

# St. Louis GNS

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[www.stlouisgns.ie](http://www.stlouisgns.ie)

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Educational and

Fun Resources

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## Sponsored Walk

Our Parents' Association held their Annual Sponsored Walk on Friday 6th May. As it proved such a success last year, this year's walk was also held on a school day, which meant all our pupils were able to take part. Proceedings began at 12.30pm when we all gathered in the front playground, ready to set off. We were joined by some parents along the way. We followed a new route this year: out the Green Way, up the Glen Road, onto the Broad Road, through the Roundabout car park and back to the school. We were absolutely blessed with a glorious day as the sun beamed down on us for the full duration of the walk. On arrival back at the school, each girl received a drink and a bag of crisps. Then the winners of the Sponsored Walk Colouring Competition were announced. There were 3 winners in every class, making a total of 27 and each was presented with an Easter egg from the members of the Parents' Association. Great praise is due to all the members of the PA for their excellent organisation of the event. Thanks also to the parents and relatives who came out and joined us on the day. We are very grateful too to all those who supported us financially by sponsoring the children for this event and we are proud to say that we raised over €2,000 for school resources. Very well done to all concerned!

## Dates to remember

**Tuesday 31st May and Wed 1st**

**June**—Catch-up Days for Standardised Tests

**Friday 3rd June**— School Closed for In-service Training for staff

**Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th**

**June**—School closed for June Bank Holiday Weekend

**Wednesday 8th—Friday 10th**

**June**—Anti-Bullying week

**Thursday 9th June** - Open Evening for new second classes

**Tuesday 28th June**—School closes for summer (half day—12.30)

## Confirmation

Congratulations to all the sixth class girls who made their Confirmation on Saturday 14th May. The weather was absolutely beautiful and the girls did us proud with their excellent behaviour. Sincere thanks to Mrs Niamh Coyle and Ms Rosemary Holland for ensuring that the girls were perfectly prepared. Thanks also to Fr. Stephen Joyce for his guidance and support and to Mrs Hannon and Mrs Dowd who assisted on the day.



## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the second class girls who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30th. The girls were really wonderful on the day and we were extremely proud of them. Special thanks to Ms Anne Brady and Ms Una O'Reilly for all their work in preparing for the ceremony. Thank also to Ms Irene Flynn and Mr Stephen Fanning for their help with the First Communion trees, to Fr. Stephen Joyce and Ms Claudine Marron for their support and assistance and to Mrs Anne Healy for her wonderful floral arrangements. Well done to Mrs Gallagher and the girls from 4th and 5th class who sang beautifully in the choir and thanks to Mrs Hannon and Mrs Dunlop for their help on the day.

## Special Thanks

We are very grateful to the members of the Parents Association who helped with the distribution of booklets at our sacramental occasions—Mrs Claire Sheridan and Mr Matthew Mc Enaney at First Holy Communion and Mrs Eneli Otsalt at the Confirmation.

## May Assembly

Mrs Treanor's 3rd and 4th class prepared a lovely assembly about the life of Mary Our Mother and presented it to the whole school on Friday 13th May. They included drama, song, poetry and mime to make the stories of Mary come alive for us all.

## SPORTS

### Gaelic

The Gaelic Squad took part in the Cumann na mBunscol League which involved playing four matches against schools from all over the county. It was a tough undertaking but the girls battled bravely and gave their best performance in their last match against Castleblaney. Many thanks to Miss Rachel Mc Nally for coaching the team and to Mr Colm Mc Kenna of St. Mary's Boys' NS for allowing us to use the Boys' pitch for our home matches.



### Active Flag News

Our **Active Flag Committee** is busy preparing for our upcoming assessment as part of the process for renewing our Active Flag. They have planned an Active Week starting today, 30th May, which includes a wide variety of fun activities, culminating in Sports Day and an Active Assembly on Thursday. Many thanks to Mrs Hannon and Miss O'Reilly for their tireless work in steering this committee.

### Gymnastics

On Friday last, 27th May, our Gymnastic Squad put on a marvellous display for the entire school. This was a wonderful opportunity for the squad to showcase their agility and talent. They had been practising hard for the past month, under the guidance of their coach, Mrs Flynn and their great effort really paid off. They also performed on Thursday for their parents and for the pupils and teachers from 1st class in St. Louis Infant School. Well done to all the squad members: Deimante Jurkute, Niamh McGuinness, Mia Doran, Hannah Pourrani, Millie Rose Cleary Keenan, Enya McConnon McMahon, Niamh McElwain, Aimee Mc Cruden, Daisy Walker, Stephanie Gaffney, Grania Curran, Lea Nguyen Danh and Mia Kierans Flynn.

Thanks to Mrs Flynn for preparing the display and for currently facilitating 6 weeks of gymnastic lessons for our two second classes.

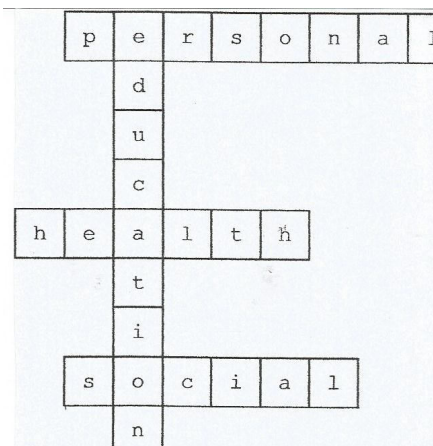
### ALCIS Project

Mrs Cunningham's 4th class have completed 4 weeks of the ALCIS Fitness Project. This is a keep-fit programme for school children which is facilitated by instructors from Monaghan's Coral Leisure Centre. We are grateful to Ciarán Murtagh for organising this initiative for our pupils.

### SPHE

The **Action Team Partnership Committee** has been looking at ways to support the school's focus on SPHE. The members have decided to help improve our understanding of the subject:

#### What is SPHE?



SPHE includes the following programmes:

**Social Education:** Anti-Bullying Campaign  
Celebrating Diversity  
Media Awareness

**Personal Education:** Friends for Life  
Stay Safe  
Mindfulness

**Health Education:** Healthy Eating  
Oral Hygiene  
Personal Hygiene

### Skipping Competition

Mrs Hannon and **The Active Flag Committee** organised a skipping competition during the month of May. The finals are taking place today and the winners will be announced later in the week.



### Mobile Music Machine

On Tuesday 17th May the renowned Mobile Music Machine came to St. Louis. Our 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes were treated to an hour of stunning classical music played by a professional quartet. They learned about some famous composers and listened to their work.

