

# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

## New Junior Infants

We welcomed our new junior infants in September and they have slotted into Ughtyneill life very nicely!



## Yoga

Dearbhla was back for yoga in the second half of this term - it's always lovely to have Dearbhla and the children have been enjoying the quiet time and space she provides



## A Great First Term!

September seems so long ago and so much has happened since 34 pupils came back to school at the end of the Summer. It's been a busy first term with lots of excitement, hard work and new beginnings. As we head into the Christmas break I'd like to acknowledge some of the achievements of the first term. Ughtyneill is always busy and this term was no different - I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the students, the commitment and dedication of the staff, and the generosity of the parents and voluntary committees over the term - the school could not function without you all.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a well earned rest.



## Student Council

We elected our first student council in October - a hard fought contest was had in the senior room with excellent candidates putting themselves forward. The members of our student council are:

Ben, Jan, Ciarán, Maisie, Lilly, Tom, Lucy, Thomas



They have been very active and their first major task was to assist in the redesign of the temporary play space at the front of the school.

## Halloween Fun



It was great fun seeing all the costumes as everyone dressed up for Halloween.

## New School Extension

The greatest excitement of the term was the arrival of the builders who began working on the long awaited school



extension. It has been great to see just how quickly work has moved on sight and we are looking forward to the

developments over the next few months. The plans are available in the office for anyone who wants a reminder and we have some very big ideas for the new yard that the building work will create - watch this space!



## Church Carol Service

We had a wonderful evening last week at the fundraising carol service held in the church. Working with Deirdre was a real treat for the senior room pupils and being part of such a wonderful community occasion will be one of the highlights of this year.





## Futsal



Our senior room pupils have just finished 6 weeks of 'Futsal' training which is an adapted form of football focused on ball handling and ball control skills.



## Eureka Blitz

Our senior room girls did us proud as they took part in a football blitz with the girls from Scoile Mhuire, Moynalty - the girls took home the title and we were very proud of them!



## GAA



The Junior Room had a lovely afternoon with Peter from Meath Hurling on Monday last.

The session was great with all helmets and hurleys provided. Even though none of the children had played hurling before they really enjoyed the session and took to the skills easily -



some stars in the making I'm sure.



## STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Maths)

We have been engaging with STEM activities this term. 1st to 6th classes had great fun with Lego We Do - we looked at some real world problems and tried to solve them using Lego models. The senior room are currently involved with



Microsoft Dream Space and have already completed three of their challenges. It's an exciting project and we look forward to the next term.





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## Welcome

Welcome to the school website for Ughtyneill National School! For some it may be your first introduction to the school and for others there may be a long family tradition – either way we're delighted to have you. We are a very proud country school nestled in beautiful Meath countryside just outside the picturesque village of Moynalty. We have a long and celebrated heritage in education with a school dating back to the early 20th century. We have a proud history of strong family and community connections and foster those values in the children.

## Latest Photographs



## Latest News



**Dream Space Board Game Challenge**  
14th Dec 2023  
*Our second maker challenge of our Dream Space journey was based on a board game challenge...*

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**Microsoft Dream Space Project - Windmill Challenge**  
1st Dec 2023  
*Pupils in the Senior Room began their Microsoft Dream Space journey this week with...*

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## Upcoming Events...

Thursday, 21st December 2023
Christmas Show
Friday, 22nd December 2023
Christmas Holidays (12:00)
Monday, 8th January 2024
Cycle Safety – Senior Room
Monday, 15th January 2024
Cycle Safety – Senior Room

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## New School Website

Over the Summer, we began a process to redevelop the school website. We are delighted to say we are in a position to launch the new look site. We have tried to capture what makes our school special and we are very happy with the child friendly appearance. There will be some tweaks and changes as we get used to the new format but we hope it becomes a living space to share pupils' work and school events.