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*St Louis GNS*

*Newsletter*

*Happy New Year !*

*January 2015*

## **Parents' Notice Board**

### Christmas in St. Louis GNS

We had a wonderful pre-Christmas period with so many festive and charity events which were all a super success. We are very proud of the girls' participation on every occasion, and their hard work and dedication to each one.

Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> class girls and teachers on a wonderful performance at the Hallelujah Concert and the 5<sup>th</sup> class girls and teachers on an amazing Christmas Concert and a really successful Peace Proms practice in Tal-laght. Very well done to Mrs Treanor's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class on presenting the Story of the Nativity to us so professionally at the Christmas Assembly. Special congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class girls on their wonderful Acrobatics Display co-ordinated by Mrs Flynn and Mrs Walker, and to Mrs Gallagher and the 5<sup>th</sup> class girls on great performances for the Big Switch On and Carol Singing in Flemings. Thanks very much to all the members of the support staff who helped at all the events.

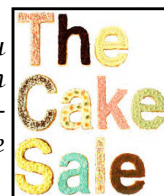
A huge thank you goes from the entire staff to all of you parents for supporting the Recycling Collection, the St. Vincent de Paul collection, the special collection for Ryan Brennan, the Market Stall organised by Ms Mullen and Silly Tie Day.

Thanks also to Santa for dropping in with lots of presents on December 19<sup>th</sup>!

### The Cake Sale

Preparations are well under way for our annual Cake Sale which takes place on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. We are presently collecting toys (unbroken), books, pictures, DVD/CDs, computer games / gadgets, ornaments, games, jigsaws, jewellery, bags, hats, unwanted gifts, and musical instruments.

If you have any of these items at home, please send them into your child's class teacher as soon as you can. Also, if you are in a position to sponsor a prize for the Cake Sale raffle, particularly if you are in business, we would very much appreciate it. Please contact Tracey about this by tomorrow, Thursday, at the very latest. Finally, the members of the Parents' Association need help the evening before the Cake Sale to set up and to help them on the day. If you can help, please give Tracey a call.



The Cake Sale is one of only two major fund-raisers we run each year. The proceeds are essential to enable the school to provide extra activities for all our students. They also serve to enhance the teaching and learning in each classroom by providing extra resources and allowing the school the opportunity to access outside skills and expertise. We very much appreciate any help you can give us.

The School Photographer visits this year on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will send out a reminder in advance.

### Opening Days for Secondary Schools

#### Beech Hill College

The staff of Beech Hill College have very generously invited all the girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class to see their production of "Once Upon a Time". 6<sup>th</sup> class went on Tuesday and 5<sup>th</sup> class today, and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the principal and staff of Beech Hill for the invite and the delicious refreshments.

#### Open Days-St. Louis Secondary School and Colaiste Oiriall

Sixth class parents and students are all cordially invited to the Open Evening in St. Louis Secondary School on 15<sup>th</sup> of January from 6.30-9.30 pm. The presentation will take place in Halla St. Louis at 8.00pm.

Colaiste Oiriall is having an Open day this Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10.00am to 2.30pm and there is an Enrolment Evening on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

### Oral Language Questionnaire

Each class completed the online Oral Language Questionnaire with the help of Philip, our I. T. co-ordinator. We are now asking you to take a few minutes to complete the Parents' Questionnaire. Go to the website at [www.stlouisgns.ie](http://www.stlouisgns.ie) and click on the Self-Evaluation tab at the top of the page to find the survey. We thank you in advance for helping us with this.

### The Active Flag Committee

The girls are working hard to organise a series of events, one each month between now and June to ensure that we maintain the school's Active Flag status. They have come up with a list of dance events and tournaments which we are sure they will thoroughly enjoy.

### Anti-Bullying

Everyone is working very hard on the new Anti Bullying Campaign and the girls are learning lots about the effects of bullying and how important it is to really understand what it is. A survey will be conducted in each class this week and the guidelines of the Anti-Bullying Policy with interviews and contracts will be followed next week. This policy was presented at the Parents' Association AGM in September and has been ratified by the BOM. If you have any queries or concerns, or would like to see a copy of the policy, please contact the office.

### The Student Council

The Council is presently compiling a series of activities and events to support the work being done in the school. They are coming up with their own ideas to enhance their learning and to become a real part of it themselves. So far, they have suggested a Friendship Post, an Open Mic opportunity and an art competition.

### Active Team Partnership

The student ATP team is presently collecting books requested by the children to add to each classroom library. A list for each class is compiled and is attached to this newsletter. If you have any of the books on the list at home, and they have been already read, we will really appreciate you donating them to the school. The more library books we have, the more reading opportunities the girls have, so please support us. Thanks to all the girls on the committee, and to Mrs Healy and Ms Mullen for organising the collection. Every book collected will be catalogued by Mrs T. Mc Kenna before distribution to the classroom libraries.

### Basketball

Congratulations to the Basketball Squad which was chosen on Monday. Preparation is beginning this week for the annual blitz on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. We wish the girls the best of luck and say congratulations to them on making the squad. Thanks to Mrs T. Mc Kenna for supervising the basketball every Monday. They are: Sian Mc Guinness, Sara 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



### Football

Congratulations also to the Football Squad which was chosen last week. They will begin training shortly for upcoming events. Thanks to Katie O' Connor for all her work with the squad. The girls chosen were: Sophie Callen, Leah Maguire, Louise Mc Ginnity, Sara Stana, Niamh Power, Grania Curran, Jeanne Alexis, Kendra Fagan, Megan O' Leary, Sian Mc Guinness, Elly Lou Bradley, Sophie Daly, Niamh Flynn, Hazel Mc Morrow and Mia Flynn

### RSA

The "Check it Fits" Service is a full-time free expert service which aims to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.

They will be visiting;

Flemings, Monaghan tomorrow, Thursday, 15th January, from 10am to 5.30pm & SuperValu, Castleblaney this Friday, 16th January from 10am to 5.30pm

### Dates to Remember

Tuesday, February 3rd - Photographer

Friday, Feb 6th - Cake Sale

### The Peace Proms

The fifth class girls are very excited about attending their first Peace Proms in the RDS, Dublin on Sunday Feb 1st. They have been working hard to practise with their teachers. We wish them the very best of luck and a really great time.



### Credit Union Table Quiz

The annual Credit Union Table Quiz takes place on **Friday, 30th January** in The Hillgrove Hotel. Our selected teams are working very hard to prepare for this special event under the guidance of Mrs Gallagher.