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Christmas Cakes

Once again a big thank you to Ms Dunleavy for helping the parents group prepare our lovely Christmas cakes. Last week all our efforts went into making a traditional cake and this week is the turn of the equally tasty chocolate biscuit cake. Both cakes were expertly iced under the direction of Ms Dunleavy. No doubt, like last year, we will be lucky if either cake makes it to St Stephen's Day.

Finally I would advise all parents out there to consider joining the group. We meet every Wednesday from 11.30 to 1. Ms Nangle is most welcoming and always encourages parents, guardians and community members to join.

Pam Rice



School Library

We were delighted when Mrs Nangle told us we were going to visit the new school library and meet the full time librarian Sarah. Wow was it an interesting experience! The library is amazing; full of interesting books you can borrow. There are also computers available for parents and students to use. My advice is to encourage your children to borrow books from the library and to borrow yourself I have!!

Martina Mc Kenna



The Parents Group

Being part of the parents group has been great for me, getting involved in the school and meeting new people. We meet every Wednesday for a cuppa and do lots of different educational things—cooking, science, first aid, going on trips and working with Ms. Nangle.

For me being involved in the school has been invaluable. As a past pupil it was daunting and strange at the start—you revert back to being a child—but now I feel at home.

Emma Tunncliffe

Well Read Award

Margaret Aylward Community College received the Well Read award for outstanding work in the area of reading and literacy. The award was presented in City West hotel in October and we were delighted to have representatives from the parents group, teaching staff and pupils at the ceremony. Well done to all involved and remember "Keep Reading."

Ann Flood and Cathy Holden



Christmas Table Decorations



Ms Boon the Art teacher worked with the parents group and Transition Year students to make some amazing Christmas centrepieces for the table. She gave us some guidelines to follow and then let us loose to create our own masterpieces!!! Boy, did we do ourselves proud. I would encourage parents to join the parents group. It is a great way of getting support and is also so educational for us as parents and guardians.

Susan Gahan



Open Evening

Some of the ladies from the parents group went to the Open Evening in September. We chatted to some future students and their parents. It was a great night. Thank you to everyone involved.

Annita Doyle

Science for Parents

Another brilliant lesson learned in science class. This time it was all about solids, liquids and gas. Water and washing up liquid were mixed together. We used gas to make bubbles and lit these with a match. We held the bubbles in our hands and created this fantastic effect (see photo). We were all amazed. We all loved it. Thank you Miss Kerins.

Madeline Geoghegan



Parents Group learn some Computer Skills!!

This was another interesting class. We really enjoyed it. We were all seated in front of our computers. Nine out of ten of us didn't even know how to turn on the computer never mind set up accounts. First we learned how to unlock the screen and when this was done we were given the school password to allow us to access the desktop screen. There are small things on the screen. These are called icons. Next Mr Leonard showed us how to search by clicking the Google icon. You can almost search anything and everything on Google. We were all so interested in this. Next we went on to set up our very own Gmail accounts. It was easier than we thought. Finally we went onto Google maps which was very interesting. It gave you an option of distance from and to certain location points and times if you were travelling by foot, bus, car or train. We also linked into bus timetables. Hopefully we will be doing this class again. We all learnt something new and interesting. Thank you.

Olive Dowdall

First Year JCSP Celebration

On Wednesday, 14 December the first year Olive class put on a fantastic event showcasing all the students many talents. There also was the end of year award ceremony and it was great to see so many students getting awards for many different things such as **Punctuality**, **Attendance** and **Student of the Month**. Well done to all who received an award and remember try and see that your daughter receives one at the next ceremony in May. There was a great turn out of parents and guardians.

Thanks to all involved.

Lisa Mercer

