

ANNAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

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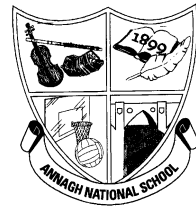
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I'm sure you all know by now that our school's bi-annual concert is on Tuesday the 19th of December. In order to allow our families to have some comfort watching their children on stage, we intend dividing our concert into two sections, with an hour's break in between. This will allow for families viewing the first section to leave and for our families attending the second section to arrive and be seated.

Of course, some families will have children in both sections and they are welcome to stay and attend both sections of our concert. They may wish to go for a walk or have a cup of tea during the long break.

The concert for Jnr. Infants to 2nd classes will begin at 10am and conclude at approx. 12 noon. The concert for 3rd to 6th classes will begin at 1pm and conclude at approx. 3pm.

Please note, the draw for our raffle will take place just before the end of the second half of the concert. We will not be selling tickets for the Raffle as we usually do. Instead each family will be issued one strip of tickets for the Raffle, with the family's name written on the reverse side of the strip. If your name is called out and you have left after the first section, we will inform your children the next morning. It will be their surprise for you.

If you are in a position as usual, to get someone to sponsor a Spot prize, please send the spot prize in next week. Please note, there is no obligation on any family to purchase a spot prize from their own resources. We just want to make the occasion as interesting as possible for you all.

We do not charge an entry fee to our concert either. However, as usual there will be a box inside each entrance door for accepting donations from our families to help defray the costs involved in staging it. Again, there is no obligation on anyone to give a donation. However, if you are in a position to do so, we thank you for your generosity.

On the day of the concert, please use the fire exit door, at the rear of our school.

Between now and the 19th, please help your children learn their lines, locate suitable clothes and make items as required by their class teachers.

It is hard to believe it, but the last time our children were on stage before a live audience was in 2019, due to the effects of Covid on the entire educational system. So please encourage your children as much as possible but without putting them under undue pressure. If you need to speak to their class teacher about anything to do with the concert, please arrange to do so and not let it drag on unduly.

Yes, we have recorded concert items during the intervening years, which are available for viewing on our website, www.annaghns.com, but live adult audiences have not been involved. We believe our Concert brings out the best in our children, is positive in their development and that it will give them a time to shine once again.

Thank you for your understanding and generous support in the past and we look forward to meeting you all on the 19th.

Nollaig shona daoibh,

Michael King