



URSULINE COLLEGE SLIGO CHRISTMAS EDITION



NEWS BULLETIN – 22/12/2020

Key updates and information for parents/guardians, staff & students

Christmas Prayer Service via Zoom

Our annual Christmas prayer service took place on Friday the 18th of December. The school community took time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. The Crib is the centre-piece of the service which draws us to direct our hearts and minds to the birth of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the students who participated in the readings and prayers and to our musicians. Thank you also to Ms. Murray, Ms. McQuillan, Mrs Colreavy and all those who helped in the preparations

Such a lovely community celebration; thank you all.



Clean Coasts

Congratulations to The Environmental Studies Department on their successful grant application. They have received €200 from An Taisce for **The Clean Coasts Project**. This fund helps our Transition Year students to continue with their efforts to protect and enhance Sligo's beautiful coastline.



Activities

- School closes today at 12:25 for all students and reopens on January 6th at 8.50am
- Thank you to all our students, staff, parents and guardians who have worked so tirelessly to keep our school community safe. This is very much a team effort. We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Enjoy some down time and recharge the batteries. #TogetherWeAreStronger
- This week's Friday Feels is temporarily replaced with a Christmas Cheer....



- Remember to check out all our Socials to keep up to



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Remember

"We are not all in the same boat but we are
all in the same storm"

Well done everyone!!

Sligo Schools Indoor Rowing Virtual Blitz

46 students from all 6-year groups participated in the **Sligo Sports Partnership** competition this week. It was an extremely well organised, fun and safe inter-schools competition. Overall results will be announced next week. Well done to all those who participated.

#GetMovingGetRowing #Active



Focus Ireland

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Thank you to Focus Ireland for their shout out to our fantastic Transition Year students who raised a whopping €20,000 for the charity Shine A Light Night fundraiser. This amazing achievement perfectly highlights our school spirit, our commitment to volunteering and the **"give back"** attitude of our students.

Well done everyone.



The Irish Second-Level Students' Union 2020 recently held their Regional Council Elections. Congratulations to Niamh Carolan (5th Year) and Orlaith Nugent (TY) who were elected to the Sligo-Leitrim region. Niamh and Orlaith will now represent their area as the student voice of the region. Well done girls!! **#LadiesWhoLead**

Rowing Challenge

Rowing fever took hold in the Sports Hall this week. Following on from the rowing blitz, the **1Km PE Rowing Challenge** took place between the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years. The competition was fierce and tight. The O'Donovan brothers better watch out, there are definitely some very fast and talented rowers in our midst.....

Well done to our winners:

Molly Sproule
(fastest 1st year)
Ceoilín Byrne
(fastest 2nd year)
Orna Murphy
(fastest 3rd year)



Shout out to all of our very own Jingle Belles!!

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day is in aid of Sligo Social Services. You have all dug deep yet again and raised an amazing €1797.22 for this very worthy local charity. Much merriment was had and there were definitely some interesting looking elves and very creative Christmas jumpers on the go... sdf

#Kindness #SchoolSpirit #WeAreUCS

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause you can do so using the link below:

<https://www.sligosocialservices.ie/donate>



A few weeks ago, we told you not to worry if your Christmas lights and twinkly ornaments were going astray.

Well, here are the reasons why...

Getting crafty with our TY's....

Sustainability and creativity were the order of the day for some of our Transition Year workshops. Thank you to Ms. Fitzgerald who guided the artistic endeavours....



Ms. Callaghan helped the students channel their inner interior designers with these amazing Christmas table centrepieces....



Christmas Wedding Bells

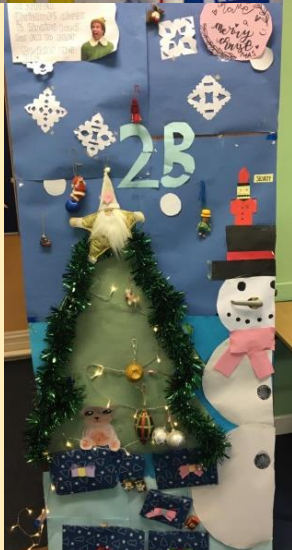
Wishing our PE teacher Ms. Donelon and her Fiancé James all the very best of good wishes on their upcoming wedding. Congratulations to you both on this special day.

Can you Guess whose door this is?????



Christmas Doors

The Ursuline is awash with Christmas cheer and what a way to spread the cheer!!!! We opened our doors to Christmas and the students went creative with Christmas themes. Check out our Socials for all the decorated doors. In the meantime here's a sneaky peek at what's on offer.....



*We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.
See you all in 2021.....*

