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Congratulations to all the 10 boys and girls elected to **the Student Council**. There was great excitement around the school last week as polling day loomed. Canvassing was strong in all classes with some last minutes posters and promises from candidates. It certainly added an air of excitement around the school. We look forward to working with this committee. Thank you to Ms. Poole who liaises with the committee and guides and supports them in their tasks. This year all meetings will be held outdoor as children from various classes cannot mix indoors. We will adhere strictly to all guidelines to ensure the safety of all members. We are very proud of all the pupils that put themselves forward as nominees. The future of Robertstown is in good hands. Please see below a photo from Fourth Class of election posters for the Student Council.



The pupils elected to the Student Council are:

- |              |   |                                       |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Second Class | - | Jonah Whelan and Abigail Jacob        |
| Third Class  | - | Sophia Morgan and James Matthews      |
| Fourth Class | - | Caoimhe Donoghue and Jamie Hutchinson |
| Fifth Class  | - | Rían Kelly and Lily Connolly          |
| Sixth Class  | - | Willow Warner and Sean Connolly       |

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Please have your say about traffic issues and suggestions solutions for traffic management. A link to a survey commissioned by Kildare County Council regarding the **Public Realm Improvement Plan** was sent to all parents last week. The survey closes on Friday next **November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**School will close early for all classes on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of December to facilitate staff training in the area of child protection for all staff. School will close at**

- 1pm for Junior Infants and Senior Infants
- 1.15pm for First and Second Class and siblings
- 1.30pm for all other pupils that day.

**Our School Book Fair** arrived on Wednesday. Some classes have had their chance to visit the Fair. Other classes will visit it this week. Only one class visits the Fair each day. Parents are advised to choose a book from the catalogue attached. You should pay for the book through the link set up on Aladdin. Then please return the order form to school with the child's name, the name of the book ordered and the price paid on Aladdin. Louise will process the forms and issue the books to children. Where there is a big demand for a particular book, further copies will be ordered. It may take a few days for these to arrive at school.

The children of First Class had a wonderful time exploring their environment on their nature walk last week, please see the below photo.



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**Robertstown Tidy Towns Committee is planning on decorating the village for Christmas this year.**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no gathering to turn on the lights. The children of Robertstown NS are invited to decorate a template decoration for the tree. Children may add a message if they wish. We will laminate the decorations and they will be hung on the tree in the village. The committee is looking for volunteers to help put up the tree, the crib and the Christmas lights. Please contact Eithne Herbert or Jean Gillespie.

We will start to decorate the school this week in preparation for Christmas. Unfortunately, we will not be able to build Santa's grotto this year. We will invite Santa to school in December to meet the children from a distance in the playground. We plan on making this a very memorable occasion.

The Board of Management has ratified our **Remote Teaching and Learning Plan**. This plan will be implemented if a child has to remain absent from school for a prolonged period due to Covid-19. This allows the child to stay connected to school and continue with their schoolwork during the period of absence.

**Our school Admissions Policy** has been reviewed in line with change to legislation. All schools in the Parish of Allen now have a common window for applications. Parents may submit applications for admission to Robertstown NS after Christmas From January 14- January 28. Application forms will be available in December. We will issue further information and guidance in December. Please see attached our school Admissions Policy.

**Junior Infants** have been learning about different types of homes in Geography. They painted a picture of their own home for Art last week. Well done Juniors!



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