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Many thanks to all of our Parents and Guardians for attending last week's annual Parent/Teacher meetings and to our wonderful staff for ensuring the evenings ran so smoothly.

This busy half term continues with the following important upcoming dates to note;

The school will be closed this Friday, 29th November for the General Election. The school will re-open on Monday the 2nd December as usual.

Preparations are well underway for our annual Carol Service which will take place on <u>Wednesday 11th December at 7pm in Holy Cross Church</u>. All welcome!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



We had a very special performance from Naíonáin Bheaga on Friday at Tionól. Ms. Smith and Ms. Hegarty's Junior Infants brought in their favourite teddys to help them with their very first performance in Holy Cross! They set a very high bar for themselves - maith sibh!





The Parents Association would really like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and families that have been so generous and donated such brilliant prizes for the upcoming Christmas raffle; it's very much appreciated. If anyone else has a suitable prize, or donation, there is still time to do so; please just get in touch with Carina or Mr. McGrath.



Amber Flag Update



Our wonderful Amber Flag Committee are arranging an Include All Day to tie in with this month's Holy Cross Way Theme of Include All! On Thursday of this week, each class will buddy up with another class in the school to play special yard games and also do some fun art activities throughout the day. We are so lucky to have such an active Amber Flag Committee comprised of staff members and brilliant class reps who are so pro-active in making our school a better place. Indeed, as part of their prep for Thursday, they were very convincing in their request for the day to be marked by having no homework! As the election is now taking place on Friday and no homework will be given on Thursday anyway, this homework pass for all will Wednesday which I am sure will go down very well!





John Boyne visits Rang 6

Last Thursday Rang 6 welcomed a very famous visitor to Holy Cross. Rang 6 have been reading and exploring John Boyne's famous novel - The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. We were thrilled when Robyn's Mum Zara got in touch to say she knew John and that he would be happy to visit Rang 6 in Holy Cross to discuss the book and his career as one of Ireland's most famous authors. Ms. Faulkner's Rang 6 got straight to work and prepared so many really inciteful questions for John about his career as a writer, his inspiration for the novel, his thoughts on some of the characters and much more. John was so kind with his time and gave such interesting and informative responses to all. Well done to Rang 6 who were a credit throughout the visit that I am sure will live long in the memory. A special thanks to Zara who made it all happen!



