



**OUR
LADY'S
SCHOOL**
TERENURE



22th December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support throughout the first school term. It has been a very busy term and we are delighted to see all the positive work that has been done over the past few months. This past week alone TY students finished their house exams, numerous hockey matches were played, the final of the Staff V Students dodgeball match organised by the Active School Flag team was held, TYs and 2nd years hosted their Enterprise fair and staff joined in a Christmas centrepiece making workshop.

We finished off the November Knitathon with the packing of all the beautiful knitted hats and scarves that staff and students worked on to be delivered to the Peter McVerry Trust.

On Thursday we held our inaugural House Christmas Jumper Catwalk Competition, another innovative OLS creation. It was received with great excitement by the students and congratulations to our winners, M House.

A big thank you to all parents and in particular the Parents' Council who donated the wonderful array of gifts and prizes and for supporting the 12 Gifts of Christmas raffle. The support received from the whole community is heartwarming. We are delighted to have raised close to €10,000 for school facilities. Monies raised will go towards replacing more projectors in classrooms, upgrading the stage and for the purchase of soft furnishings for student use in the GPA.

Our final events of 2023 were the Christmas House Celebration and Quiz and the annual Christmas Carol Ceremony. The Carol Ceremony led by C5 is really a special and uplifting event and one of the highlights of the year. The theme of inclusion and supporting difference is particularly appropriate during the current times.

We have received a full health and safety certification of compliance for the dome and now await the builders completion of the final snags so we can finally use it to benefit the whole school. It is a really exciting facility and we look forward to using it in the New Year.

Our thoughts and prayers go to all those who have had bereavements over the past year and also to those unable to spend the festive season with their loved ones.

I wish each and every member of the OLS family a healthy and happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Kind Regards,

Marguerite Gorby

Principal