

St. Louis G.N.S.

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Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

Happy New Year to you all!

Christmas in St. Louis G.N.S.

Once again we had a wonderful pre-Christmas season, with great excitement and activity in the school. We would like to express our sincere thanks to you all for the marvellous support you showed for our Christmas events. Thank you to the 5th and 6th class parents who turned out in such great numbers for our Christmas Concert, to all those who sent in food parcels for our Food Appeal, to those who went to Flemings to watch our 5th class choir sing and gave donations on the day. We raised a total of €255, which Mrs Gallagher presented to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We had a lovely Christmas Assembly in the hall on the afternoon of December 21st when Miss Deery's 5th class staged the Nativity Story and the senior girls performed items from their concert. Finally, our festivities finished up on the morning of the holidays with a visit from Santa who gave sweets to all the girls.

Cake Sale

The Parents' Association is holding its Annual Cake Sale on Friday 10th February. If you are in a position to sponsor a prize for the Cake Sale raffle, we would very much appreciate it. Please contact Tracey to let her know by this Wednesday, 25th. Also, please send in to the office any unwanted gifts or good -as-new toys **only** to sell to the children on the day. Finally, the members of the Parents' Association need help on the evening before the Cake Sale to set up and also on the day itself. If you are available on either Friday 10th or the evening of Thursday 9th, please give Tracey a call.

**THE
CAKE
SALE**

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th Feb—Peace Proms Concert, RDS, Dublin

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th Feb—Photographer coming to the school

Friday 10th February-Cake Sale

Thursday and Friday 23rd and 24th February—Mid - Term Break

Thursday 9th March-First Confession

Saturday 29th April—First Holy Communion

Saturday 20th May—

Enrolment for September

St. Louis Infant School are enrolling new pupils all this week and their Open Day is Thursday 26th January.

We will be enrolling into second class next week. Please let your friends and relations who have girls in first class know. If you have a daughter in first class, she will have an enrolment form home on Monday next, 30th to be returned by Friday 3rd February.



St. Mary's Boys' School will also be enrolling into second class in the coming

Debating

Having won their first debate before Christmas, our debating team are currently working hard to prepare for their next encounter. They will meet a team from St. Dymphna's N.S., Tydavnet on Tuesday next, 31st January. This time they will be proposing the motion that "Primary School children do not need to have a mobile phone." We wish Miss Deery and the girls the

Table Quizzes.

The Annual Credit Union Table Quiz takes place on **Friday, 27th January** in The Hillgrove Hotel. Our selected teams are working very hard to prepare for this special event under the guidance of Mrs Gallagher. The Cumann na mBunscol Table Quiz will be held on Tuesday 7th February.



Handball

Congratulations to Juste, one of our 6th class pupils, who is the new Under 13 Singles Handball Champion in Co. Monaghan! Juste emerged as the winner in a tightly-fought tie-breaker against her Harps' club mate, Karolina, in Truagh on 21st December. Juste's victory means that she will now represent her county in the Ulster Championships to be held at the end of January. Juste also took part in a Gael Linn Mixed Competition in Truagh recently, securing an Ulster Title and qualifying for the All-Ireland Competition on January 29th. She will play in the first round of the Cumann na mBunscol competition this Wednesday. Good luck Juste in all your forthcoming matches.



Peace Proms Practice



We are extremely proud of our 5th and 6th class girls who travelled to Swords, Dublin, on Wednesday 18th January to attend a practice for the upcoming Peace Proms Concert. The teachers were delighted with their behaviour on the day and said they excelled in their singing and dance moves. Thanks to their teachers: Mrs McGeown, Miss Deery, Mrs Coyle and Miss. Holland for preparing them so well for this event. Thanks too to Mrs Dowd for accompanying them on the day. The actual Peace Proms Concert takes place on Sunday 5th February and we look forward to seeing some of you there.

Student Council

The student council meet with Mrs Farrell to develop various ideas that might support the work being done in the school. In order to stimulate our pupils' interest in reading, the council members have come up with the following suggestions:

1. A box to be kept in every class where girls can put spare/unwanted books from home to be used in the classroom library.
2. DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read) in every class on Fridays.
3. A Book Review Competition where the winner from each class will have her



Basketball

Basketball lessons for 5th and 6th class pupils will continue as usual on Wednesday evenings, facilitated by St. Louis Secondary TY students and supervised by Mrs Cunningham and Miss Holland. We will soon be selecting a squad of girls to represent the school at a Primary Schools' Basketball Blitz to be held on Friday 12th February. Miss McNally will co-ordinate the preparation for this event.



Health Promoting School

Following on from the success of their Positive Mental Health Week, our HPS committee, guided by Mrs Treanor and Miss Brady, are planning to run a Friendship Week from 13th to 17th February. They will be organising various activities to be held over the course of the week which will help our pupils to make new friendships and to care for the friends they already have. David McCague, our Family-Home Liaison Officer, will deliver anti-cyber bullying workshops to some of our classes during the same week.

Active Flag

Mrs Hannon and the committee members are aiming to promote handball in our school. Mrs Hannon has been working with the class teachers to run handball sessions, showing basic handball skills and techniques to the girls. The committee is running a Handball Skills Competition during the next three weeks and there will be a prizewinner in each class. The members are also organising a rota for handball, basketball and hula hoop practice at break times.



Action Team Partnership

The committee members have been working on the following goals for this term:

Curricular:

- A booklet with "Tips for Parents" to help you with your children's reading homework and to support you in encouraging your children to read for pleasure has gone out to all our families today.
- A weekly "Word Conundrum Challenge" will be given to all our classes.

Behavioural:

- The children are being encouraged to do Mindful Colouring during wet playtime while listening to calming instrumental music.

