



St. Louis G.N.S.

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*Wishing you peace and happiness at Christmas
and in 2019 from the Board of Management and
Staff of St. Louis G.N.S.*



Holiday Arrangements for Christmas



School will close for a **half day at 12.25 pm** tomorrow, 21st of December. Please ensure you make arrangements for your children to be collected at this time.

School will re-open on **Monday 7th January 2019**

Christmas Events

Toys for Tusla

On Thursday, November 29th, our 2nd classes performed at a charity event in the Four Seasons Hotel which was aimed at collecting new toys for local children in need. The girls performed a beautiful medley of Christmas songs, complete with actions and instrumental music. They were rewarded with drinks of hot chocolate and sweet treats galore! Many thanks to Miss Brady and Miss Reilly who prepared the girls for the occasion and to all our second class parents who turned out in such great numbers to support the girls.

Advent Assembly

Mrs Mc Geown's class prepared an Advent Assembly and presented it to the whole school on Friday 7th December. The girls explained about the Advent Wreath and helped us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas and how to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Interdenominational Carol Service

Our 5th class choir took part in a special interdenominational service held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 11th December. They sang two beautiful Christmas carols for the congregation and we were very proud of their performance. Sincere thanks to Mrs Gallagher who prepares this choir for all their choral events.

Schools' Carol Service

St. Joseph's Church was packed to capacity on Thursday night, 13th December, for the Schools' Christmas Carol Service. Our 5th class choir joined with choirs from St. Louis Infant and St. Mary's Boys' Schools in a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story through music and readings. We are grateful to Mrs Gallagher, Mrs McCarville and Mrs Deeney for preparing the children for this occasion, to the musicians who provided the accompaniment and to Fr. Leo Creelman for all his assistance.

Christmas Assembly

Mrs. Cunningham's 4th class performed a nativity play for our Christmas Assembly this afternoon. The play was called "It's a Party". The girls told the story of the birth of Jesus through songs and drama. It reminded us all of the true message of the season.



St. Vincent de Paul



Sincere thanks to you all for the huge selection of food items you sent in for our annual St. Vincent De Paul Collection. Two 6th class girls, Evelina Jermacane and Aimee Cawley presented the food to representatives from The Society of St. Vincent de Paul this morning. Our 5th class choir also went out carol singing in Flemings on Tuesday to raise money for St. Vincent de Paul and managed to raise €300. We are very grateful to those who came to listen and support them. Many thanks also to Mrs Gallagher for organising both these charity events.



Parents' Association News

Congratulations to our hard-working Parents' Association who organised a highly successful **Flag Day** on Friday 7th December. Despite dreadful weather conditions, the collectors braved the elements to raise the fantastic sum of €1,500 for school resources. We are especially grateful to the St. Louis Secondary School Transition Year students and our own parents who helped out on the day.

We extend a huge thank you to the committee members and to all who collected :- Carmel Duffy, Patricia McElwain, Dermot Coyle, Karen Prunty, Lynn Murphy, Magda Gracz, Jacqueline Sheridan, Barbara Golec Regiec, Pauline Hall, Adrian Fitzgerald, Paul Mc Geown, Pearl O' Brien, Denise Kilroy Toal, Sophie Callan, Lauren Mc Geown, Maja Jarzabek, Emma Brady & Laura Keelan

Christmas Raffle

The draw was held yesterday for the School Christmas Hamper Raffle which has been running throughout the month of December.

Adult Hamper Winners: Cairenn Mc Coeey, Gloria Marut, Maggie Clerkin & Rhianna Bell

Children's Hamper Winners: Adriana Kamsiukaite, Malwina Zagata, Alisija Dunauska, Sarah O' Donnell, Mya Lynch, Paulina Zurwska, Skaiste Drazdovaite, Ava Mc Glone, Niamh Mc Elwain, Katie O' Donnell & Alanna Mc Kenna.

**Thank you all most sincerely for
your generosity in buying so many
tickets and supporting our draw.**

Green Schools' Event

On Tuesday December 4th, the school had a visit from Moira Kelly, Monaghan County Council's new Environmental Officer. Moira spoke to all the classes in the hall, addressing the 2nd, 3rd and 4th class pupils in the first session and the senior pupils in the second. She re-capped on the work we are doing on litter and energy. She then outlined the work that we need to do in order to obtain our water flag and outlined the steps we could take to reduce water usage in the school. Moira also distributed a lovely bookmark to each child.

The Green Schools' Committee ran a competition in November to see which class could come up with the best "Water Code." Since Mrs Treanor's 3rd and 4th class won the competition, they performed their song "St Louis Water Code" for Moira. We would like to thank Ms Holland, Ms Healy and the children's committee of the ATP for the lovely work they did on preparing a display of the water cycle. Classes are continuing to do their curricular work and look forward to learning more in 2019.

Thank You

At this special time of year, we would like to acknowledge the assistance and support of our chaplain, Fr. Paddy Mc Ginn, Family-School Liaison Officer, Mr. David Mc Cague and the members of the Parents' Association and Board of Management who do so much in the background to support the teaching and learning in our school.

6th Class Debate

Very well done to our 6th class debating team who won the second of their first round debates against St. Mary's Boys' School on Wednesday 12th December, opposing the motion that "Cars should be banned in Ireland." The standard of debating was very high on both teams. Our speakers on this outing were: Daisy Walker (captain), Ella Connolly and Ella Lappin. Aoife Connolly was timekeeper on the day, while Niamh Mc Elwain and Alannah McKenna helped with the research. Congratulations also to Mrs Cassidy who prepares the girls for all their debates.

CASE Project Update

Our 5th classes have begun their activity days as part of the Collaboration and Sharing in Education Project (CASE) with pupils from St. Mary's Boys' N.S. and Urbleshanny N.S. They are having one lesson per month, working with LegoWeDo, covering aspects of the STEM subjects- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We are very grateful to Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Mone who are facilitating these lessons along with teachers from our two partner schools.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Sincere thanks to you all for turning out in such large numbers to attend our Parent-Teacher Meetings. The teachers very much appreciate your support and affirmation.



*Nollaig Shona agus áthbhliain faoi
mhaise daoibh go léir*

