



**SWORDS EDUCATE TOGETHER 'FRIENDLY' NATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**15<sup>ú</sup> Nollaig**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Early Finish for Christmas Holidays**  
**Junior & Senior Infants 11:45am finish**  
**All other classes 12pm finish**

**First Aid Training for staff will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and children will go home early on this day (same finish times as above). I will remind you closer to the time.**

- HUGE thanks to our PTA and everyone who supported our Winter Market last Friday. It was a great success and there was a real buzz around the school for the day. Myself and our Chairperson Mairéad have had a very difficult job trying to pick winners of our Creative Competition, we were so impressed with the standard of entries. Announcement next week..
- We will be starting our RSE (Relationship & Sexuality Education) Programme the week of the 8th January 2024. This is a school-wide approach and part of the SPHE Curriculum. It is a good time of year to make yourself familiar with our RSE Policy: <http://www.swordseducatetogether.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/RSE-Policy-2020.pdf>. Class teachers will send home the home-school link information either before or after the lessons, depending on content.
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> Classes have just completed 6 weeks of (non-contact) rugby sessions! They finished with a blitz in Malahide rugby club today!



- Junior Infants have been having a wonderful time in Santa's Workshop over the last few weeks. Have a look at the elves at work...



- I have been approached by a number of parents about asking children to slow down on their approach to the school. There have been some near-accidents with children scooting very fast and putting smaller children at risk. Perhaps you could remind your children to be mindful of others on the busy paths if they are scooting or cycling to school. Thank you!
- In line with our school emphasis on Wellbeing, some of our teachers are facilitating lunchtime clubs and interested children are getting the opportunity to learn how to crochet and play chess!



- The following Lost Property will be brought to the charity shop after next Friday if it is not claimed before then. These items are hanging on a rail in reception if anyone wants to come in and look!



*Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir*