



# Assumption Junior School

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### LauraLynn Fundraiser

A huge thank you to everyone who gave a €2 donation to our LauraLynn pyjama day fundraiser on December 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun experience for the children and staff, and we raised €750 on the day! For more information about the work of LauraLynn follow this link: <https://www.lauralynn.ie/>



*Junior Infants working hard on pyjama day!*



### Christmas Carols

Thank you to our Second Class girls and their teachers Ms Merrigan and Ms Wyse who hosted a beautiful Christmas Carols concert in the church on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also to Fr Glennon for allowing us to hold the concert in the parish church.



### Christmas Mass Times in the Parish Church

Christmas Eve 6pm

Christmas Day 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day (Dec 26<sup>th</sup>) 10am as normal

Children can bring their own baby Jesus from their crib at home to mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day for a special blessing.



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### Junior Infant Christmas Show

Well done to all the fantastic children in Junior Infants who put on two amazing performances of *Ralph the Reindeer* for their families and friends. A big thank you to all the staff who helped prepare the children so well for their big performances. Thank you also to Mr Callaghan who played the piano accompaniment so beautifully.



*Some of the many stars of our Junior Infant Christmas Show!*

### Christmas Eve Boxes

A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association who put so much work into the Christmas Eve boxes fundraiser. In total €1,014 was raised and that money is being ringfenced for the purchase of maths resources that will help in the rollout of the new maths curriculum.

### Christmas Noticeboards Competition

Our annual Christmas Noticeboard Competition was as hotly contested as ever! All classrooms took part and the children and some very competitive staff, came up with amazingly festive displays, as you can see. This week the classes did a walk around inspection and voted for their favourite boards. The winners this year were rooms 6, 11, 38, 14 and 16. Congratulations! You can see a selection of board displays on the next page.



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### Santa Visit!

We were very excited to welcome Santa to our special classes this week. Santa was helped on his visit by Ms Maher, and the boys and girls all enjoyed the visit. He gave out gifts to everyone and even played some music for the children. We loved hosting Santa and are very excited for his visit to our homes on Christmas Eve!



FSS Bhaile Átha Cliath  
agus Lár na Tíre  
HSE Dublin and Midlands

## Children's LAIV Nasal Flu Vaccine Walk In Clinic

This flu season all children aged 2 - 17 can avail of a free nasal flu vaccine.

Drop into our clinic onsite in  
**Clondalkin Primary Care Centre**  
Block B D22 E771  
**28th & 30th December, 3rd January**  
10am - 1pm / 2pm - 4pm

Scan QR code below for more information  
regarding the LAIV Nasal Flu Vaccine for  
children.



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### BOM Response to Parents' Child Safeguarding Survey 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to our recent Child Safeguarding Survey. In total we received 99 responses, an increase of 17 from last year. The breakdown of responses is as follows:

**Question 1: Do you think that the children are safe and well protected in school?**

YES: 99

NO: 0

**Question 2: Do you think that the school is complying with its child safeguarding requirements?**

YES: 99

NO: 0

**Question 3: Do you know who the school's Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for child safeguarding is?**

YES: 71

NO: 28

Regarding question 3 above every school has a DLP for Child Safeguarding. Although all teachers are what's known as "mandated persons" meaning they have a legal responsibility to report any child protection concerns, the DLP is a resource to any staff member who has a child protection concern. DLPs are responsible for **ensuring that reporting procedures are followed correctly and promptly and act as a liaison person with other agencies**. In most schools the DLP is the principal and the deputy DLP is the Deputy Principal. It is the same here in Assumption Junior School. Jean Leonard is the DLP, and Julie McCann is the DDLP.

**Question 4: Comments on Child Safeguarding**

In the open comments section people raised the issue of parents photographing and videoing children in their lines in the morning. We would ask all parents to be mindful of other children's privacy and to not take images of other children without their parents' permission.

**Other Non-Child Safeguarding Issues Raised**

The issue of traffic around the school at drop off and collection times was raised through the questionnaire. The Board have discussed this matter, and it is an ongoing concern for the Board. While the school principal has previously contacted the Gardaí on this matter several times, the Board have now taken the step of formally writing to the Gardaí to seek help with this matter.

The width of the pedestrian entrance path is another issue that has been raised by parents several times. Last summer drainage works were carried out on the pathway and the Board are now also looking into the possibility of widening the path later in the school year. We will keep parents updated on these developments through our monthly newsletters.

Thank you,

The Board of Management.

**School Reopening:**

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025: School reopens at the usual times.**

**Happy Christmas to all our pupils and their families.**