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Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Play	Wednesday 18th December at 7pm in Raheen Church
Christmas Holidays	School closes at 12.30pm on Friday 20th December and reopens on Monday 6th January
Applications for places in Junior Infants and our special classes for the school year 2025/26	Closing dates: Friday 24th January for Junior Infant mainstream class. Friday 21st February for special classes. (All applications can be made online through our website www.geashillns.ie)

St. Vincent de Paul Fundraising:

Over the last number of years we, as a school community, have raised a substantial amount of money each Christmas for our local St. Vincent de Paul.

Once again this year, our Student Council has proposed that pupils wear Christmas jumpers up to the holidays (if you wish) and pay a small donation towards St Vincent de Paul for doing so.

Your support as always is appreciated.

Board of Management Meetings:

There have been two board of management meetings this term. You can read a report from the meeting held on Sept 18th [here](#) and a report from the December 3rd meeting [here](#).

At the December meeting our Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment was reviewed and ratified. You can read it on our website at this link: [Child Safeguarding & Risk Assessment 2024/25](#).

We also reviewed and ratified our Anti-Bullying Policy at this meeting. You can read it [here](#). Please note, all schools are required to draw up a new Anti-Bullying Policy, based on recently published Dept of Education guidelines called BÍ Cineálta, by the end of June 2025. We will begin work on this in January. You can read the BÍ Cineálta guidelines [here](#).

Parent/Teacher Meetings

I would like to thank you all for participating so constructively in the recent parent-teacher meetings. As always, if there is anything you need to discuss throughout the remainder of the school year please contact the class teacher or myself and we will arrange a meeting.

And Finally

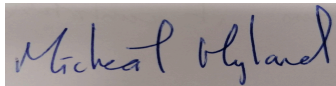
Well done to all our pupils for their hard work since September. A special mention for our new Junior Infants who have settled into school life so well.

I have been very impressed with what I see in all our classes every day. Last week we enjoyed school assemblies where children had a chance to share with others some of what they have been learning. We enjoyed a mixture of nursery rhymes, songs, English, Science, Gaeilge, ISL and History. I look forward to more of these next term.

We also had great sporting success this term - our boys' football team won their final and our 4th Class boys' cross country athletics team won gold medals. More importantly, however, there have been so many examples of friendship and kindness on display every day. This is wonderful to see and well done to all.

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh go léir!

Yours sincerely,



Micheál Hyland
Principal

Please see our Student Council Newsletter below.

Geashill N.S Student Council Newsletter

December 2024

Dear Parents and Students,
The Student Council would like to share our news from our first term of the school year with you. We will also share the wonderful things that have been happening during our school year to date!

Student Council Members For 2024-2025



Ailish Chambers, Ethan Henchy, Finn Concannon, Cullen Gorman, Ellie Molloy, Alex Mulpeter, Ava-Rose Hickey Bracken, Bobby Earley, Coimhe Conway, Jackson Mulpeter, Emily Leavy and Méabh Cleary Smith.

Mindfulness Mondays



Every Monday we practise some Mindfulness to begin our school week. We enjoy Mindfulness colouring while listening to Mindfulness music, Yoga and Meditation.

Geashill NS Busy Book Worms



Every Wednesday each class has had lots of fun reading during DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read). Don't forget to keep choosing a book to read from Our Swap a Book Station!

A Pupil's guide to inspection in primary schools



At our last Student's Council Meeting we discussed the document *A pupil's guide to inspection in primary schools*.

You can read it [here](#).

We talked about why the inspector visits our schools. We know that they want to see how well our schools are working and what teaching and learning is like in our schools.

Tullamore Lions Club Food Appeal



During Christmas time, our school is taking part in the Tullamore Lions Club Food Appeal. Give a helping hand by donating non-perishable foods to families in need this Christmas. All donations will be accepted.

Christmas Jumpers



This year all pupils are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to school each day from the 6th to the 20th of December! We will collect donations for our local St Vincent's De Paul charity.

Shoebox Appeal



This year, Geashill N.S took part in the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. We were very thankful to receive so many boxes for this appeal. Thanks to everyone who took part.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New year!

Guímid Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!

Ми хочемо побажати вам усіх щасливого Різдва та мирного Нового року!

Student Council 2024-2025