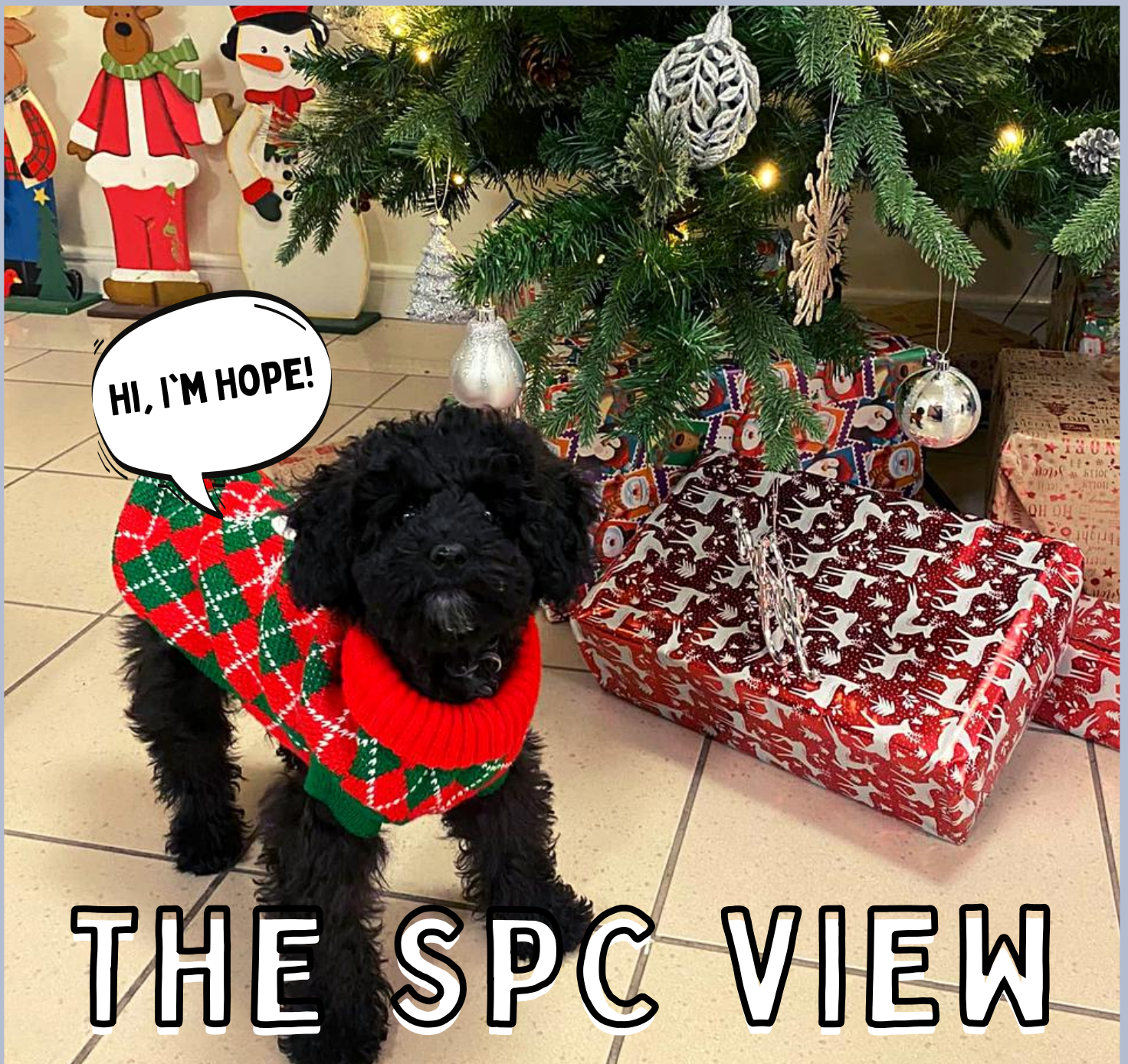




ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE
WISHES YOU A MERRY

CHRISTMAS



THE SPC VIEW

WRITTEN BY STUDENTS, PRODUCED BY STUDENTS, FOR STUDENTS.



May the Christmas
spirit embrace our
souls with joy and
love.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGANNON.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE VIEW?

Written by students, Produced by students, For students.

Principals Season Greeting - A Reflection of our term in school and a positive message into moving forward for the new year.

Technology Taster Event - A look back on the fantastic lunch we has with locals links around us within the STEM industry

Lauching our Enthuse Partnership

Science Week 2021 at St. Patrick's College

Christmas Around the World - We all love Christmas. In St. Patrick's College we are so lucky to have a wealth of diversity and culture within our school community. With Miss Campbell, our students from around the globe have written short extracts about the various Christmas traditions they have in their native country. A wonderful insight into their celebrations.

Digg Deep for Kids in St. Patrick's College

Christmas in the College - From Christmas Dinner to Bingo Bells, Hotdog sales and dumpling making! We have a look at all the activites staff and students have been involved in this last term .

Spins for Seanna - A fundraising event students and staff took part in for Mrs Corr for her journey to Mexico.



Dear Students,



As we draw a close to Term 1, I want to thank you all for your commitment to your academic studies, your courteous interactions with staff and your generosity in supporting our school and the wider community through volunteering and fundraising.

Christmas is a time for both reflection as well as planning. Looking back on the year, value things that are important and look forward with hope and optimism for the new year ahead. We are fortunate in so many ways, but we must remember to reach out and help those who have been hurt, bereaved and one disillusioned because we all have the potential to use our voice and power to make a positive difference in the lives of others around us.

I wish each and every one of you and your families a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in 2022!



From:
Mrs. McHugh



MEET OUR SCHOOL DOG Hope



We have a new member of our school community, our school dog named Hope. She has settled in very well and cannot wait to work with everyone in the new year!



TECHNOLOGY TASTER!

STEM INNOVATION

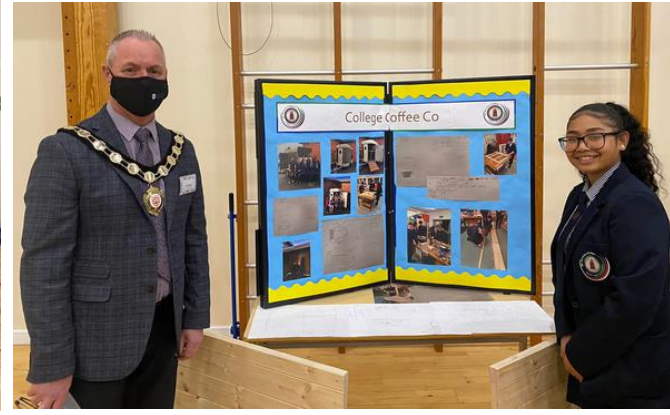


On the 3rd of December 2021, St Patricks College hosted local businesses and industry leaders within STEM at our Technology Taster event. A very special guest was Mid Ulster Lord Mayor Mr Paul McClean.

This was a fantastic afternoon and a great opportunity to reconnect and forge new links with local business and industry. Students showcased the vast range of projects and activities they have been involved in and led over the last year and explored opportunities for new connections.



INDUSTRY NETWORKING



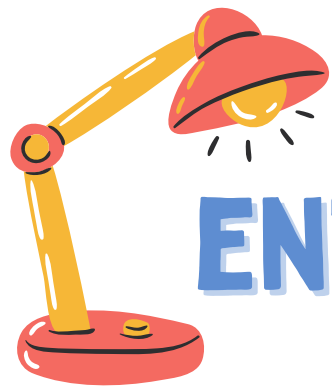
COMMITMENT TO STEM

ST. PATRICK'S STEM STARS!

At an exciting time for Technology and Design in Mid Ulster it is important that education and industry sectors work together to offer explicit pathways for career progression opportunities and lifelong learning within STEM Industries. Thanks to all those who came along to support us.

We have a wealth of talent at St. Patrick's College and we were very proud to showcase that.

On behalf of the school and our guests, we want to say a massive thank you for the delicious homemade lunch that was served by Occupational Studies and Food & Nutrition pupils. Well done everyone involved!



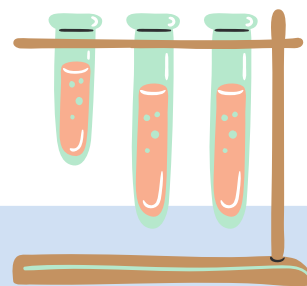
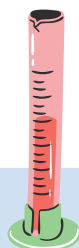
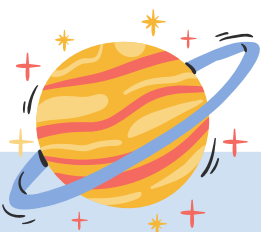
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ENTHUSE PARTNERSHIP



On the 14th of December St. Patrick's College launched our Enthuse Partnership. This will enable us to collaborate with 6 other schools to build capacity, experience and opportunities in the areas of STEM Learning. The partnership is funded by Goldman Sachs and provides a platform to raise standards, access staff training and collaborate in the interest of students to promote access and uptake of STEM Learning. Our students spent the morning showcasing the various projects they have undertaken to Gill Humes who is the STEM Learning Lead Officer for NI.

We welcome all participants from other partnering schools such as Edendork Primary School, Clinty Clay Primary School, St. Patrick's Primary School, Dungannon, St. Patrick's Donaghmore Primary School, Killyman Primary School and St Joseph's College Coalisland for the next two years.



SCIENCE WEEK AT ST. PATRICKS COLLEGE!

In celebration of Science Week we welcomed Dr Steve Aiken Chairperson of the Stormont STEM committee on December 3rd. It was refreshing to hear of his own lifelong learning journey and his commitment to provision for STEM as opportunities for future pathways. He was inspiring and knowledgeable in all aspects of STEM learning and careers. Students from Yr 11-14 who have chosen to study STEM subjects were in attendance and he was served breakfast by our Occupational Studies and Food & Nutrition groups. A great morning had by all!



Our Junior school pupils were carrying out a full weeks worth of exciting experiments in the Science Department. The image above is a group of students admiring their Elephant's toothpaste creation. This was a great way to kick off Science week!



SAFER SCHOOLS NI

We are delighted to invite our school community to download our new Safer Schools NI App, provided to St. Patrick's College by the Department of Education and INEQE Safeguarding Group.

For our families, our Safer Schools NI App provides easy-to-follow steps to make homes and devices safer, will keep parents up to date with the current online trends, threats, and risks to young people, and offers expert guidance to help families navigate important issues such as managing mental health.

We want all our pupils to know how to stay safe when they are sending messages, livestreaming, gaming and using social media. Our St Patrick's College Safer Schools NI App provides our young people with a further source of support on topics such as healthy relationships, sharing images and mental health that is available 24/7 whenever and wherever they need it. Our own school news and events via our calendar are part of the App. Parents and staff have received a copy of their unique login code- Parents, via the SIMS parent App. if you require this again, please contact the main office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NAOMH TREASA DÚN GEANAINN!

Congratulations to Miss Casey, Becky and Caitlin on winning the Junior B Club All Ireland Final against Knockananna, Wicklow.

A proud achievement to call these women County, Ulster and All Ireland Champions!



Christmas around the world!

We all love Christmas. In St. Patrick's College we are lucky to have a wealth of diversity and cultural traditions. The SPC View is proud to present Christmas from around the world and how its celebrated!

Christmas Traditions in Lithuania

Christmas Lietuvoje per kalėdine vakariene mes negeram jokių gerimų kurie turi alkojolio ir tai pat nevalgom jokių mėsos patiekalu bet galim valgiti betkokius patiekalus su žuvimi arba su daržovėmis bet turim tradicija kad prieš kalėdu vakariene is baznicios reike pasimti pagerpta duanos ploteli kai visi suseda prie stalo atsilauzem maza gabaliuka ir prieš valgidami pasimeldziam apie milimuoasius ir draugus.

In Lithuania on Christmas Eve we do not drink any drinks that contain alcohol in them, we also do not eat meat, we can only eat fish, vegetables and other types of nibbles. It is also tradition to attend church on Christmas Eve. Church is a very special part of Christmas, we receive the body of Christ and silently pray for our loved ones and friends.

By Urte Urbutyte

Christmas Traditions in East Timor

Natal iha misa iha buat barak kona-ba kanta, lee no hamlimar kona-ba Jesus. Durante misa ne'e, tradisaun bae ma atus atu tuir no Rei estatua ki'ik oan Jesus nian. Hafoin ne'e, partidu ne'e hahú ho múzika no dansa tradisional no modernu barak. Partidu natal bele to'o tuku 7 dadeer!

On Christmas day it is tradition to attend mass. During the mass there is lots of singing, reading and a short play about the Nativity. During the mass, it is a tradition for hundreds of people to line up and kiss the little statue of the baby Jesus. After that, the party starts, there is traditional and modern music and dancing. The Christmas Eve party is often very late and can go on until 7am!

By Dulce Guterres Barreto and Melia Xavier Da Costa





Christmas around the world!

Christmas in Brazil - Natal no Brasil

Na noite de 24 de Dezembro o jantar que é servido inclui peru, frango assado, tosta francesa e lombo. Em segundo lugar, outras coisas que os brasileiros fazem é montar a árvore de Natal e presépios de vários tamanhos e modelos, em Igrejas, parques e casas.

Já é uma tradição para o serviço de entrega de correio no Brasil escolher algumas cartas de crianças necessitadas e pessoalmente entregar os presentes para aquelas crianças que escreveram a carta. Durante o Natal, muitas empresas se juntam em um restaurante, bar e local de evento para fazer troca de presentes e jogar amigos secretos. Isso também acontece entre amigos.

Para o comércio, este é o período que mais vende e que os brasileiros ficam mais endividados. Em muitos casos tem uma exageração de compras. Os centros comerciais ficam sempre cheios e algumas ruas fecham para facilitar as compras. Os comércios fazem sempre campanhas com sorteios para ganhar carros, motos, cestas de comida e dinheiro. Também é comum premiar a loja e a casa com as melhores decorações de Natal. Isso só acontece em algumas cidades.

No Brasil, também é tempo de visitar os lares dos avós, creches, orfanatos e hotéis para levar comida, brinquedos ou dar só um abraço para aqueles que não tem famílias ao redor. No Natal as pessoas estão mais sensíveis para fazer trabalhos voluntários.

Este é o Natal do Brasil.

Feliz Natal á todos!

On December 24th, Christmas dinner is served at night, including turkey, chester, French toast and tenderloin. Another thing that some Brazilians do is assemble Christmas trees and Nativity scenes of various sizes and models, in churches, parks and homes. It is already a tradition for the mail delivery service in Brazil to choose some letters from needy children and personally deliver the gift to the child who wrote the letter. At Christmas time, several companies gather at a restaurant, bar, event venue to exchange gifts and play secret friends. This also happens between friends.

For commerce, this is the period that sells the most, and when Brazilians are most indebted. There is, in many cases, an exaggeration in purchases. The malls are always full and some streets are closed to the traffic of cars to facilitate shopping. The trade always carries out campaigns with draws for cars, motorcycles, food baskets and money. It is also common to award the best decorated store and the most decorated town house at Christmas, this is clear in only some cities. In Brazil, it's also time to visit shelters for the elderly, day care centers, orphanages and hostels to take food, toys or just give a hug to those who don't have family around. At Christmas people are more sensitive to volunteer work. That is Christmas in Brazil.

Merry Christmas everyone!

By Isabella Trindade Januario, Nadia Ximenes Benevides and Yasmine Nunes Magalhaes.

Christmas around the world!

Christmas Traditions in Ireland

Maireann an Nollaig in Éirinn ó Oíche raimh na Nollag go feasta na Epiphany ar an bú lá Eanáir go háirithe do Chaitliagh, d'Éireannaigh, ar Caitlicigh iad, ó Oíche Nollag go féasta na Epiphany an 6 Eanáir. Ar an oíche roimh na Nollag tagann a lán teaghlach le chéile agus caitheann siad am lena chéile.

Tá sean-thraidisiún ann i dtithe na hÉireann, go gcuireann daoine coinneal ard, tiubh ar leac na fuinneoige is mó tar éis luí na gréine Oíche Nollag. Fágtar an coinneal le lasadh ar feadh na hoíche agus léiríonn sí solas fáilteach do Mháire agus d'Iósaef. Tá na traidisiúin Chaitliceach tábhachtach do dhaoine Éireannacha; freastalaíonn go leor Éireannach; freastalaíonn muid ar Aifreann oíche roimh na Nollag nó Lá Nollag.

Is traidisiún é Lá Nollag a cheiliúradh trí bhronntanais a mhalartú agus dinnéar a bheith againn le chéile. Is é an dinnéar traidisiúnta na hÉireann turcaí, liamhás, líonadh agus prátaí le go leor glasraí agus gravy. Is é an milseog traidisiúnta ná Ciste Nollag, ciste torthaí saibhir clúdaithe le marzipan agus maisithe le icing. Tar éis Lá na Nollag, déanaimid lá Naomh Stiofán a cheiliúradh fosta. Ar a dtugtar Lá Dornálaíochta freisin. Arís, tagann teaghlaigh le chéile agus bíonn dinnéar traidisiúnta Nollag eile acu. Nollaig shona duit.

Christmas for Irish people, who are Catholics, lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of Epiphany on January 6th. On Christmas Eve many families come together and spend time with one another. There is an old tradition that in some Irish houses, people put a tall, thick candle on the sill of the largest window after sunset on Christmas Eve. The candle is left to burn all night and represents a welcoming light for Mary and Joseph. The Catholic traditions are important for many Irish people; we attend mass on Christmas eve or Christmas Day.

It is tradition to celebrate Christmas day by exchanging gifts and having dinner together. The Irish traditional dinner is turkey, ham, stuffing and potatoes with lots of vegetables and gravy. The traditional dessert is Christmas Cake, a rich fruit cake covered with marzipan and decorated with icing. Following Christmas day, we also celebrate St. Stephens day, this is also known as Boxing day. Again, families join one another and have another traditional Christmas dinner.

Happy Christmas!
By Miss Campbell.



Christmas Dinner 2021!



The images above are some of our Year 14 Students enjoying their last ever Christmas Dinner in the College. A celebration that is bitter sweet. They thanked the canteen staff for the beautiful dinner and service to our school community over the past 7 years

A massive shout out has to go to our Canteen staff who work so hard all year. Christmas Dinner is always so special in the College and it would not be possible without them. Thank you so much for everything you do for our pupils and staff!



Christmas at the College!

On our last week in school before the Christmas Holidays, our school community have been getting into the festive spirit!







Comes to St. Patrick's College!

Digg Deep For Kids is a campaign that raises money, spends it in local businesses to get charities what they need throughout the year. The charities chosen are those which support families and children who need extra support.



This Christmas, Digg Deep for Kids will support families and children in our community by bringing light, hope and joy to every home. Since 2019, Digg Deep For Kids has been turning generous donations into life-changing moments for children and families in Northern Ireland. They have been able to supply everything from food, heat, hygiene products, homeware, toys, baby products and so much more, to families that would have otherwise gone without.

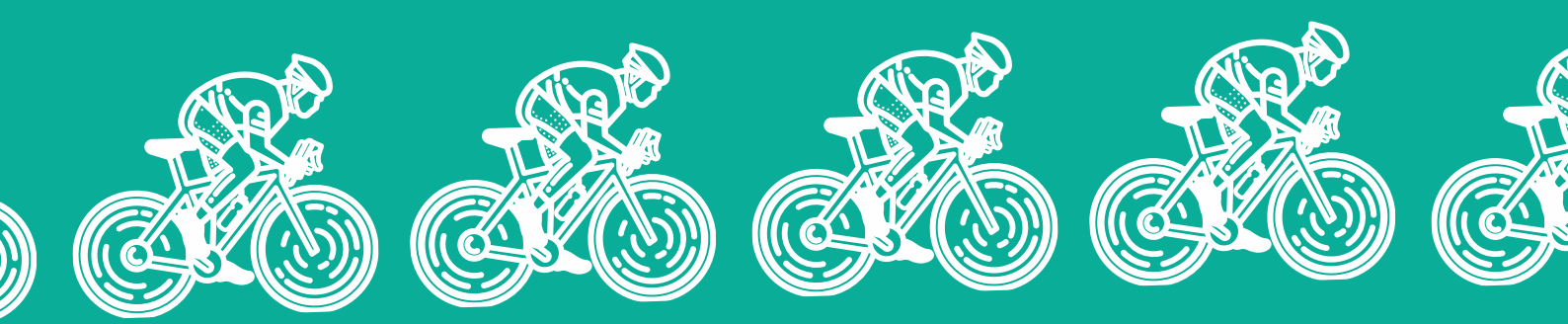
Digg Mama - Caroline O'Neill was super busy with our wonderful Post 16 volunteers. Our students helped form a production line to fold, pack and label the cookbooks and sweatshirts for delivery over the busy Christmas period .

Many in our local community will be supported by the Digg Deep for Kids campaign. The following charities will be supported -

1. The Simon Community
2. Cash For Kids
3. St. Vincent De Paul

We cannot thank our students and Caroline enough for allowing us to be apart of this process.

It feels good to do good!



SPINS FOR SEANNA

On the 16th of December, it was our privilege to support Mrs Corr in the fundraising campaign to take her to Mexico for treatment.

Students from across all year groups wanted to be part of the Spin for Seanna to show their love and support to her in her courageous battle against cancer.

Staff were determined to do their bit by spinning and donating. We wish Mrs Corr and her family well as they set out on this journey - we are all behind her praying and hoping for healing and health for her. Toegtejr we raised £1240 - thank you to all who donated.





Last week was a wonderful week of community building - showing our care and concern for those around us in need. Our Spin for Seanna event raised £1240 for Mrs Corr - we are thinking of her as she gets organised for her journey to Mexico for her treatment.

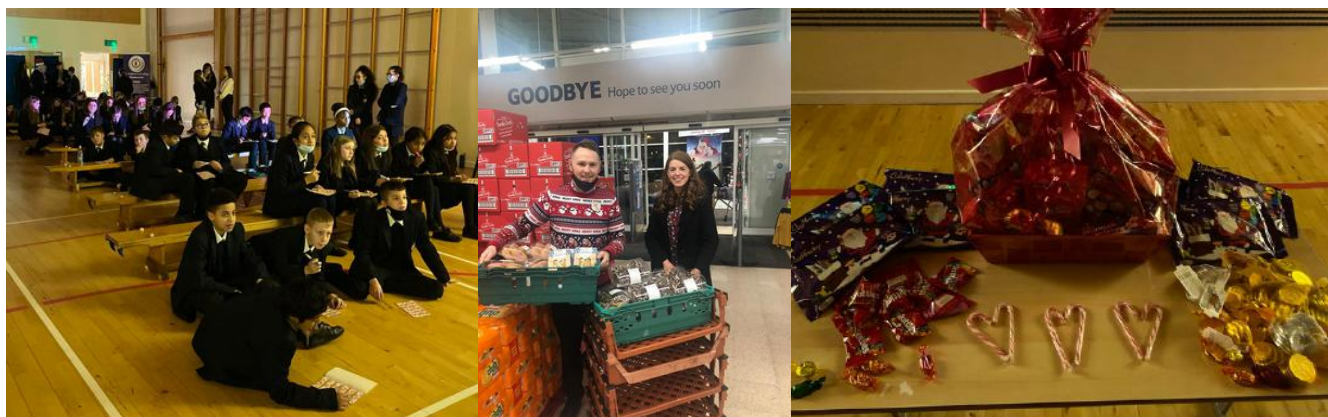
Our Santa Dash was a great morning of fun and everyone got involved - raising £800 for Opening Oisín's Opportunities - a fine young man!

The sale of Hot dogs and Christmas wreaths and Bingo Bells raised £800 for SVP - Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ireland Dungannon

Hampers will be issued to the Foodbank tomorrow and show boxes to the De Paul community.

The Muirdoch Cross Team raised £146 for Kindness to Strangers Dungannon

Christmas is not just about receiving- it is very much about giving - the true spirit of Christmas.





FROM ALL AT ST. PATRICKS' COLLEGE AND THE SPC VIEW, HAVE A SAFE AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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