

Thursday 19th December: Some end-of-year songs & poems, performed by the children of the school. Junior and Senior Infants 11.30am. 1st and 2nd classes 12.30pm. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes 1.30pm. Also, PTA raffle in aid of the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. All are welcome! Please note that, to allow for set-up & rehearsals, the hall will only open to parents 10 minutes before each performance.

Friday 20th December: End of Term. Classes finish at 12.15 (infants) and 12.30 (1st-6th.) No after-school supervision session. School reopens to pupils Monday 6th January 2014.

Wednesday 22nd January: National Educational Psychological Service seminar for staff. **Classes finish at 12.15 (infants) and 12.30 (1st-6th.)** No after-school supervision session.



January Library Book Appeal:

In January, please consider donating your old children's books (in good condition) to our school library. Books can be dropped at the office. Thank you.

Please check our overflowing **Lost & Found** area, the classrooms and the playgrounds for personal items. As usual, all items remaining at the end of term will be dropped to a Recycling Centre or Charity Shop.

Well done to our 5-a-side **futsal teams** who put on a great display at the FAI event on Thursday. Many thanks to their coaches. Good luck to the girls' team in next term's county final! (The boys were very close to getting through too!) Photos on school web-site.

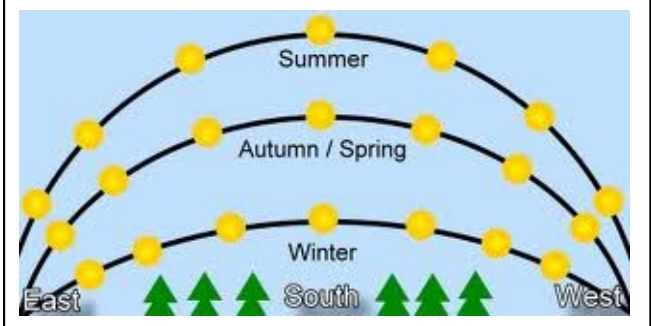
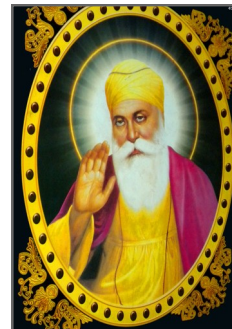
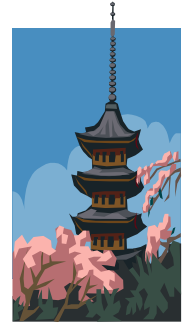
Well done to Andrew in 6th class on getting through to the **Mini-Scientists' Exhibition** at the Intel plant in Leixlip! A great day was had by all who attended on Friday.



Safety First! The children should always wear **sturdy, non-slip footwear** to school. Footwear should be suitable for the full range of daily school activities (playground games, PE, etc.)

Some festivals and events at this time of year: Can you match the event with one of the images below?

- Advent
- Hanukkah
- Christmas
- Hogmanay
- New Year's Day
- Ganjitsu (Japanese New Year)
- Guru Singh's Birthday
- Winter Solstice



Gifts for teachers and other staff? Again this year we would like to say that we neither encourage nor expect gifts from children/families. We already feel supported and appreciated. For the child who still wants to give *something* - a simple **card** (homemade or bought) with his/her thoughtful message written inside would be most welcome.