

THE CRAGGAGH CHRONICLE



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Aoife is County Champion!



Aoife Begley, collecting her county title in Breaffy GAA Clubhouse.

There were celebrations in Carrandine recently following Aoife Begley's outstanding success in

the County Scór na nÓg final in the recitation category. Following her victory at East Mayo level, Aoife went forward to the County Final in Breaffy. Aoife put on one of her finest performances to date in front of a packed auditorium and after a tense wait as the judges deliberated, she was announced as winner. This is a fabulous achievement for Aoife, who is just 12 years old, winning a competition for under 17s. She now goes forward to represent Mayo in the Connacht

finals, which will be held in the TF Royal Theatre, Castlebar on January 28th. Well done to Aoife, and as ever, her wonderful coach, Mrs Macken.

Santa to Visit?

He's made his list and he's currently on his second check, but despite his busy schedule, we've received an email from Mr Claus himself to say that he will visit Craggagh NS before the holidays to check on all the little boys and girls. But when? We'll have to wait and see!

Dates for your diary:

- **Dec 20th:** Grandparents' Day
- **Dec 22nd:** Christmas Holidays
- **Jan 9th:** School reopens
- **Feb 16th & 17th:** Mid-term Break
- **March 22nd:** 1st Confession
- **March 30th:** Easter Holidays
- **April 16th:** School reopens
- **April 19th:** 3 Little Pigs (Infant room)
- **May 13th:** 1st Communion

Charity Bake Sale Huge Success

"Success beyond all expectations" just about sums up the fabulous Bake Sale held by 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes in aid of **Momina Bula** in Ethiopia. In the run up to Christmas, Mr Rowland's class undertook to raise funds for Momina and her family. Momina and her family live on \$20 a month and so the children set this as their target. Lots of planning and organisa-

tion ensued, with colourful handmade flyers being passed around and the promise of a cascade of cupcakes and tasty treats. On Dec 7th, the children duly delivered. There was a sheer deluge of delightful deserts, delicacies and dainties! A phenomenal effort was made by all children (and parents too!) as the upstairs classroom was transformed with a stun-

ning array of baked goods. Eager children (and teachers!) circulated the room, licking their lips before making their purchases. As the cash mounted in the till, it became clear that the children's target of \$20 was within sight, but nobody could have predicted the final outcome. The children managed to raise a grand total of €126.96. This amazing sum is



testament to the tremendous efforts of the children, their parents and, of course their teacher, Mr Rowland. The festive spirit, in its most generous sense, is truly alive and well in Craggagh NS. Well done to all!

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Grandparents' Day

Grandparents are all invited to come to the school on Tues, Dec 20th, to share your talents with the pupils of the school. It could be knitting, sewing, art, crafts, storytelling, singing, playing music or whatever! The children have been very busy over the past few weeks, preparing some of their craft work for display and rehearsing some festive tunes! It promises to be a fantastic day, just in time to give us all a little bit of Christmas cheer!

Old Photos Appeal

Amongst the many sections of the new website, we are also putting together an Archives Area. This will mostly consist of photos of Craggagh NS and the hundreds of children

who have passed through her doors, down through the years. Already, a substantial number of pictures have been scanned and prepared for upload, but we would greatly appreciate any images that you may have at home. The older the better! Pictures will be scanned and safely returned to their owners. Anyone who submits a picture of current parents during their school going days will be rewarded with a lollypop from the Principal!

Enrolment 2012

Sometimes it feels like we're only just back at school, but already, we've begun our planning for next years' Junior Infants! If you intend to

enrol a child in September 2012, please pop into the school and collect an Enrolment Form. And, if you know of anyone in the area whose children are of school going age, please let them know to do likewise. Thanks!



Credit Union Art

Congratulations to all our art competition winners: Alannah McNicholas, Adam Kileen, Scott McNicholas, Kyle Howard, Britney McNicholas, Alexandra Gilmartin, Danny Flannery, Aoife Begley, Katie McNicholas and Noah Scholsser.



www.CraggaghNS.ie to Re-launch in January

It is hoped that the new and improved school website will be launched early in the new year. The updated site will provide a very valuable virtual window into the school from the outside world. As well as posting all our **latest news**, we will include plenty of **photographs** of the children engaging in their hard work, their sports, their musical groups, and their performances. We will be uploading images of much of the children's work, especially their art work; so



aunties and uncles and anyone else in far off locations or foreign shores who cares to, can log on and view the goings on. The website will contain a **Resources** section for both children and teachers containing day to day activities, educational games and online facilities to enhance the teaching

and learning experience in the school. A **Parents'** section is also under development which will contain useful facilities such as an online school calendar, a form for submitting absent notes online and a **Policies and Procedures Area**. As well as being an archive for existing policies and procedures, this area is envisaged as a **consultation portal**, where new and draft policies will be posted, to allow parents to view them and submit their comments, observations and proposals.