

Annual SVP Christmas Hamper and Shoebox Appeal



Coláiste Chú Chulainn – School of Sanctuary Journey

Each year, Coláiste Chú Chulainn proudly works in partnership with the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)** to organise our annual Christmas Hamper and Shoebox Appeal, supporting families and individuals experiencing hardship during the festive season.

This initiative is an important part of our school's commitment to kindness,

compassion, inclusion and community spirit, reflecting the values of our **School of Sanctuary journey** and our school ethos, *"Success for All."*



Through the generosity of our students, staff and wider school community, we collect food, essential household items, gifts and shoeboxes to help families in need at Christmas. Our Christmas hampers provide practical support to families, while the shoebox appeal aims to bring joy and happiness to those who may otherwise go without gifts during the festive period.

In addition to these annual collections, **last year our Student Council and Student Ambassadors organised a Christmas raffle in aid of SVP, raising almost €300 to support local families in need.** This was a wonderful example of student leadership, generosity and the positive impact our school community can have when working together.



Our partnership with SVP is particularly meaningful as part of our School of Sanctuary journey. It encourages students to develop empathy and understanding towards those



experiencing poverty, disadvantage or difficult circumstances, while reinforcing the importance of helping others regardless of their background, nationality or personal situation.

The annual appeal provides our students with an opportunity to put the values of **compassion, solidarity, equality and social responsibility** into action, demonstrating that even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

At Coláiste Chú Chulainn, we believe that creating a welcoming and inclusive school extends beyond our classrooms and into the wider community. Through our continued partnership with SVP, we aim to ensure that the spirit of Christmas is one of generosity, dignity, hope and belonging for everyone.

Together, we can make a difference – spreading kindness, supporting families and ensuring that nobody feels forgotten at Christmas.

