

# St. Louis GNS



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## Dates to Remember

Easter Holidays—Closing **Friday 27th March** at 2-45pm. The school will re-open on **Monday 13th April**.

**Action Team Partnership Meeting**—20th April at 7pm

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Entrance Assessments for St. Louis Secondary, Colaiste Oirail, Beech Hill College**—Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Anti-Bullying Week**—20th to 24th April

**Recycling Collection**—Wednesday, 13th May

## Sacramental Dates

**First Holy Communion-Saturday**, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in St. Macartan's Cathedral at 11-00am

**Ceremony of Light for Confirmation**-Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Macartan's Cathedral at 7-30pm

**Confirmation**—Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> in St. Macartan's Cathedral at 11-00am

## Sympathy

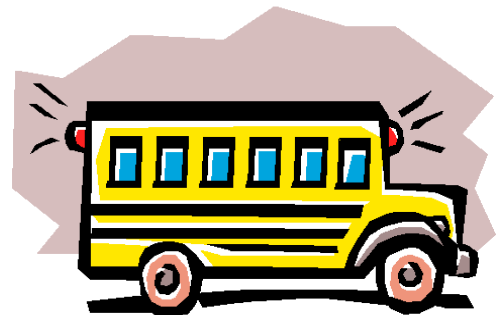
We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Stephen Fanning, our caretaker, on the recent death of his father, Mr. Tommie Fanning. May he rest in peace.

## Parents' Notice Board

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## Parents' Association

We very much appreciate the generosity of our Parents' Association. They donated €1000 to the school, proceeds of the Cake Sale, to help us purchase art materials for the classrooms and to pay for transport to school events for the girls. They need your support for tomorrow's Sponsored Walk to continue to provide these school resources which we could not afford otherwise. **Please send in a donation and join in our walk tomorrow at 12-30pm. It will only take about 45 minutes to complete and light refreshments will be served immediately afterwards.**



## An Céilí Mór

Our annual Céilí took place on Thursday and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the dancing, singing, instrumentals and in particular, the amazing performances by each class level. Míle buíochas le Gerard and Sonny, our wonderful dance teachers and to the Céilí co-ordinator Mrs Gallagher for all her hard work to make the Céilí the great success that it was. Thanks also to Sr. Mary Clerkin for accompanying

the singing and to the teachers and all the girls for their enthusiasm and dedication. Finally, special thanks to Mrs Irene Flynn for her expert choreography of the dance routines.



## First Confession

Congratulations to all the second class girls who made their First Confession on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Joseph's Church. Special thanks to Ms Brady, Ms O' Reilly and Fr. Paddy Mc Ginn for the beautiful ceremony and all the preparation in advance.

## Sports

### **Be Active**

The final Be Active session for second class took place last Monday from 3-4pm. Thanks very much to Mrs Anne Mc Kenna and Mrs Farrell for their help with this programme and to all the second class parents who assisted us.

### **Basketball**

The final basketball lesson also took place last Monday. A big thank you to Mrs Tina Mc Kenna for supervising the lessons, and to the Transition Year students in St. Louis Secondary School together with Ms Vera O' Brien for facilitating this programme between the two schools.



### **Handball**

Congratulations to Karolina Kaklauskaitė and Louise Mc Ginnity who both won the Ulster Finals in the recent Cumann na Bun-scol competition in Saval, Co. Down, and were privileged to play in the All-Ireland finals last weekend in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan. We are very proud of both these girls and their amazing achievements in handball. Special thanks to Mrs Hannon and Mrs Tina Mc Kenna who travelled to Co. Down with the girls and to the Mc Ginnity family for their help and support with these competitions.

### **Gaelic**

The squad are eagerly training for the upcoming Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic competition. We are very grateful to Mr. Paul Mc Geown for giving of his time on a voluntary basis to coach the team. Congratulations to the girls who are working so hard to improve their skills.



### **Cross Country Competition**

Congratulations to our squad who took part in the running competition in Corracrin on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. It was an extremely tough course but the girls were not put off and fought hard to be winners narrowly missing being placed. We were very proud of their performance and we say a big thank you to Mrs Róisín Treanor and Ms Anne Brady for all their work to train the girls in advance and to look after them on the day of the competition. The members of the squad are: Kendra Fagan, Megan O' Leary, Ciona Barry, Ewelina Smietana, Hazel Mc Morrow, Sophie Callan. Sophie Mallon, Aleksandra Woznika and Ivona Lebed.

### **Gymnastics**

Special congratulations to Mrs Irene Flynn and Mrs Olivia Walker (second class parent) for organising the Monaghan Community Games Gymnastics event in the school on Tuesday evening, and for the many, many hours of training put into the event in advance. The standard was very high and amazing to watch. Congratulations to the winners from our school: Eliza Naklicka, Millie-Rose Cleary Keenan, Deimante Jurkute, Lea Nguyen Danh, Stephanie Gaffney, Erika Sarkniovaite, Deimante Pudziavaite and Ciona Barry.



## World Book Day

Congratulations to the winners of the World Book Day art competition: Ella Curley, Evelina Germacane, Toma Zakauskaitė, Caitríona Gallagher, Emma Cooney, Evelina Markauskaitė, Samanta Lapina, Alicia Nmezi, Amanda Jarakaite and Colleen Mofat. To celebrate the day, special book tokens were distributed, second and third class visited Easons Book Shop and a special hour of silent reading was held. We wish to thank the staff and management of Easons and Flemings for their generosity to the school and very special thanks to Mrs Tina Mc Kenna who co-ordinated all the events.

**Have a wonderful Easter holiday, a great rest and lots of sunshine, fun and chocolate!**

## Committees

### **The Active Flag Committee**

Congratulations to the girls on the committee who have now organised three Active events, Unihoc on February 18<sup>th</sup>, an Obstacle Course on February 25<sup>th</sup> and a Soccer event on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We are all looking forward to Gaelic in April, relays in May and a disco in June!

### **The Student Council**

The council is busy manning the Friendship Posts and organising an English and Irish Poetry competition. The results will be announced just before the holidays.

### **Health Promoting Schools**

This committee held their first meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Co-ordinated by Mrs Treanor and Ms Brady, the members are Fiona O' Gara (parent), Margaret Mc Cullagh (parent), Ms Monica Mc Crory (Co-ordinator-HSE) and students-Gabija Ragaliauskyte (5<sup>th</sup> class), Gránia Curran (5<sup>th</sup> class), Rhiain Ronaghan (3<sup>rd</sup> class) and Orlaith Mc Nally (4<sup>th</sup> class). We thank all the committee members for taking on this project and look forward to working with them after the holidays.

The committee have prepared a staff and pupil questionnaire which will be completed after the Easter holidays and have organised to keep the school community updated with a special notice-board and information on newsletters and on the school's website.

## Mí na Gaeilge

Bhí gach duine sa scoil ag caint as Gaeilge ar feadh na míosa. Everyone has been making a great effort to Bí ag caint as Gaeilge over the past month and we congratulate the girls on their enthusiasm for our native language. Prizes will be awarded today to the girl who made the very best effort in each class. Maith sibh a chailíní agus buíochas le Bean Uí Ghallchóir a d'eagraigh an mhí go léir agus na brontanais do na cailíní.

### **Gaeilge sa Rang**

Thanks very much to the 6<sup>th</sup> year girls from St. Louis Secondary School who came to practise Oral Gaeilge with our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes on Tuesday. Bhain gach duine sult agus taitneamh as an ócáid speisialta seo. Special thanks to Mr. David Mc Cague and Mrs Deirdre Martin (St. Louis Secondary School) for organising this event.

