



# Abbeyleix South National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Laoise Theas*

## November 2023 Newsletter

### *Principal's Message*

Dear Parents,  
We have had a very busy month in school. We are getting ready for the festive season and the children are busy preparing for our nativity play. There will be no written homework in December as the children learn lines and prepare costumes.

Best wishes,  
Ms. Joanne Jackson.

### Closing Date

The closing date for Application for Admission to Junior/Senior Infants to Sixth Class for the school year 2024/25 is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Please scan the QR code to access our Application form.



### Amber Flag, Wellbeing update

Our Amber Flag team is working hard to implement wellbeing initiatives in school. Two team members make a wellbeing report to all the classrooms via our intercom system. This is going really well and pupils look forward to hearing their classmates every Friday.



We are experiencing the benefits of walking. Every Wednesday all pupils go for a walk.



Check out 'The Kids Are All Right!' podcast episodes on rte.ie. A show for primary school kids that's all about health, happiness and wellness.

### Hockey Blitz

Pupils from the Senior Room took part in a Hockey Blitz on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone had a wonderful time. We are very proud of our pupils.  
Ms. Costelloe



LAOIS HOCKEY CLUB  
NEW NAME! SAME GAME!

# LAOIS HOCKEY JUNIORS RETURNS!

Sundays  
FR. BREEN PARK  
ABBEYLEIX 9:30-10:30

BOYS AND GIRLS FROM SENIOR INFANTS TO 4TH YEAR

CONTACT US ON INSTAGRAM/FACEBOOK OR MESSAGE 0868167044

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

### School Friday Assembly

Well done to all the First Class and Second Class pupils who led an Assembly all about 'The Good Samaritan'.  
Super actors and fabulous singers!  
Check out the song that we sang.  
'Good Neighbour', Evan Craft.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### School Nativity Play

St. Michael's and All Angels' Church  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.

### Our Christmas Treat Week



Abbeyleix South National School  
**CHRISTMAS TREAT WEEK**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

MONDAY	 <b>CHRISTMAS PYJAMA DAY!</b> 	AMBER FLAG PIETA FUNDRAISER 1 EURO
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TUESDAY	<b>CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING AND CRAFT DAY</b> 	CHECK OUT THE BACK OF THIS LEAFLET
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WEDNESDAY	 <b>CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY</b>	WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL TODAY
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THURSDAY	 <b>BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DAY</b>	LET'S ENJOY PANCAKES WITH SANTA SUMMAY!
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FRIDAY	 <b>WEAR A SANTA HAT AND ENJOY A MOVIE!</b>	WEAR A CHRISTMAS SANTA HAT FOR A CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY
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DON'T FORGET THAT WE HAVE CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE IN SCHOOL.  
FLOWER POWER TEAM, LET'S GROW MORE FLOWERS

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

**Our Christmas Shop is open!**  
Wrapping paper, cards and gift tags for sale!



### Board of Management

The new Board of Management takes office on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

The members are:  
Glascott Symes  
Canon Patrick Harvey  
Joanne Jackson  
Geraldine Whiteford  
Tom McNiff  
Florence White  
Nigel Bradley  
Deirdre Moynan

We thank the previous BOM for their four years of service.

