Christmas Tree Brownies:

INGREDIENTS:

- 125g/4oz Butter or Margarine (room temperature)
- 75g/3oz Chocolate
- 150g/5oz Caster Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- Pinch of Salt
- Pinch Odlums Baking Powder
- 125g/4oz Chocolate melted with 50g/2oz butter
- Red & Green Sprinkles
- 3 tablespoons sieved icing mixed with 1 tablespoon of water
- Lollipop Sticks
- 2 Eggs (beaten)
- 125g/oz Odlums Cream

METHOD:

- 1. Preheat oven to $160^{\circ}C/320^{\circ}F/Gas$ 3. Lightly grease and base line a 7''/18 cms square tin. Small roasting tin would also do.
- $2. \ \mbox{Melt}$ the butter or margarine and chocolate together over a low heat.
- 3. Remove from heat, add the sugar and mix well.
- 4. Add vanilla essence and eggs. Beat well.

5. Sieve the flour, salt and baking powder together and gently stir into chocolate mixture.

 $6. \ \mbox{Pour into prepared tin and bake for about 40-50 minutes until crusty on top. }$

7. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

8. Cut into triangles to resemble Christmas Trees. Spread some of the melted on top and sprinkle with the 'sprinkles'. Make a rough snow design with the icing.

9. Dip the lollipop stick into the melted chocolate and press into the base of the 'tree'.









Junior and Senior Infants:

Junior and Senior Infants watched a Tractor Ted video about making brown bread. They baked here on site our oven their own delicious brown bread. They are doing creative dancing at the centre every two weeks. They had great fun.



1st and 2nd class:

1st and 2nd class are learning about different types of food. They have learned that you should have a balanced diet, this means that you should never eat too much of the same thing. In Irish they are doing 'Ag Siopadóireacht'. They have learned lots about food and shopping!

3rd and 4th class:



3rd and 4th class have started their 'Christmas Art'. They made lovely snow globes. They are also learning about France in geography. In science, they are learning about sound. And finally in Irish they are learning about 'Ar Scoil'

5th and 6th class:

5th and 6^{th} class went to the matinee of Oliver in Mountbellow HRC, where pupils performed. It was an amazing show! 6^{th} class



visited Coláiste Mhuire in Ballygar and Coláiste an Chreagáin in Mountbellew for their open days. They really enjoyed their taster! In history they are learning about Mary Robinson. Did you know that Mary was the first lady

president of Ireland? We are learning all about fractions in Maths and we were busy debating for English. We are busy at Christmas Art, making candle displays and cribs from Clay On Monday 17th of November a K'nex Workshop visited the school. They showed us how to make helicopters, windmills, boats and cars using a motor. Most of the children made cars and had a race. We all really enjoyed the workshop.



<u>Secret Santa</u>

 3^{rd} , 4^{th} , 5^{th} and 6^{th} are doing Secret Santa within the classroom. We agreed a spend of between $\notin 5 - \notin 10$ on the gift per person.

European Week For Waste Reduction took place on the 24th to the 28th of November. During the week we tried really hard to promote the three R's, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We have sent out a letter to parents on how you can pack a waste free lunch. We had a Junk Art day on the Thursday of that week. Pupils made amazing items, by just using rubbish!

Building:

The new building is progressing well and we are really looking



forward to moving into our new classrooms soon. The school community would sincerely like to thank The Fitzmaurice Family, for their very generous donation of ground, to facilitate the school building.