

Notre Dame Junior School

Newsletter, Term 1, Christmas 2014



A message from Ms. Sisk

As the curtain closes on 2014, 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, Rainbows Daycare, Little Miss Party Nails, The Suite Bridal Wear & Lexus Blackrock. 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 happy and healthy Christmas.

Beannachtaí na Nollag,

Gilda



Grace & Molly meet 'Nana' at the Panto...who looked suspiciously like Happy Joe!?!



We had a special visit from Santa who visited all the classes and thankfully confirmed that all the girls in Notre Dame are on his 'nice list'!

He was ably assisted by a familiar little elf!!



Well Done to our Prep 5 & Prep 6 students who raised over €900 for St. Michael's House and Laura Lynn while carol singing in Dundrum Town Centre.

Montessori

If asked to describe the Notre Dame Montessori Class this year, I would have to say, they are certainly the smallest girls in the school, but without a doubt boast the biggest personalities in the building!

The “carpe diem” approach is what it’s all about, combined with “joie de vivre” and inquiring minds. Thus it’s been an action-packed and fun-filled term, with lots of progress evident in different aspects of development for every child in the class. New friendships have emerged, along with more independence and self awareness, as well an understanding of the importance of respecting others and learning how to work together amicably.

In general, the girls settled into school very quickly and embraced both the Montessori curriculum and additional activities with enthusiasm and vigour. The primary objective this term was to ensure that each child felt happy, welcome and secure in the new school environment.

To this end, we focused on a number of appealing and personal themes, which included; All About Me, Going to School, My Car, My Pets and My Family in early September. Following on, we enjoyed a lovely afternoon for our sponsored walk in Marlay Park and subsequently celebrated an equally lovely Grandparent’s Day towards the end of September.

October kicked off with an enjoyable outing to Dundrum Library to mark National Book Week. In addition, we were very fortunate to have the wonderful storyteller, Mr. William Mansfield come and read “Room On The Broom” and “Pumpkin Soup” to the girls later that month. Concurrently, the classroom was a hive of activity with autumnal and Halloween art activities, along with additional activities relating to Claude Monet, our chosen artist for the school monthly theme in October. Next up was Halloween Dress-Up Day, combined with a most entertaining visit from the author, Benji Bennet, which was a fitting finale for the half-term milestone.



Sara polishing to perfection!



Fun on our nature walk.



Chloé enjoying her book at Dundrum Library.

The return to school following the mid-term break was less frenetic, now that familiarity was part of the package!

Winter and Owl Babies were first on the agenda and The Magic of Science ensued. Magnets, mixing colours and Sinking & Floating exercises were hugely popular, although the sinking and floating did result in the occasional mini tsunami in the classroom! We then spent some time looking at the continents, with a particular focus on Europe and North America, in order to set the scene for our scrumptious Thanksgiving Dinner at the end of November.

At the moment we are doing our best to piece together our Christmas Nativity Play, which has been somewhat sabotaged due to sickness. However, "The Show Must Go On" and with that in mind I have renamed the performance to "The Que Sera, Sera, Montessori Christmas Nativity Play". How it 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 support of the parents, who together with the school foster a positive first impression of school life, so that each child will thrive and embrace all that school has to offer. With that in mind, I thought I should include one of my favourite poems, "The Sculptors", which I hope you will enjoy as much as I do.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing your gorgeous girls again in January.

Mrs. Tina Riordan

Montessori



Madison & her colour magic masterpiece



Francesca...yum yum!



Kim's super leaf painting

The Sculptors

I dreamed I saw a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher and the tools she used
Were books, music and art.
The other; a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled with a touch
That was careful, deft and sure.
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last, their task was done.
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If either had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.



Sarah, Layla & Ella



Madison & Chloé

**HAPPY Christmas
from the girls in
Montessori!**



Julia, Francesca & Almudena



Ella & Kim



Halloween Fun!



Planting bulbs in our handpainted pots.

K1

This has been a busy first term for the girls in K1! We have made new friends and learnt many things.

In early October, on a lovely day, we walked to Dundrum Library where the librarian read us some wonderful stories. Dressing up for Halloween was fun – smock clad little girls were replaced by witches, princesses, pirates, vampires, various cats and even a bee!

Planting bulbs in our own painted pots meant we had an excuse to get our hands dirty! This has taught us a lesson in patience (we are still waiting for them to grow!)

Our Christmas play (performed with K2) was called 'Angel Express'. All the girls in K1 were dressed as angels (and rightly so!). Fun times!

Roll on next term!

Montessori & K1 Young Scientists

Almudena's mum came into school to show us a science experiment called Colour Magic.

We learnt that water doesn't have a colour. Water is clear or transparent. Then we experimented with red, yellow and blue. Red, yellow and blue are the strongest colours and they are called primary colours. We discovered that:

Red & blue makes purple...blue & yellow makes green...yellow & red makes orange.

We had lots and lots of fun! Thank you Veronica for showing us how to do colour magic.



K2

K2 has been a hive of activity this term and the girls have enjoyed all the challenges that the new school year has brought. After adjusting to the longer day and the early bedtimes (for some) the energy levels got back to normal and the hard work and creativity took off.

September brought us to St Enda's for the Autumn Treasure Hunt and the nearly as exciting trip on a double decker bus. We heard all about the famous Molly Malone and some of us went to visit her statue at the weekend with our families. We loved the day our Grandparents came to visit, finding out about what school life was like before computers was most interesting.

Pablo Picasso took over in October and we found out all about abstract art and cubism. Some very creative portraits were produced by the K2 artists. Halloween Dress up was as much fun as always and we think Chantelle won the prize for the craziest costume.

We have to say November science was wonderful. A trip to Imaginosity on the Luas helped us learn all about the super hero skills through Forces, Gravity and Elasticity. We had so much fun with Debby thanks to Aisling who kindly invited her mum into school to show us all how different we are and also how stretchy some of the girls can be. We were lucky enough to visit P1 for Professor Gallagher's visit and to borrow Emma, Izzey in P3's Mum to explain the Digestive System in graphic detail!

The Christmas Play took place on the 12th. The Angel Express was wonderful and the girls worked very hard to put the masterpiece together.

Grace and her family welcomed baby Isabelle after much excitement. I am sure that she is so lucky to have a wonderful sister like Grace to mind her.

The wait for Santa will not be much longer and I have full confidence that all the girls will be on the 'Nice list'



We learned that some of us can roll our tongues and touch our noses with our tongues too!



Kate, Zara & Emily...our young gardening enthusiasts!



Alannah learning about the digestive system with Dr Buckley.



Our Autumn treasure hunt in St Enda's Park.

K1 & K2 Christmas Play 2014 'Angel Express'



Evie, Emily & Evelyn



Kali, Molly & Holly



Keely & Alannah



Daisy & Aisling



Evelyn



Rosie Bea



Aoife

P1

We were very excited going back to school in September. We were nervous and excited about our new classroom and teacher.

We started doing hard work straight away but it was fun too. One of our favourite things was learning about Leonardo Da Vinci. We studied the Mona Lisa painting. We all drew our own Mona Lisa paintings. They were great. We learned lots of interesting facts from our grandparents when they came to visit. We gave them tea and cake and we sang a Beatles song for them. We think we impressed them!

Some girls in Prep 1 started hockey in our school club Euphrasians. They are really enjoying it. Lia and Isabel were picked from our class to represent us on the school green committee. Emma and Charlotte were picked for the student council. Louisa, Laila and Catriona were selected for the gardening committee. It was a very busy month.

In October we had a visit from an author called Ciara Molloy. She came to read us her book *Hermione Anemone and the Enormous Storm*. We loved the story and the illustrations are beautiful. We learned about being an author and an illustrator. We loved hearing how the book was made. Ciara lives in Australia now but she used to live in Ireland. When she was little she went to Notre Dame. She was in class with Ms Conboy...many years ago! After meeting Ciara some of us have decided we would like to write book. Ms Conboy has had a few stories left on her desk. She said they are great.

We had another visit from an author during book week. His name is Benji Bennet. He has written many books about Adam's adventures. He read his latest book to us. It is a very exciting adventure. Some of us bought Benji's book and he wrote special messages for us on them. When Benji Bennet came to see our school he raised our green flag. Our latest flag is for water.



Fun on our school trip.



Louisa & Benji Bennett.

We went to visit the Natural History Museum. We went on the Luas. Kate and Claudia's mums came with us too. It was a great day. We loved seeing the animals even though a few of them were a little scary. We had worksheets to do and we drew great pictures.

Dressing up was such fun for Halloween. We dressed up on our last day before mid term. We had a cake sale too.

When we came back after midterm it was November. We started our month by remembering people we know who have died. We made a lovely garden of remembrance for them. It was a beautiful garden with pretty flowers.

We did a lot of science during November. The highlight for us was Kate Gallagher's dad's visit. He was amazing! He came with his friend and showed us lots of things. Our favourite experiment was making ice cream with Kate's dad and the explosion he made. We also loved stabbing the potatoes in class.

Thanksgiving Dinner was great. We were so lucky because our class got to do the assembly. The dinner was delicious. Some of us had seconds and thirds.... We really enjoyed learning about the first thanksgiving and how the pilgrims became friends with the Indians. We realised that we have so many things to be thankful for.

Christmas is nearly here....We have written our letters to Santa and are all being extra good!! Our classroom is decorated and we are looking forward to our Christmas show.

Happy Christmas from everyone in Prep 1.



Ana & Sarah enjoying Halloween.



Storytelling with William Mansfield.



Making ice cream using liquid nitrogen...so exciting!

Professor Gallagher comes to visit!

Kate Gallagher's dad Liam came to see us in our class. He is a scientist. He brought a friend called Beau. He is a scientist too. They both wore white coats.

They made ice cream with liquid nitrogen. Then they picked Louisa to play Who Wants to be a Millionaire. They asked questions like, 'What planet do we live on?' and 'what part of your body beats?' It was really interesting.

He showed us a video of Grover doing science and a rotten pumpkin. At the end they gave us sweets.

By Catriona McGuinness



Author Benji Bennett helps us raise our third Green Flag for 'Water'.

P2

What, it's Christmas already!? We in P2 can't believe it, as we have had such a hectic term it's flown by! It was very exciting coming back to school in September as not only were we going into a new class with a new teacher, 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 poor Emily 'the maid of all work' really did do all the work because the Georgians were just too busy 'showing off'! We made carrot cake for Grandparent's Day and much to our disgust our grandparents loved it so much they gobbled it all up. Thankfully Miss McNiffe had kept some treats for us! We were delighted to have so many grandparents come for a cuppa and a chat. All the grandparents loved our classroom and particularly our poem about a kickboxing Granny...we're not sure whose Granny it was about!

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!

November was a busy month as we focused on investigating, experimenting and all things science. It was so much fun...we made things move, explode, inflate, float and possibly our favourite, we walked on eggs!! We held a Science Fair for our mums and dads and we got to pair up with our friend and present a science experiment. It was brilliant and we loved being scientists!

In December we could finally mention the word 'Christmas'! We practised hard for our Christmas concert and that hard work paid off. We were a little nervous on the night, but those nerves soon turned to excitement! We were fabulous and really enjoyed watching our mums and dads take part in the 12 Days of Christmas...however we think they could do with a little practise for next year!

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!

Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for 2015 to one and all!



Our trip to the Georgian House.



Ruby walking on eggs!

What Should I Ask for Christmas??

I've waited all year and I'm sure I'm on the nice list.
But the problem is, what should I ask for Christmas?

I could ask for an elf, but that might be too much.

A tablet doesn't feel right.

Neither does a doll.

For a long time I think and think and suddenly I know!

ALL I really want is for Christmas Day to snow.

By Rosie Papini, P2



Halloween Fun



Katie, Emily, Amelia & Mimi with their new pals...the boyband 'Hometown'!

Pantomime Time

We're in our seats,
We've got some sweets.
It's Peter Pan,
Now that's a good plan!
We will fly in the air,
It will give you a scare!
Jokes and songs,
And sing alongs.
We'll have a good time,
At the Pantomime!

By Kate Harrington, P2



Alex onstage with 'Nana' & Smee.



Molly & Grace get to meet the dastardly Captain Hook!

P3

Happy Christmas from all of us here in Prep 3. We just wanted to reflect with you on what has been a very busy first term in Prep 3. Last September we were very happy to welcome two wonderful new girls to our class. Umiyma and Sophie have made lots of new friends and are settling in very well.

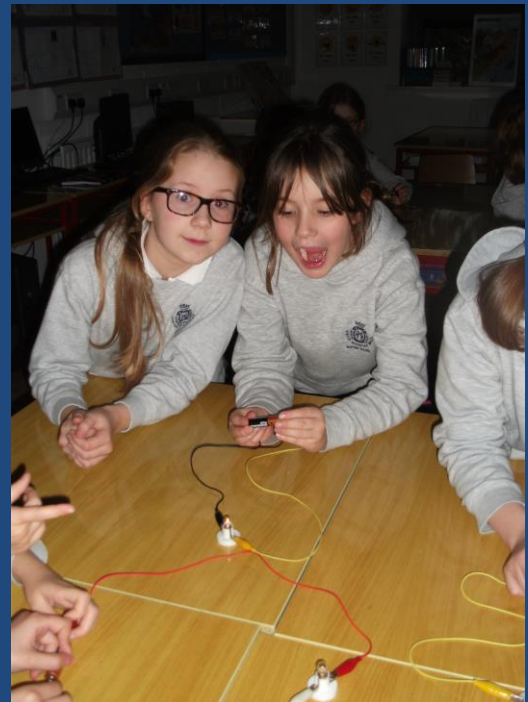
Also in September we celebrated Grandparents' Day with all our dear grandparents who came to visit us and tell us stories of their own school days. The girls performed the song Annie Moore for them and there was hardly a dry eye in the house. A great time was had by all.

In October 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 fabulous. In fact we did two assemblies that week. We were asked by the Notre Dame Sisters to perform an assembly on Children Helping Children. The sisters were very impressed with our girls and showered them with praise. We also tried our hand at being Vincent Van Gogh and tried to paint some of his masterpieces for ourselves.



Cassie the scientist!



Ali & Eve making electricity.

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 would like to thank Brian, Geri and Emma for taking time out from their busy schedules to visit the class. Brian (Alex's Dad) spoke on the theme of muscles and good posture. Geri (Rebecca's Mum) spoke to us on the topic of skin. Emma (Izzy's Mum) explained all about blood. We learned so much from them so 'Thank You' parents.

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 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. Happy Joe was fantastic. The excitement continued when 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!



Learning about our bones and muscles, thanks to Alex's dad.



Dara, Umiyma & Sophie with their homemade ice cream – it tasted good too!

P4



Joanna & Anna demonstrating their science experiment.



Meet & Greet with author Alan Early.

It has been a very busy term for everyone in Prep 4 this term. We were delighted to welcome two new class members, Joanna and Lucy.

Miss Kelly has been keeping us on our toes with lots of work and projects. We have learned all about different world religions, the country of Italy and the history of Pompeii. We visited Dundrum Library to see an Irish author, Alan Early, who has written 3 children's books about the Vikings. It was great fun creating our own characters with him and learning about how a book is written.

We also had a mini Science Fair in our class in November to show our families some amazing Science experiments and explain to them why these things happen. It got a bit messy but we all thoroughly enjoyed it!

In December, everyone loved going into the Panto and seeing Joe on stage. It was a great way to celebrate finishing our tests and looking forward to the Christmas holidays.



P4 Science Fair Fun!!

P5

In P5 we've had a great year so far. We have been a hard and a joyous class to teach all at once! (Not loud at all!) We started off the year with an Italian and a Spanish student, Francesca and Paula. We were very sad to see them leave but we gave them a great send off party.

We then headed off to Glendalough with the 1st years to do a river study. We had great fun wading through the river but some of us got soaked. At Halloween we all dressed up in crazy costumes. We had a dead angel, two genies, Anna from 'Frozen', where's Wolly, Nanny McPhee, a dead model, La La Loopsy, a nerd, an elf, a fat lady, a teacher and Lucia (Ms.Gumisiriza's baby).

During our costume day, Benji Bennet came to visit and raised our 3rd green flag for water. He also treated us to a story and a book signing. Georgie and Jessie did a special speech for our green flag hoisting and now we're all keeping a good eye on our water usage at home and in school.

We were all extra kind to everyone during Friendship Week. We found friendship quotes and wrote them on painted rocks. On Grandparent's Day many lovely memories were shared, stories of when they were young and we performed a granny rap to our Grandparent's delight.

During science week we went to the Senior School Science Fair. Then we all performed our own science experiments to the class. (Thankfully nothing blew up!) Also, two girls from P5 showed their science experiments to the whole school in assembly. Rachael's mum, Gerri, came in and brought lamb's hearts with her. We learned a lot about the heart and dissected them too. Hopefully it will come in handy in our science tests.

We all had fun dressing up for the Christmas calendar in the theme of our birthday month. We were happy to receive a new dance teacher whilst Joe is very busy at the panto. We have done a lot of art over the term including pointillism and masks. We're finishing off the term with the dreaded tests, Christmas cards, decorations and the panto.

We are looking forward to the holidays but we will miss our friends greatly.

By Claire, Lily, Ella, Jessie, Jade, Orna and Sophia.



Super Science!!



Jessie & Niamh having fun at Halloween...or is it!?



Hands on learning about the heart with Dr Gerri.

Science Fun!

In November the whole school celebrated 'Science Month' in Notre Dame. All classes participated and great fun was had by all. Each class carried out their own experiments and lots of parents found themselves signed up for visits whether they liked it or not.

The girls demonstrated lots of experiments some of which were very messy and we had to do them outside. We had erupting volcanoes and floating eggs. We had lava lamps, coke fountains, we cleaned coins using coke and we sucked up egg yolks using a plastic bottle. We even extracted DNA from a strawberry. We found out why people use beer to get rid of snails in their garden. We made goo that was a liquid when you moved your finger through it slowly but when you hit it hard it did not splash. We made electric circuits with switches and learned all about conductors and insulators.

Some of our fifth and sixth class girls demonstrated their fabulous experiments in front of the whole school at assembly. They were super! Prep 3 had their own Science Fair in class and it was a great success. Prep 2 and Prep 4 invited their parents to visit their classes and demonstrated their experiments for them. A great time was had by all.

We also had lots of parents with scientific backgrounds give their time to talk and demonstrate for the children. This was very much appreciated and we want to say a 'BIG THANK YOU' to you all.

Unfortunately, not all of our experiments worked first time but that didn't matter, it just added to the fun and laughter we had. We love Science Month and we look forward to doing even more science experiments throughout the year. Science is so much fun!



Ella & Kim from Montessori investigating 'Floating & Sinking'



Prep 2 being amazed by Laura the magician and her ability to turn water upside down!!

A.I.J.S Verse Speaking Competition

On the 21st November we held a verse speaking competition in our school. Many schools from Dublin attended it. Nearly everyone from P3 to P6 were involved. There were separate competitions, one was for P3 and P4 and the other one was for P5 and P6.

P3 in our school recited a poem entitled 'The Trouble With My Brother'. P4 in Notre Dame performed a poem called 'Talking Turkeys'. They both did very well and P3 came 1st in their category. In the solos for P3 and P4, Anna Leonard came 1st, Rebecca Neary came 3rd and Izze Tarrant got highly commended.

For the 5th and 6th class competition, our classes recited a poem entitled 'The Visitor'. They came 1st also. In the solos for P5 and P6, Maya Al Khourie came 3rd and Siobhán Mc Guinness came 2nd.

Overall, it was a very exciting day and we were extremely proud of how everyone performed. We would like to thank Ms Walsh and Ms Sandra for organising it and preparing us so well. We can't wait until next year!

By Georgie, Jessica, Niamh, Maya and Cristina, P5.



Congratulations to all those students who took part and those who won medals at the A.I.J.S competition...you were all fabulous!

Debating Club

This year we started debating. It was a lot of fun because Ms. Walsh, our wonderful debating teacher, gives us topics every week. For those who don't know what debating is, I'm going to tell you.

Debating is a fun subject that involves standing up in front of people and trying to persuade them to agree with your motion. The motion is the topic you will either be proposing or opposing. If you are opposing the motion, then you disagree with it and if you are proposing, that means you agree with the motion. When you are writing your debate, you have to start it off with 'Good morning adjudicator, members of the audience and of course, members of the opposing or proposing team'. When debating is over, Ms. Walsh gives us new topics for next week from her big debating book. Soon we will be starting the Christmas debating and Ms. Walsh is looking to see who would be interested in being a Debating captain. Debating starts from 4th to 6th class. We all love debating very much and we hope we will do it for as long as we can.

By Lisa Bergin and Niamh Doherty (P4)

P.E. News

It's been all go this term with lots of fun & games, tennis, orienteering, gymnastics, skipping, table tennis, badminton & of course, hockey.

Well done P2 who became our first Gold Star class for hockey. P6 have begun their Leinster league campaign in style, we are very proud of them all. A special thank you to excellent Sports Captain Maggie, who very capably organised the lifts & to Ms Walsh & the parents who supported & drove the team.

Following "bleep" fitness tests from P3-P6 we were very happy to find that everyone has improved their levels of fitness since last year. P5 is our fittest class with an average score level 6.2 or 45 shuttle runs. Best in school were Maggie Kelly with a fantastic level 9.2 or 72 & Georgie Fottrell with an excellent level 8.6 or 66 shuttle runs.

Congratulations to you all, keep it up!!

Happy Christmas everybody from Mrs Mercer.

Hockey

This years hockey season began with a blitz in St. Gerard's School in Bray. It was the wettest, windy day you could possibly imagine but despite the weather, we managed to win, lose and draw our matches.

We practised a lot in school with Mrs. Mercer and waited to play our first league match. This was played at the end of November against Whitechurch in Three Rock Rovers Grounds. It was a great match and we managed to win 2-1. On Monday December 8th we hosted Guardian Angels National School Blackrock and we won 8-0.

We have enjoyed a great term of hockey and look forward to more successes in 2015!!



Hockey Champs!!

We were so excited to start the new year in P6. We were delighted that we were finally at the top of the school. After all, we had waited for years!! The first highlight of the year, was the assembly to find out our jobs for our first term. We were all so nervous as Miss Sisk called out the names. We soon learned that Laura and Alannah were the 'chosen two'. The rest of us got our responsibilities too and we were all happy.

The term kicked off at high speed. Miss Walsh explained all the many things we would be doing for the year. We welcomed Nashira and our Spanish friends to our class. We prepared the Grandparent's Day Assembly and recalled our favourite memories with them. Work began immediately and there was no time to rest. We joined the 'big girls' from the senior school for a geography field trip to Glendalough. That was really cool. Projects, Powerpoints and Presentations had to be done and this was all on top of our usual homework. We all agree the downside of the first half term was the day we played the Hockey Blitz in St. Gerard's in the worst possible weather conditions. We are still freezing and wet when we even think of it!

October was Book Month and we took part in lots of activities: We visited best selling author Sarah Webb at the library but the highlight had to be the spooky stories for Halloween.

After Mid term break, we got ready for the Verse Speaking Competition and rehearsals got underway for carol singing. We were excited to be asked to sing at 'The Blessing of the Crib' at the Dundrum Town Centre. That's just one of our many gigs!!

The Hockey League began in earnest and we won our first match. Watch this space to see how this progresses...

Between carols and Christmas cheer, we still managed to fit in our Christmas tests during the month of December. We are nearly there now and it is hard to believe that we are almost half way through our last year in Notre Dame...

Beannachtaí na Nollag,

Ó Rang a Sé



Meeting author Sarah Webb.



Maggie & Eve on our Glengalough trip.



Well done to our Head Girl; Laura McEvoy & Deputy Head Girl; Alannah Harrison, who have done a fantastic job setting a fine example to our other students this term.

A Message from our Headgirls

At the first assembly after summer holidays all of P6 were excited to find out who the head girls were. We sat anxiously waiting to find out. After all the minders were picked we looked around to see who was left and we saw it was just us two. We were over the moon to find out we were picked. We went to collect our badges and Ms. Walsh and Ms. Sisk were having a bit of trouble putting them on! Everyone in the school congratulated us. We got home and told our parents the good news, they were delighted for us.

Our first job was to get the news book around all the downstairs classrooms...we failed! Then we had to speak at the first school mass of the year in Holy Cross Church. Everyone said we read our piece beautifully. Closer to Christmas we got to light the Advent candles and conduct 'Every Little Wish'. We also had to conduct 'Happy Birthday' every week.

We had a great experience being head girls and enjoyed every bit of it. All the little ones looked up to us so we had to set a great example for them and our school. We also got to enjoy minding P2. We were so happy that we got to wear the badges into school every day and were delighted that we were chosen to be Head Girls. We really enjoyed this experience and we wouldn't trade it for anything. We are sad to be leaving and we wish all the best to the new Head Girls.

By Laura McEvoy and Alannah Harrison, P6



*Happy Christmas
&*

*Best Wishes for
2015*

*from all the staff
in Notre Dame
Junior School*