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Early Closure

School will close early for all classes **on Tuesday 1st 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. First and Second Class and siblings at 1.15pm and all other pupils at 1.30pm that day.**

All parents are invited to attend a **Parents Association meeting on Wednesday December 2nd at 7pm. This meeting will be hosted on Zoom.** If you wish to join the meeting, please register your interest by emailing robertstownns@gmail.com. A link will be issued to registered parents prior to the meeting. As we cannot meet in school this year, meetings must be held virtually for now. This is an opportunity to inform parents of the news and events of Robertstown NS since school reopened in September. We may also explore how the Parents Association may support their children in school this year.

We are now in the **season of Advent**. We will light our Advent wreath this week. This is a special time to prepare for Christmas. We plan on making this a special time in Robertstown NS for all children. Each class will hold their own Advent class prayer service during this time.



We held our **November assembly** in the back yard last Wednesday. All assemblies will be held outdoors this year. The children love these special gatherings where we celebrate

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birthdays and other special occasions in the school. This month saw the return of 'Gaeilgeoir na Míosa' award. We plan on holding a **special assembly for Christmas**. Each class will perform a Christmas song / poem at this special assembly. Our new portable sound system is an added bonus at our assemblies.

We are currently reviewing our school Code of Behaviour and updating it in light of changes to the Education Act, 1998. The draft copy is now available to view on our school website at [http://robertstownns.ie/](http://robertstownns.ie) You are invited to take time to review the draft code and email your comments to school by Wednesday December 9th.



The Student Council has decided to hold Christmas Jumper Day as their first school fundraiser. This money will be used for Christmas activities at school. Please bring in €2 and wear your Christmas jumper on **Tuesday December the 8th** (that is the Tuesday of next week). Thank you for your support!

We have received word that **Santa will visit Robertstown NS this week to collect the children's letters**. You are asked to help your child write a letter that will be given to Santa during his visit. Class teachers will collect the letters tomorrow (Tuesday). Santa will speak to each class from a safe distance in the back yard.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions we are unable to host our charity food drive in aid of St. Vincent de Paul this year. We still wish to support this very worthy local cause. Each family will receive an envelope today. **You are invited to add a cash donation or a voucher and return the envelopes to school next Monday**. Please do not return the envelopes this week. All envelopes will be collected on Monday and delivered to our local St. Vincent de Paul.

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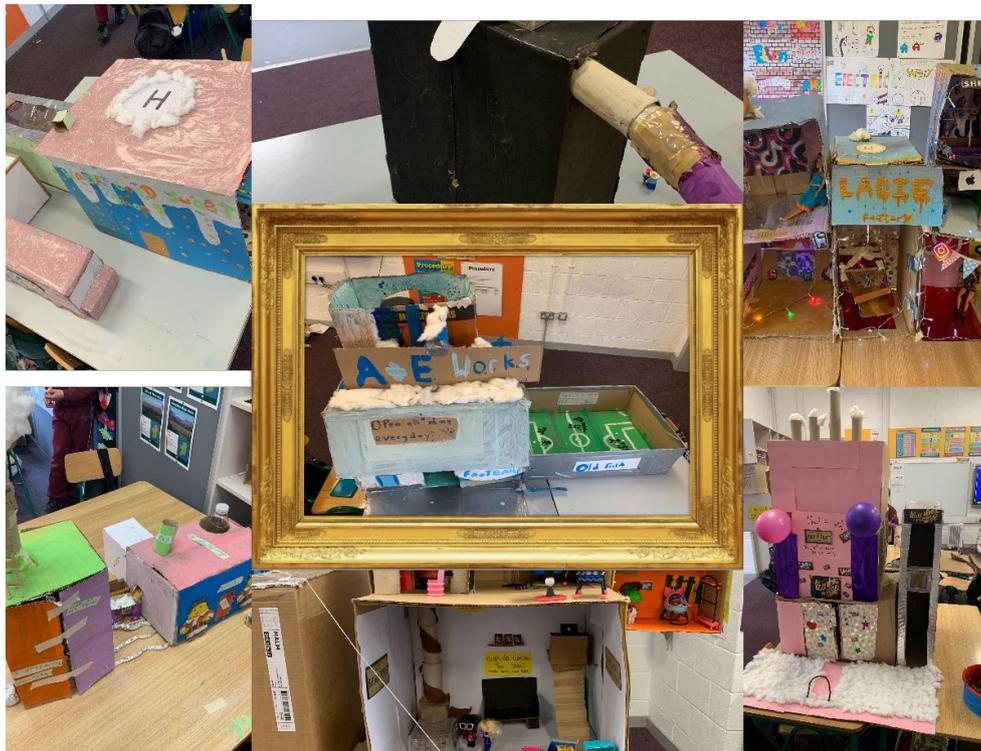
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6th class have been working really hard on constructing factories inspired by the industrial revolution over the last few weeks. A huge amount of effort and imagination went into them and as you can see from the pictures, they turned out brilliantly! Well done 6th class!



All children in Robertstown NS made a Christmas decoration for the village trees. The Tidy Towns Committee put up the two Christmas trees over the weekend. Decorations made by Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class are hanging on the Christmas Tree at Slip Way. Decorations made by children in 2nd -6th Class are on the tree I the centre of the village.

Thank you to **Junior Infants** parents for their kind donations of Christmas decorations for Aistear. The classroom is looking very festive

Thank you to all parents for your continued support of school and local initiatives.

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