

# The Malachian

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Year 8 Newsletter

## SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The SVP team is an officially linked Youth Conference group made up of students from St. Malachy's College. It was set up 14 years ago and was one of the first groups to start along with Dominican College.

There are now a total of 25 volunteers. Hans Abraham has been the president of the Youth Conference for the past four years. They meet every Thursday at break time in C14. Everyone is welcome and they would encourage new members.

This Christmas there will be a total of 45 hampers and 49 gifts. The people in the community who receive the gifts and hampers are

overwhelmed by the students' generosity. They feel undeserving and it is these people who need it the most.



The group have monthly visits to a Nursing Home on North Queen Street. The students play bingo, piano, and read poems and stories to the residents; a good old sing-song also goes down well! The boys love seeing the elderly residents so happy.

The boys also work with Barnardos. The response from the children who receive the presents is overwhelming. For so many students to be involved in buying such amazing gifts for children who are the same age as themselves is tremendous. It is definitely a reflection of the students' spirituality within the College, especially at this time of year. It is part of the ethos of St. Malachy's College and an extremely important message to share.



8A Christmas hamper collection

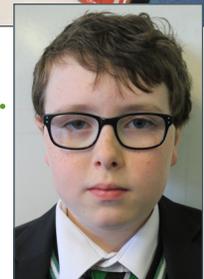
### Gloria ab Intus!

**My name is James from 8D.**

St. Vincent de Paul is a charity that helps parents at Christmas or families in difficulty. Every tutor group makes a hamper for these families. It is my first time being a part of SVP. I am really enjoying it and am very proud.

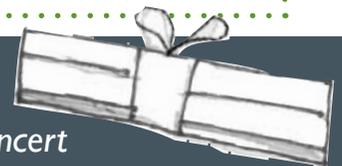
We also donate money towards a present for a child. 8D is buying gifts for a one and a half year old boy. We bought him lots of toys.

The charity is amazing and helps a lot of people enjoy Christmas.



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## TEACHER PROFILE



**Name:** Ms C Evans

**Role:** Year 8 Class Tutor

**Subject:** SEN and Geography

**Likes:** Sport, especially GAA and Liverpool FC

### What the pupils say...

'Ms Evans is a nice teacher, probably the best!' *Seamus-Og Callaghan 8B*

'Ms Evans is the best form teacher you can ask for'. *Michael McGinn 8B*

'Ms Evans is the nicest and most positive teacher!' *Joseph McCormick 8B*

# St. Malachy's Student Council

by **Thomas Leggett**

Hello my name is Thomas. I decided to run for Student Council as I thought I could make the school a better place for everyone.

In the Student Council I will put forward ideas that fellow students give me. Already I have put forward some ideas like a swimming squad.

I will work with representatives from other Year groups to ensure that any student's desires or concerns are relayed to our fellow students and teachers alike.

*Diarmuid & Thomas who sit on the St. Malachy's College Student Council.*



The Adventures of

**Wee Mal**



Breakfast Club. Shall I have some fruit?



No, I'll have a lovely croissant, that will set me up for the day!



...Now for Registration with 8A!



Today is World Book Day so we went to the College Hall to look at some fantastic books. Louis wanted to get this book...



...But I chose 'Moone Boy.' Check out his cool hat!



Then we went to visit Holy Cross Boys' Primary School. Today has been a great day!



by **Adam Quinn**

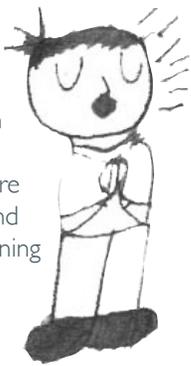
Going to **Animation Club** is a great experience for everybody. You can make films, draw, make ceramics and, of course, animate!

Everyone who goes to the Animation Club is really nice and so are the teachers, I have to thank Mr Gallagher and Mrs Collins for the great experience they give us.

## Christmas Concert

by **Louis Collins**

On the 6th December 2016 the Annual Christmas Concert takes place in the College Hall in St. Malachy's College. There will be lots of music and festive activities happening on the night. I am singing a solo piece by Benjamin Britten. It is called 'Corpus Christi Carol' and it is very creepy and scary.



I have been practicing lots with my singing teacher Mr McGrath. He is good at teaching but he says that he can't sing well; I think he's good.

I also will be playing with the Training Orchestra. We open the show and the pressure is building. We are playing the 'Four Waltzes' by Johannes Brahms. It is being conducted by Ms Lowry, the Head of Music, and we practise every Thursday after school. We are also playing 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' with the Senior Orchestra and all the teachers that play instruments. It is being conducted by Mr McBride, the Principal of the College.

I also sing in the Junior Choir. We are singing 'Sir Christmas', 'In the Bleak Mid Winter' and 'Torches'. Two of these I didn't know when we started. We practise every Wednesday at lunch time.

## T&D Animal Desk Tidy project

by **Seamus-óg Callaghan**

In **Technology and Design** my teacher is Mr McAllister. Recently we have been working on our animal desk tidy. There are different animals to choose from like a tiger, whale, dolphin, bear and swan. I decided to make a whale.

It is really exciting because after we draw out our plan we start sawing it using a coping saw. When you've done

this we file it down with a couple of different saws, and if we need to, our teacher can use a huge machine to cut edges off. Once this is done we use sand paper to get the rough bits off and soften the edges. We then drill holes to set pencils inside.

The desk tidy is really fun to make and it does take a lot of time but if you give your best, then all your hard work will pay off!

## THE CHRISTMAS LIFE

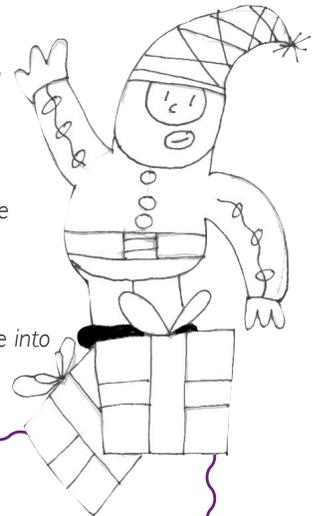
by **Eóghan Breen**

*Bring in the snow,  
Bring in the tree,  
Bring in the decorations all around me,  
Bring the Christmas life into this house.*

*Bring the presents under the tree,  
Bring the family and friends for food,  
Bring in the presents wrapped by me,*

*Bring in the happiness,  
joy and glee.*

*Bring in the Christmas  
clothes chosen by me,  
Bring in the wind of the  
freezing cold night,  
Bring in the Christmas  
market oh so bright,  
Bring the Christmas life into  
this house.*



## *The Christmas Life*

by **Shea Robinson**

*Bring in the Yankee Candle,  
Bring the music, food and wine,  
Bring the cousins, aunts and uncles,  
Bring the Christmas life into this house.  
Bring the lights and the decorations,  
Bring the laughter and the joy,*

*Bring in the games and fun,  
Bring in the love.  
Bring in the presents,  
Bring in the tree,  
Bring in cheer for all to feel,  
Bring the Christmas life into this house.*



# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

# ST. MALACHY'S POINT THE WAY AHEAD

by Patrick Doran

Today, the Year 8 Basketball team hosted Bangor Academy in a friendly basketball match in the Sports Hall. Our coach Mr McCrory had been training us hard in the lead up to this match, so we were definitely determined to win.

In the first half St. Malachy's dominated the opposition to take a 21-4 lead at the break. Strong performances from all boys helped us maintain our lead until the final whistle. We congratulated each other on a great victory and



Year 8 Basketball team

walked away with our heads held high. It was a wonderful

experience to be part of and I can't wait for the next game!

## FOOTBALL

# St. Malachy's College vs Boys' Model

St. Malachy's College 4 - 3 Boys' Model

by Jordan McNerney

My name is Jordan and I've just started Year 8 at St. Malachy's College.

I love football so I go to training with all my friends every Wednesday after school from 3.30pm to 5pm.

Around 50-60 boys go to training and only 18-22 get the chance to go out to play a match on a given day. However, everyone is guaranteed a game at some stage throughout the year.

Our coaches (Mr McStravick, Mr Burke and Pablo) are great and help us become a better team. All our after-school training paid off when we played an away match against Boys' Model.

It was expected to be a tough match, but our boys went in with a winning attitude and didn't give up, even when it went into extra time, we stayed strong and came out with a win.

Two of our fantastic goals were scored by Fintan McDaid and Diarmuid Hanna.

In the after match interview with Jay Maguire, I asked who deserved man of the match. He gave himself the title...!

Thankfully it was a clean game with no injuries. Our team felt unbelievable, and proud of their performance after the win.

## The Christmas Life

by Cian O'Connor

- Bring in the food from the Christmas market,*
- Bring the big snowman at the top of the house,*
- Bring the Advent calendar to look forward to each day,*
- Bring the Christmas life into this house.*
- Bring my warm pj's out of the drawer,*
- Bring the freezing frost and ice to slide on,*
- Bring in the amazing scent from the Christmas tree,*
- Bring in the end of the long school term.*
- Bring in the delicious chocolate goodies,*
- Bring in the sparkling decorations,*
- Bring in the early nights in bed,*
- Bring the Christmas life into this house.*

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