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Welcome to the Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir newsletter. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year celebrations. It has been a very busy month and we are excited to share the latest news and events from our school.

Parents' Association 2023/24

The Parents' Association convened on 30th November for their annual general meeting. The election of a committee and fundraising initiatives for the current academic year were amongst the topics discussed at the meeting. Thank you to all who attended. The Parents' Association Committee is as follows:

Chairperson - Lizzie Hayes

Secretary - Orla Hicks

Treasurer - Marie Mullins

Board of Management 2023 – 2027

A new Board of Management was appointed on 1st December in Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir for the term 2023 – 2027. The members are:

Chairperson - Rev. Fr. Edward Cleary

Patron Nominee - Tom Lynch

Parent Nominees - Maureen McLoughlin and Malachy Hayes

Community Nominees - Terry Ring and Tom Tierney

Principal - Denis Kennedy

Teacher Nominee - Carole Cleary

The first meeting of the new Board occurred on 13th December with all members signing the Declaration of Acceptance to the Board of Management. The Agreed Report for this meeting can be found on our school website.

Christmas Song Singing

The pupils performed a variety of Christmas songs after mass on Thursday 7th December. It was a lovely surprise for the entire congregation who joined in and sang along. Thank you to Rev. Fr. Cleary for extending this invitation to us and for a lovely ceremony.

Trip to Kilmallock Library

Pupils in the junior classroom visited Kilmallock Library on 12th December. They had a fantastic time listening to various Christmas stories being read aloud. The trip also included a tour of the library and a chance to browse through the books in the children's section. Thank you to Kilmallock Library for this opportunity and for assisting the school in encouraging a love of reading amongst our pupils.

Pantomime: Aladdin and his Magic Lamp

On Wednesday 20th December we headed off to the Limetree Theatre for a performance of 'Aladdin and his Magic Lamp'. Everyone was in the Christmas spirit and there was great excitement on the bus. Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime. A huge thank you to the Parents' Association for contributing €20 per child towards the cost of the bus and pantomime ticket.

Christmas Concert 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas concert, 'Lough Gur has Got Talent', on Thursday 21st December. The matinee and evening performances were wonderful events, and we were grateful for your presence and support. The pupils truly shone on stage and brought joy to everyone in the audience. We are so proud of each and every one of them.



Thank you to the Parents' Association for fundraising at the show. A total of €965 was raised for Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir.

Santa visits Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir

The Parents' Association organised an amazing Christmas party for our pupils in the HoneyFitz Theatre on the day of the Christmas holidays. Santa visited and spoke to the pupils who all had their picture taken with him. It was a lovely end to a very busy school term.



Thank you to everyone in our school community for your help and support in making term one of this school year a huge success. Best wishes for the New Year from everyone in Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Denis Kennedy

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An Príomhoide

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