



St. Aidan's C.B.S., Whitehall, Dublin

Scoil Aodháin, Fionnbhrú, Baile Átha Cliath

News Update

Winter 2015

Transition Year Christmas Cards

This year's Christmas Cards, designed by our own students, are on sale at the moment, co-ordinated by our Transition Years. Money raised goes to our five charities, so make sure to support these very worthy causes - ten beautiful cards for just €5.



PRINCIPAL'S SEASON GREETINGS

2015 has been another fantastic year for St. Aidan's CBS in many ways. Our state exam results were very pleasing and we enjoyed many successes in our extra-curricular activities including Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland titles in a number of sports. The Immersion trip to Tanzania was also a highlight and details of this and of all the schools activities for the past year are contained in this newsletter. I wish to thank all the staff and students who have contributed to these activities and to the parents who constantly support the school in its endeavours. This is certainly an appropriate time of year for us to be thankful for all that we have and to think of the many people both at home and abroad who have little to look forward to this Christmas. We should in particular this Christmas remember in our prayers the victims of the Paris attacks and the plight of the Syrian people. The refugee crisis continues to cause large scale misery and seeing these images on our televisions should cause us to reflect on all that we have and all that we will enjoy this Christmas. Hopefully a new year will bring renewed hope for all those living in areas of conflict and that lasting solutions can be found. Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to wish the staff, students and friends of St. Aidan's and all their families a happy and peaceful Christmas. Here's hoping that 2016 will bring us more reasons to celebrate.

Gach Dea Ghui,
Brendan Harrington

Acting Deputy Principal Seasons Greetings

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. The excitement is palpable among the school community. The Christmas exams are finished, the school holidays are upon us and we look forward to spending time with family and friends where gifts are given and received. Sometimes in the excitement of it all we can lose sight of the meaning of the Nativity and Christmas. It is a simple story of exclusion and inclusion. With this in mind, please remember the less fortunate people who may not have the same experience that you will enjoy this Christmas. Finally, I wish to extend a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas to all parents, staff and students in our school community.

School Mass

Thank you to Fr. John Jones in Whitehall who recently provided a beautiful service to all the staff, students and their families in our community school mass.



Maybe

Maybe it is in the waiting for God,
not in the wandering from store to store,
that we find our way.

Maybe it is in the friendship of God,
not in the frenzy of the crowds,
that we are led to the manger.

Maybe it is in the steadfast love of God,
and not in the pile of stuff under the tree,
that we find what we have been searching for
all our lives.

Maybe, just maybe, God of Advent,
this year will be different.

Maybe, just maybe,
we will let you lead us to Bethlehem.

Thom M Shuman

Rest in Peace Rory

We remember Rory McDyer, a past pupil of Aidan's (Graduating Leaving Cert class 1977) who died recently after a brief illness. He made an incredible contribution to the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall. With his input, the local church choir became one of the finest choirs in the country. They were second in the All-Ireland Choral festival only last May 2015. The church was literally overflowing for his funeral mass and the choir, despite their sadness, did Rory proud as they sang their hearts out for him. His own daughter sang the Psalm. Despite being nearly overwhelmed with emotion and sadness, she managed to sing beautifully. Rory was one of our guests of honour at the Awards Night in 2007, may his soul rest in peace.