### **Principal's Message**

Happy New Year to all in our school community! I hope you all had a restful break. We are off to a busy start to 2025. We look forward to some wonderful school events such as Book Week and Lego day which are coming next month.

JANUARY

### **School Self Evaluation**

Schools are committed to enhancing themselves and their work. Currently our focus is on Guided Reading and Restorative Circles 2023-2026. As a school, we believe it is essential for staff, pupils, and parents to be informed about our priorities so that we can collaborate to support our children's holistic education.

#### Book Week Feb 4th-7th

Grandparents visits, Story Competition, Book in a Bag, Scavenger Hunts, Book Dominos, Poetry Reading, Library Visits, Visiting Authors, Dress up Day all coming soon!

#### **Student Council**

The SC have been very active this month, visiting classes and hearing their views about yard, homework and school activities.

#### **Grandparents Visits**

If you would like someone in your family to be a visiting reader for book week email us: bookweek2024@stops.ie

#### **Stay Safe and RSE**

Every January, all classes participate in Stay Safe (JI, 1st, 3rd, 5th) or RSE (SI, 2nd, 4th, 6th). We are mandated to teach these programmes. SS aims to help children recognise, and report situations which are unsafe. RSE provides opportunities to learn about relationships, sexuality, and personal development in an ageappropriate inclusive way.



# **Good News Stories**

Newsflash has a new feature! We are collecting some good news stories from classrooms all over the school. Big or small we are printing your good news. If you hear something good be sure to tell us!

Sadie, Eloise, Annie & Emilie from Ms. Donaldson's 3rd Class raised over €70 St Vincent de Paul this Christmas. They baked gingerbread men and cakes in their estate. Well done! Ms Mc Cabe and her sixth class students are attending the Ficheall Chess Tournament in Balbriggan. The senior children love Chess Fridays! The children in Ms Elebert's 2nd class have received letters from their penpals in Nova Scotia. They can't wait to learn about Canada!

# **School Library**

Our school library has recently been stocked with a huge set of Barrington Stokes Books. These specially designed award winning books are accessible books that inspire a love of reading. On this shelf you will find the perfect story for every child's ability and interest. The new library layout is also being enjoyed by all classes. Books are easy to find and there is lots of places to sit and enjoy reading.