjoyed our lie in's, holidays and hours in front of TV we missed our friends and couldn't wait to be back to school. We had high expectations because this would be our last (and hopefully the best) school year. We would be in 6th class, our last year in Notre Dame Junior School. We came back to school on Thursday 29th August. We bagsied our seats, checked out our classroom and chatted to each other about our holidays. Miss Walsh came in and talked to us about all the fun things we'd be doing in the coming year. Safe to say we'd never get bored!

There were lots of things going on. We got our minding jobs and Eva and Sarah got Head and Deputy Headgirl. Kate became Sports Captain. We worked really hard through September doing lots of work. We are now way ahead! We also practised hard working for our Leinster Hockey League.

In October, we hosted two referendums. One was on whether or not the Seanad should be abolished and the other was on whether or not we should establish a new court of appeal. Everyone from 4th class to 6th class voted. The teachers did as well. Everyone put a great deal of research and effort into it and it was a great success. As if we weren't busy enough, that month we also had Halloween. There were a wide variety of costumes including jellybeans, leopards, fortune tellers, dead snow whites, zebras, bees and even the occasional unicorn. We also ran the Halloween cake sale. There were cakes, buns, jellies and cookies galore. In fact I'm surprised that nothing went missing. We raised over €300 for the missionary sisters. A storyteller visited and shared with us many tales of hags, God and teachers hugging lampposts. Then we enjoyed a relaxing midterm break.

When we got back (stuffed with sweets) it was November with Science Week and Thanksgiving just around the corner. We played our first league match and were narrowly beaten. We also took part in a blitz at Mount Anville. There was a splendid Thanksgiving lunch that rivalled even the great pilgrim's feast. Everyone enjoyed tucking into a meal of turkey, potatoes, carrots and gravy in the hall (courtesy of the parents) ending with a cold treat of ice cream and wafer. Yum!

We got to show off our drama skills at a verse speaking competition we hosted. We placed 2nd in our choral verse competition and had great fun. Unfortunately it wasn't all fun and games for us as Christmas came round the corner so did our tests. Lucky us! We are now in December and almost half way through our last year in Notre Dame but we still plan to make it the best!!!!!!

By Rachel Lee



# K2



Well, it has been nonstop since September. Our class enjoyed a trip to Knocksink Wood where we discovered so much information regarding all plant and animal life. A trip on the Luas brought us to Imaginosity to find out all about the world of bubbles and explosions. Some very kind parents also shared their expertise during Science week. Special mention to Kate Gallagher for sharing her Dad and his friend Bo's brilliance and for bringing their laboratory to school. We are also grateful to Izze in Prep 2 for letting her Mum tell us all about the digestive system.

So many parents helped cook the wonderful Thanksgiving Lunch and we loved every single bit of it. Our writing and reading is improving and our Mums and Dads are learning to understand our skills.. December is as always, the most exciting month of the year in school. Our Christmas play was full of fun, we loved watching the stars learn to sparkle. Coming in each morning to find Pixie, our Christmas Elf was definitely one of the highlights. The pantomime was another special day. Our friends in Prep 5 were great escorts. This brought us to the end of a very busy term and we look forward to all the adventures that 2014 will bring.



*Catching up on the daily news!*



*Fun making rainbow bubbles.*



## Science Fun in K2

Science week was well and truly under way in K2 when Professor Liam, Kate's Dad and his colleague Bo came in to school with some fabulous experiments to share with K2 and Prep 1.

All in all the girls observed ten exciting experiments with the very dangerous liquid nitrogen and frozen carbon dioxide. The highlight without a doubt was when our very own professor tricked the girls and pretended to freeze and then hammer his own finger...we thankfully found out in the end that it was really a trick with a frozen sausage!!

We loved when our classroom was covered with smoke made from the liquid nitrogen. We also watched with amazement when a banana became a hammer after being dipped in the liquid nitrogen. Thanks to the generous participation of Professor Liam and Bo the girls had an experience they will never forget!





## Sport's Captain

At the start of the year we were told that there was going to be a new position along with Head and Deputy Head Girl. It was for a Sports Captain for the year. I was so excited when Miss Sisk called out my name for this position that I jumped up and ran up to collect my badge.

I was told that I would help choose the hockey team for the league matches, report each week on sporting events from the weekend such as hockey, gaelic and rugby matches, and help out at all the school sporting events.

So far it has been so much fun and I have enjoyed the experience of having a role in the school.

I look forward to continuing with this role for the rest of the school year and finding out what it involves for next term.

Kate McElearney



Kate McElearney

Sport's Captain 2013



## Singing in the National Concert Hall

On Sunday December 8th, the school choir sang in the National Concert Hall. We arrived at the concert hall at 12.30 for our rehearsal and the show started at 2.30.

There were lots of other performers like the Sax Sisters, The Dublin County Choir, Billy Barry and us. In the first half we sang three songs and we sang three more in the second half.

At the end we sang Adeste Fidelis and O Holy Night with everyone else. It was great fun and we had an amazing time.

By Anna Mulcahy, P6





# A Message from our Headgirls

At the first assembly back from the school holidays, P6 were very excited. It was the day our new jobs were going to be announced. Miss Sisk announced that we were to be Head Girl and Deputy and Kate was to be Sports Captain. We were so excited when we heard our names.

We walked up to the front of the hall and Ms. Walsh attempted to put on our badges. We went to the office straight away to ring our parents to tell them our fabulous news. They were so proud of us! Later we had a meeting with Miss Sisk and she gave us the newsbook. Our job is to collect the news from each class every week and read it at assembly. The first week we were a little nervous but we are pro's now!!

We are proud to be representing our school. When newcomers visit, we introduce ourselves and show them around. We had lots of jobs on Open Day and we will be hosting the Christmas Concert.

It is time for us to hand back our badges and we are very sad...Hopefully we have shown a good example to all the younger girls. We have loved our positions and wish our successors the best of luck.

By Eva & Sarah, Headgirl and Deputy Headgirl



*Well done on a great term Eva & Sarah!*



*Happy Christmas  
&*

*Best Wishes for  
2014*

*from all the staff  
in Notre Dame  
Junior School*