



# St. Louis GNS

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## Website

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**www.stlouisgns.ie**

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## Positive Mental Health Week

This week we are celebrating Positive Mental Health in St. Louis GNS. We begin each morning with a positive thought for the day read out by one of the girls on the Health Promoting Schools' Committee. All classes are taking part in a variety of activities to help boost mood and self-esteem, including: walk and talk trails, mindfulness sessions led by Vilte Zakarauskaite, yard mix-up at break times, mindful colouring in the classroom and lots of other fun assignments. We are very grateful to Mrs Treanor, Ms Brady and the members of the HPS Committee for organising this wonderful week for us all. 

Committee members are: 6th Class: Aoife Fitzgerald & Daisy Walker, 5th Class: Amina Gecaite & Leah Ward. 4th Class: Vilte Zakarauskaite & Erin McKenna 3rd:Class: Christy Ogbedeagu. 2nd Class: Emma Jane McDonald & Alexandra Karkut.

## Important Dates for your diary:

### Presidential Election

- **School closed for polling on Friday 26th October**

### Mid-Term Break:

- Closed on Friday 26th October
- Reopening Monday 5th November

### Parent/Teacher Meetings:

- **Wed. 28th & Thurs. 29th November**

## October Charity Fundraiser

Our annual charity fundraiser will take place tomorrow, Thursday 25th. We are having a Dress-Up Day and the girls are asked to bring in €2 each. They can wear a Halloween costume, pyjamas or any dress-up outfit to school. This year all proceeds will go to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland.



## Traditional Music Concert

On Tuesday 16th October, to mark the Tradoodle Festival in Monaghan, the whole school was treated to a concert by the traditional Irish music group, "Rolling Waves." As well as performing a variety of Irish tunes for us, the trio encouraged the children to join in with body percussion and singing. They explained about the different musical instruments and taught the beats of the jig and reel. It was a wonderful afternoon of learning and entertainment for all. We would like to thank our Parents' Association for funding this memorable treat for all our pupils.



## Parents' Association News

Our Parents' Association held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd. Treasurer, Dermot Coyle presented the statement of accounts, while Patricia Mc Elwain gave a summary of the committee's work over the past year and read a message from outgoing Chairperson, Claire Sheridan. Mrs Farrell thanked the committee members for their tireless work and for their much-needed fundraising. Guest speaker on the night was FSLO, David Mc Cague, who showed the new SPHE video resource to those present and also delivered a comprehensive talk on helping children to cope with anxiety.

The PA held another meeting on Wednesday 17th October and were delighted to welcome 7 new members! The following committee is in place for 2018/19: Chairperson: Carmel Duffy, Vice-Chair: Karen Prunty, Treasurer: Dermot Coyle, Vice-Treasurer: Patricia Mc Elwain, Secretary: Pearl O' Brien and Vice-Secretary: Lorna Connolly. Members: Sabrina Mc Cooley, Jacqueline Sheridan, Barbara Regiec, Magdalena Gracz, Lynne Murphy and Luciano Ferreira. **They are planning to run their first fundraiser, a Flag Day on Friday 7th December and will welcome help. We will be in touch with you after the Mid-term about this.**



# HALLOWEEN



### School Mass

Our annual mass to mark the start of the new school year was held on Friday 5th October. Fr Paddy Mc Ginn our new school chaplain was the celebrant. Special thanks to Mrs Gallagher who co-ordinated the preparation, including the singing and to Mrs Cunningham who provided the instrumental music. The girls were excellently behaved and took part in the celebration with great reverence.

### World War II Exhibition in the Museum

During the months of September and October many of our classes have visited the Monaghan Museum to see the World War II Exhibition, "The Spitfire." They learned that World War II was fought on the ground and in the air, whereas World War I was fought on the ground only. They saw a replica of a bomb used during the war. They also got to try on the uniforms that the soldiers wore and to hold some of the guns used during the war.

We are very grateful to Pauline Tilson of the Museum staff for facilitating these visits and to Mrs Treanor who organises them for our classes.



### CASE Project

Our two 5<sup>th</sup> classes have been selected to participate in a programme of Collaborative and Shared Education (CASE) during this school year. This is a programme funded by Léargas and it is the first year in which some Monaghan schools are involved. We are partnered with St Mary's Boys' School and Urbleshanny N.S.

Over the course of the year our 5<sup>th</sup> class girls will meet up once a month with the 5<sup>th</sup> classes in the partner schools and together they will have lessons in Lego We Do which will cover areas of Science, Engineering and Technology. Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Mone will be helping to facilitate the lessons with teachers from the other two schools.

### Basketball

Basketball is continuing every Monday evening for 5th and 6th class girls in St. Louis Secondary School PE Hall. It is facilitated by a team of Transition Year students and supervised by Ms. Holland, Mrs Cunningham and Ms. Reilly on a rota basis. We are very grateful to Ms. Vera O'Brien, Principal, and Mr. Adrian Fitzgerald, TY Co-ordinator, of St. Louis Secondary School, for providing this opportunity for our girls and to the students and teachers who are facilitating it.

### HSE Be Active Programme

The HSE Be Active Programme continues for second class only each Monday from 3-4pm. The girls need to remember to wear their track-suits and take a little extra lunch and drink on Mondays. Thanks to Mrs Hannon, Ms. McNally and Mrs McKenna for facilitating this programme with Mrs Farrell.



### Swimming Gala

Well done to Eimear Duffy and Ava Murphy, 4th class, who represented the school at the Ulster Schools Championship Gala in Bangor last Saturday. The girls had a great day and received a gift of a towel each for taking part. Special thanks to Eimear's mother, Carmel and Ava's father, Ronan for accompanying the girls on the day.



### Halloween Safety Talk

**STAY SAFE!**  
Halloween Safety Tips



On Monday last our 5th and 6th class girls had a talk on Halloween Safety delivered by Brenda Maxwell of the NYP and Garda Paul Olliphant.

### Gaelic GoBlitz

A selection of 4th class girls have been chosen to take part in a "Go Games Football Blitz" tomorrow, the 25th in Cloghan GAA Grounds. Ms Mc Nally has been preparing these girls for the blitz and Ms Reilly will accompany them on the day.

The team consists of: Jasmine Coyle, Ava Murphy, Katie Mc Mahon, Holly Walker, Angel Ogbedeagu, Katie Rose Mc Mullan, Erin Mc Kenna, Eimear Duffy, Julija Farenuka, Sienna Mc Dermott, Paulina Chasanovaite, and Alesha Cawley.

Best of luck girls!



### 6th Class Activities

Our 6th class girls travelled to the Garage Theatre on October 16th to see the Beech Hill TY musical, Oklahoma. They are also invited to a Drumming Workshop in St. Louis Secondary School tomorrow morning. 6th class is always a very busy, action-packed year!



## Maths Week

Maths Week this year ran from Monday 15th to Friday 19th of October and we have extended it into this week as well. All classes are taking part in a variety of Maths-related activities organised by Ms. Brady, including a Maths Challenge Competition and Maths Trails for Junior and Senior classes. The winners of the Maths Challenge Competition will be announced on Thursday and their names will be printed in our November Newsletter.



# Student Committees



## Green Schools Committee

Our new Green Schools' Committee for 2018/19 has been elected. The members have met with Ms Brady and Mrs Treanor and have been assigned their jobs on a rotational basis. We are continuing to work towards the acquisition of our Water Flag this year. Each class is currently undertaking curricular work on the theme of water pollution and will cover other water-related topics throughout the year.



The committee members include: Nia Reji, Kalleen Cawley, Elinga Mukasejevait, Leah Sheridan, Adrija Taulovica, Hayden Toal, Katie Mc Mahon, Wiktoria Obara, Linara Valtauryte, Jasmine Coyle, Melanija Trepenska, Eivina Bilkeviciute, Aiste Ruchleviciute, Eadaoin Mc Corry, Jessie Cleary Keenan, Emma Mc Cann, Alanna Mc Kenna, Aoife Devlin, Niamh Mc Elwain and Mia Butaviciute.

## Action Team Partnership

The adult committee met on 9th October and set the following goals for this year:

### Academic Areas:

#### **1. SESE: Environmental Awareness & Care (Water Flag)**

Design a new wall display for the front hall on the theme of water.  
Use rainwater collected in the water butt to water plants/flowers.

#### **2. Oral Language:**

Draft a Tips Booklet for parents on how to help children with their oral language at home.

### Behavioural Goal

**To help improve the quality of the children's play during breaktime:**

Brainstorm ideas with the children's committee for developing the junior playground.  
Children's committee to teach playground games to the 2nd & 3rd classes.

### Climate of Partnership: to develop community links & make the school a more welcoming place

Further develop our links with the Senior Citizens' "Tuesday Club" in Teach na Daoine.  
Source a child-friendly First Aid course for senior pupils  
Punctuality Drives in November & May.

**Adult Committee:** Bernie Farrell, David Mc Cague, Rosemary Holland, Anne Healy, Magda Gracz, Pauline Hall, Blaithin Ronaghan and Maeve Hackett.

**Children's Committee:** Emilia Gil, Lauren Mc Kenna, Karina Visockyte, Caragh Morgan, Rebecca Connolly, Alesha Cawley, Angel Ogbedeagu, Melisa Rutkauskas, Clodagh Smyth, Ella Connolly and Ella Lappin.

## Active Flag Committee

Mrs Hannon and the Active Flag Committee Members continue to ensure that our pupils keep active and healthy during break times. They promote hula hooping, skipping and handball in the junior yard each day and also organise handball, basketball, football and skipping in the senior playground.

They would like to encourage as many of our pupils as possible to take part in the Rossmore Parkrun which takes place every Saturday morning at 9.30 am.

The committee members are: Beth Mc Guirk Millar, Faye Murphy, Clodagh McKenna, Lia Toal, Greta Antimonovaite, Natalie Connolly, Sienna Mc Dermott, Rhianna Bell, Eliza Naklicka, Willow Fitzpatrick



## Student Council

The new student council has met with Mrs Farrell and the members are deciding on some initiatives for this term. They intend to run a Pottery/3-D Competition for all classes after the mid-term break. This year's student council members are: Isabelle Duffy Preece, Love God Ferreira, Alisija Dunauska, Siomha Ronaghan, Maggie Clerkin, Inna Dimitrova, Ava Hall, Aoibheann Mc Clave, Mia Duffy, Evelina Jermacane, and Leah Kumar.



