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The November edition of our school newsletter is here! This month has flown by and the excitement is starting to build for Christmas. Stay up to date with all the latest news and events happening at Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir.

### **Bruff Credit Union Art Competition**

Well done to Seán and James McLoughlin, Lucia Crawford, Lola Ford, Sadhbh Feely and Kate Dunworth who recently won prizes in the Bruff Credit Union Art Competition. This year's theme was 'My Community and Me'. All our pupils came up with very creative and inspiring art work.



### **Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you to the pupils and their parents for the time, generosity and effort they gave preparing for the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. It is another example of the wonderful community spirit at work in Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir. The donated shoeboxes are distributed to communities, homeless shelters, orphanages, or other organizations that work with people in need.



## **Set Dancing**

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning set dancing with Pat O’Dea over the last 8 weeks. It was great to see the children improve each week and learn the skill of dancing. Set dancing has deep roots in Irish culture. It is a lively and energetic form of dance and it is great to see it being enjoyed by all our pupils this year as part of the P.E. curriculum.



## **Christmas Concert 2023**

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Concert, ‘Lough Gur’s Got Talent’, will take place on Thursday 21st December in the Honey Fitz Theatre. A matinee performance will take place at 11am followed by an evening performance at 7pm. An array of local, talented parishioners will be mentioned in our play so be sure to come along to what promises to be a fun filled evening of talent.

## **All Ireland Winning Farmer Visits S.N Loch Guir**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Knockainey local John MacNamara visited Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir. John won an award for being the overall winner of the prestigious 2023 National Dairy Council and Kerrygold Quality Milk Awards. He also took home the Farm Infrastructure Award.

John spoke to the children about the daily life of a farmer, being environmentally friendly, the challenges of farming and how it is one of the most rewarding occupations. John’s visit tied in with our geography and science curricula and has cultivated a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the vital role of agriculture in society.



We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas shows on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

*Denis Kennedy*

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