

St. Louis GNS



Parents' Notice Board

February 2015

Remember our Uniform!

Please remember to abide very carefully by our uniform rules. They include plain navy or black tights or socks with plain black shoes when wearing the uniform and plain blue tracksuit bottoms with ordinary runners when wearing the school track-suit. **Canterbury track-suit bottoms, converse and boot runners are not allowed.**

First Confession

This year's First Confession will take place in St. Joseph's Church at **7.20pm on Thursday, March 5th.**

Photographer

The last day for the purchase of your daughter's photographs is **Monday the 23rd of February**

Website

Log on to our website to see all the fantastic sports and competition winners

www.stlouisgns.ie

Dates to Remember

Mid Term Break **19th—20th Feb**

St. Patrick's Day—The school will be closed on **Tuesday, March 17th** but will be open on Monday, March 16th

Easter Holidays—Closing **Friday 27th March.** The school will re-open on **Monday 13th April**

The Cake Sale

The annual Cake Sale took place on Friday, February 6th and was a really great success. Congratulations to all the members of the Parents' Association who worked so hard in the lead up to the sale. The ticket sales were very successful and made loads of money for school resources. Special thanks to the parents who set the sale up on Thursday evening and to those who worked all day on Friday. We say special thanks to the Chairperson of the Parents' Association, Mrs Freda Connolly, to the secretary, Mrs Eneli O'talt and to the treasurer, Ms Louise Mc Gaughren. Thanks also to Stephen and Tracey for their help in the school. We would like to mention our gratitude to

Peace Proms

This was a great event for our two fifth classes which took place on Sunday, February 1st in the RDS in Dublin. All the girls had a great day. The concert was wonderful with an amazingly high standard of music, singing and dance. The Peace Proms Choir stole the show and according to the parents present, was spectacular for the audience to view and to listen to. Thanks to all

all the parents who donated from their businesses to make the raffle the great success that it was. Thanks also to the parents who arrived on the day to support the Sale, to those of you who bought tickets and sent in such an array of delicious food to sell. Thanks to those of you who sent in other items from your homes, to those who sent money in for the children's raffle each day and to all of you for ensuring your children had money to spend on the day. Your support of our school is always very much appreciated. We count ourselves privileged to have so many supportive and generous families attending the school. There was over €2,500 made in clear profit. What a great achievement!

the parents who travelled to the show and to all of those who got up so early on a particularly frosty Sunday morning to bring their daughter to the bus and to pick her up again on Sunday evening. Special thanks to the class teachers, Mrs Mc Geown and Mrs Toal, for preparing the girls so well for this event and to Ms Mullen and Mrs Dowd for travelling with the choir on the day.

Oral Language

The Oral Language Questionnaire

Thanks very much to the very large number of parents who completed the online Oral Language Questionnaire. We are presently collating all the information and will soon be organising Focus Groups as a follow on to further analyse the information you shared with us on the questionnaire.

Ash Wednesday

We are very grateful to Fr. Stephen Joyce for celebrating Mass with us for Ash Wednesday and for distributing ashes. Thanks especially to Mrs A Mc Kenna and her third class, and to Mrs Gilliland for organising this Mass for us.

Sports

Basketball

The Basketball Squad attended the Blitz for Large Schools in Ballybay Community College on Wednesday, February 4th. They all thoroughly enjoyed their day. They played five matches, won two, lost two and drew with Latton. The girls played very well and did the school proud. We are very grateful to the staff of the college who showed us great hospitality and Ms Aoife Mc Adam, a former member of staff who organised the blitz. The Basketball Squad included: Sian Mc Guinness, Sarah Stana, Louise Mc Ginnity, Chloe Sweeney, Jeanne Alexis, Natalia Gancarz, Hazel Mc Morrow, Kendra Fagan, Alicia Lappin, Megan O' Leary, Niamh Power, Leah Maguire and Sarah Douglas.

Handball

Congratulations to Louise Mc Ginnity from sixth class who won the Under 13 Singles Competition in the Cumann na mBunscol Handball on Wednesday, February 12th. A very special thank you to Mrs Margaret Hannon for travelling with Louise to St. Mellon's on the day. Congratulations also to Karolina Kaklauskaitė who was lucky enough to get a bye into the next round. We look forward to these two girls having even more success in the next round.

Cross-Country Runners

Mrs Treanor and Ms Brady are busy each day preparing the girls on the Cross- Country Squad for the County Competition which takes place on Wednesday, March 11th in Corracrin N.S. We wish them the very best of luck with their training and we hope they do really well at the competition. The squad will be chosen next week.

Quiz Teams

Thanks very much to Mrs Gallagher for all her work with the school quiz teams. They took part in the Credit Union Table Quiz on Friday, January 30th in the Hillgrove and in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz on Tuesday, February 3rd, also in the Hillgrove. Well done to all the girls involved: Colleen Moffet, Niamh Power, Haylie Mc Quaid, Sarah Douglas, Hazel Mc Morrow, Aoife Gavan, Aimee Peppard, Alicia Lappin, Niamh Flynn, Katie Ann Mc Quaid, Lara Mc Caughey, Cairin Mc Kenna, Neda Ivanauskaitė, Alexia Popa, Mia Kierans Flynn, Grania Curran, Sophie Mallen, Anna Mallen, Megan Prunty, Lauren Mc Enroe, Rose Mc Enaney, Orlaith Mc Nally, Eve Mc Nally, Kellie Mc Carron

Department of Children and Youth Affairs

We would like to say "Very well done" to Lara Mc Caughey and Millie-Rose Cleary Keenan who were involved in the recruitment of the new Ombudsman for Children on January 27th and 28th in association with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. Special thanks to the girls' parents for transporting them up and down to Dublin. The girls and their families were treated to an over-night stay in Dublin for their work on the project. We are very proud of their very successful involvement in this special project.

Committees

The Active Flag Committee

The girls have met and organised the two Active Flag activities for February. We were forced to cancel the January event due to the dangerous conditions in the school yard. The first event takes place took place yesterday with each class getting half an hour each of Unihoc in the school yard with Mrs Rooney. The second event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th, weather permitting. This will be an Obstacle Course Event. Well done to all the members of the Active Flag Committee for coming up with such great ideas!

The Student Council

The Council ran their very successful Art Competition recently. The closing date was Friday, February 6th. The staff was very impressed by the wonderful talent displayed by the students and the very large number of entries to the competition. There was a junior and a senior section and a 3D section also. The competition was judged by the Student Council and prizes were presented by the Council to all the winners last Friday. Watch out for the girls in the Northern Standard after the midterm.

Active Team Partnership

The ATP Children's Committee organised a very successful campaign to collect class library books for the entire school. With the help of Mrs Healy and Ms Mullen, they surveyed each class to get a list of their favourite books and then sent this list out with the last newsletter. We would like to say a very sincere thank you to all the families who donated books to this campaign. This is an example of the children doing something to help themselves and they did it very well! Thanks also to Mrs Tina Mc Kenna for cataloguing the books before their distribution to the classes next week.

Active Team Partnership Adult Committee

The partnership met on Monday, February 9th. They are presently working on the following:

- Changing the Maths Challenge to Maths Puzzles
- Further development of the Meet and Greet Campaign
- The organisation of Anti-Bullying Week
- The development of further Maths resources for second and third class
- Keeping the School Annals

Happy Mid-Term Break