



**OUR  
LADY'S  
SCHOOL**  
TERENURE



1st December, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

I hope that this letter finds both you and your families well. As we approach the festive season I would like to, again, thank you for your continued support as all here at Our Lady's work to ensure that each student is encouraged and enabled to reach her true potential.

The OLS community re-emerged from last year's lockdowns and have quickly established an effective learning environment and routine here in school despite the continued restrictions. The academic programme has been complemented with an extensive extra-curricular programme that bolsters the social and wellbeing needs of our students. In addition to the normal initiatives rolled out by the school, Our Lady's has implemented an intensive CLASS programme, offering students after school activities as well as academic catch up lessons.

At this time last year we introduced our first "12 Gifts of Christmas" raffle within the school. Due to the generous donations of parents we were able to assemble together 12 incredible hampers all with a value of between €300 and €400. The aim of the raffle was to raise funds for the replacement of the Astro-pitch. It was a huge success, raising over €10,000 and helped contribute to the cost of laying the pitch, which at the time of writing is all but resurfaced and ready to go. Off the back of this success, we will again be hosting a "12 Gifts of Christmas" raffle. This year our aim is to raise much needed funds for the replacement of Data Projectors in the classrooms. Each projector costing over €1,600 to purchase and instal.

Similar to last year, we are relying on the generosity of parents and the wider community to contribute to the content of the hampers. We are therefore asking for donations of any gifts worthy of such a hamper. Any unwanted, unopened gifts would be ideal as would any donation that would swell any of our 12 hampers, ensuring a ticket is a must buy! From boxes of chocolates, to vouchers to digital watches we were fortunate to receive prizes that added a luxury element to all our 12 hampers. Our top prize last year was a Microsoft Surface Go which prompted great excitement and eagerness to buy a ticket. Any and all quality gifts will be gratefully accepted.

Each student in the school will be given a booklet of 5 tickets to initially sell. Each of the tickets will be €5 or a booklet for €25. Of course, every student has the opportunity to collect

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and sell as many booklets as they wish and vie for the prize draw for the top sellers. In addition to paper tickets, parents will be able to purchase booklets on the EasiPayments application located on our website. With a little help from a lot of people, we hope to make a big difference.

Please ask your daughter to leave it in to Reception asap or alternatively please feel free to mail me on [Principal@olschool.ie](mailto:Principal@olschool.ie) with any offers of additional assistance with this fundraising project. We also hope that you can support the raffle by buying tickets when they are released or by donating to the fund.

Many thanks for your continued support as we work collaboratively to prioritise our students' wellbeing in OLS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Kelly', written over a horizontal blue line.

Principal