



**RTE applauds MCS Students, Naimh Murray who enjoys success with her first publication, *A Full Irish Christmas*.**

Moate Community School first year student Niamh Murray has recently published her first book entitled *A Full Irish Christmas*. This delightful tale of the fun and frolics enjoyed by Lucy and Conor on a night's adventure with Santa, was written by Niamh just over a year ago when in fifth class in Ms Casey's class in Ballycumber. The Offaly native, Niamh was encouraged by her teacher to pursue her obvious writing talent. As with all good children's stories, this one has a happy ending. But the happy ending is not just for the characters Lucy and Conor, Niamh has donated the profits of her book to Temple St Children's Hospital and so many other children continue to benefit from Niamh's creativity.

Some years ago Niamh had a small procedure in Temple Street. She has recently had her final check up the staff of Temple Street and while glad to be saying goodbye to hospital, is sorry to be saying farewell to the wonderful caring and dedicated staff. And so Niamh took the opportunity to show her gratitude with this generous charitable endeavour.



She has had great support from her local community, her current and previous school and her friends and family. In fact her efforts even made the national airwaves as Carla, part of the RTE crew of the children's show *News2day* interviewed Niamh and her Art teacher Yvonne Fahy recently. Yvonne and Niamh worked together to create the illustration for *A Full Irish Christmas*. The

clip, filmed in MCS last week was broadcast not only on *News2day*, but on the *SixOne News* also on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> last.

Niamh and her family have very much enjoyed this fundraising venture from its inception to date and have been very successful in raising a healthy four figure sum for this worthy cause. Niamh, of class Doire in first year in MCS, has found the experience of both writing and fundraising has found the entire experience to be enjoyable and positive. She continues to write and will continue to support Temple Street.