

RUSH NATIONAL SCHOOL TIMES

December 2022

Student Council Update

We are glad to inform you that we are working on a project to make cards for the lovely residents of Rush and Loughshinny Nursing Homes. 4th, 5th and 6th classes will be involved in this project. We also hope to do a visit with the school choir to lift their spirits and bring some Christmas cheer.



Christmas Traditions in Romania

On Christmas Eve or on New Year's Eve, children put on their traditional clothes and go from house to house singing or dancing and loudly wishing everyone a 'Merry Christmas' or a 'Happy New Year'. They collect sweets, fruit or money from those they meet.

At the beginning of December, Mos Nicolae comes and gives gifts or sweets to children but only if they have wiped and polished their shoes and put them out for him to check!

Instead of the grand turkey on Christmas Day, Romanians like to eat their special traditional foods like *chișcă* (a type of sausage consisting of pork, rice and pig organs), *sarmale* (consisting of vegetables, pork, ground beef and rice wrapped gently into a cabbage leaf) and *salată de boeuf* (a type of salad with lots of vegetables and beef mixed together with mustard and mayonnaise).

'Craciun Fericit' means 'Merry Christmas' in Romanian!



It's Snow Jokes

1. Santa Claus asked Mrs. Claus what the weather forecast was and she replied:
2. How does a snowman get to work?
3. What reindeer are dinosaurs afraid of?

Olympic Handball

The girls' Olympic Handball Team are working very hard. They have been learning new rules and have been training since September. With the help of Ms. Murray and Ms. McMahon they'll be ready for their first match in the upcoming weeks. Wish them good luck!



Name: Ms. Dee Jones

How long have you been working in Rush National School? 11 years.

What changes have there been since you first started working here? We have Teach le Chéile. We have more prefabs.

If you didn't work in Rush National School, what would you do instead? I would be a children's nurse.

If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Chicken noodle stir fry or bread and butter!

If you could have one superpower, what would you choose? To cure all illness!

How would you spend a million euro? I would spend a million euro on bringing all of my family to Australia to see my little brother.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Always remember to say 'Thank you'.

What's your favourite time of the day? My favourite time of the day is very early morning!

What's your favourite family tradition? Making each other cups of tea.

Can you play any instruments? No.

What's the best accomplishment in your life? Having my two boys, Michael and Christian.

If your pet could talk, what do you think they would say about you? My dog, Charlie, would say he loves me and thinks I am kind and caring – she is the person that feeds me!!!

Basketball

The girls won their recent match against Holy Family Swords by ten points with scores from Emily F, Aoibhinn G, Emily P, Eleanor J, Tegan M. and Rachael S. Unfortunately the boys narrowly lost out on a win against Holy Family. The boys have been improving with each game but they suffered a loss at the hands of St. Helen's Portmarnock. There were some great scores from Anton B, Senan D, Dylan L and Killian G. The boys are hopeful for a win after the Christmas break.

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday in December	Random acts of kindness replace homework!
Wednesday, 14 th December	Nativity plays in the Millbank Theatre. School Choir visit Rush Nursing Home.
Thursday, 15 th December	Christmas jumper day at school! School Choir Service at St. Maur's Church.
Friday, 16 th December	Kahoot Quiz
Monday, 19 th December	Panto online.
Wednesday, 21 st December	Non-uniform day. Christmas holidays!

Christmas Word Search

S	R	S	I	L	Y	E	A	E	E	G	O
A	S	A	M	T	S	I	R	H	C	D	M
O	H	S	G	S	N	O	W	M	A	N	H
S	T	O	C	K	I	N	G	I	H	S	E
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E	C	I	W	C	L	M	M	L	E	G	A
I	E	C	L	S	O	H	A	M	L	T	A
N	S	E	L	F	R	T	T	H	L	O	D
D	S	Y	I	B	C	D	N	A	H	A	H
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CHRISTMAS	CRIB
SNOWMAN	SANTA
REINDEER	SLEIGH
ELF	BELLS
HOLLY	STOCKING

Jokes Answers: 1. "It's rein-deer" 2. By icle! 3. Comet!