

St. Louis GNS

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Dates for your Diary

Confirmation-

Saturday 18th May
at 11 am

School Closures -

Friday 24th May—
Local Elections

Mon. 3rd June (Bank
Holiday)

**Open Evening for
new 2nd classes-**
Thursday 30th May

6th Class Graduation- Thursday 13th
June

**School closes for
summer-** Wednesday 26th June (half
day-12.30 pm)

Sponsored Walk

Our Parents' Association held its Annual Sponsored Walk this year on the day of the Easter Holidays. We were blessed with a fine, sunny day and were delighted to be joined by a number of parents and family members of our pupils. We followed a similar route to last year, along the Greenway and through the Convent Park. On arrival back at the school, each girl received a bag of goodies and the winners of the Sponsored Walk Art Competition were announced. There were 3 winners in every class, and each was presented with an Easter Egg by Karen Prunty and Jacqueline Sheridan, on behalf of the Parents' Association.

We sincerely thank the members of the PA for their excellent organisation of this event and the family members who came along on the day. We are most grateful to all of you who so generously sponsored the children and helped us to achieve the grand total of €1 900!. This money will be used to develop the junior playground. Well done to all concerned!



First Communion

Congratulations to the girls in 2nd class who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday morning in St. Macartan's Cathedral. They had prayed with Fr Paddy during one of their practices for a sunny day and their prayers were certainly answered! The girls were all excellently behaved and took part in the ceremony with great reverence. Sincere thanks to Ms. Brady and Ms. Reilly for preparing the girls so thoroughly and to Fr. Paddy for all his help and support. We are most thankful also to Mrs Gallagher and the 5th class choir for the beautiful singing and to organist, Gerard Toal for his accompaniment. There were indeed many people who helped to make this occasion such a success: Mrs Healy and Mrs Mone for preparing the altar floral arrangements, Anne Creighan for her invaluable assistance, Altar Servers, Niamh Mc Elwain and Ella Lappin, Eucharistic Ministers, Margaret Murphy and Patricia McElwain and Karen Prunty and Patricia for distributing the leaflets. Míle Buíochas leo go léir.

Standardised Tests

Testing will take place on Tuesday 21st , Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May. It is vital that your daughter is in attendance on these days to complete all her Standardised Testing as requested by the Department of Education and Skills.

CASE Celebration in Combilift

Our 5th classes who have been involved in the Collaboration and Shared Education (CASE) Project with St. Mary's BNS and Urbleshanny NS over the course of this academic year, took part in a special Celebration Day for their parents on Thursday 4th April. The pupils from the three schools got the unique opportunity to showcase all the work they have done on their Lego WeDo projects in CombiLift's Global Headquarters in Monaghan.

The Lego WeDO initiative introduced the children to robotics with a focus on collaboration and teamwork. They were able to proudly present their projects to their parents and demonstrate how they use coding on the ipad to program their creations.

Great credit is due to the seven teachers from the three schools who facilitated the project for the pupils: Caroline Cassidy, Una Mone, Ursula McAdam, Paula Deery, Elaine Lavelle, Claire Daly and Cathy——

We are very grateful to the staff and management of Combilift, in particular, Catherine Fox for

facilitating this marvellous occasion for our pupils. Sincere thanks also to Martin McVicar for all his support and his encouragement of the project.



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FAI 5-Aside Tournament

Congratulations to our victorious soccer squad who took part in the FAI 5-Aside Tournament held in Gortakeegan on Wednesday 10th April. They beat Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa, Carrickmacross 3-1 to win the County Final. The girls have now progressed to the Ulster Finals which are being held in Letterkenny today. Many thanks to Paul McGeown for giving of his time to train the squad, to Ms Flynn for supervising and to Ms Mc Geown for accompanying them on the day, Squad members are: Niamh McElwain, Aoife Devlin, Ella Lappin, Alanna McKenna, Leah Ward, Lauren Ward, Gloria Marut and Ernesta Marut. Good luck in the Ulsters girls!



Jungle Body

Elaine Keogh is currently taking all classes from 4th to 6th for 5 weeks of "Jungle Body". This is a fast-paced exercise class to music which is excellent for building stamina and fitness levels.

Soccer Coaching

Our 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes will have in-school soccer coaching during this last term. The coaching which is facilitated by the FAI will start on Monday 13th May and run for six weeks. Many thanks to John Crudden for organising this opportunity for our girls.



Gaelic Training

A selection of 5th and 6th class girls continue to train hard every Monday in preparation for the Cumann na mBunscol League. Thanks to Ms Mc Nally and Ms Reilly who are preparing the girls for this event.



Easter Assembly

On Thursday 11th April Ms. Harris 5th class presented an Easter Assembly for the whole school. The girls dramatised the story of Holy Week combining narration, mime and song. It was a most effective way of illustrating the real message of the Easter Season for us all. Well done girls!



Action Team Partnership Update

The ATP Adult Committee met last night to review the progress of this year's goals. Mrs Healy and Ms. Holland have used feedback from the committee and the staff to produce a lovely bookmark of Oral Language Tips for Parents. This initiative supports our school focus on oral language as part of the New Primary language Curriculum.

We are continuing our inter-generational project again this year with the senior citizen's Tuesday Club in Teach na Daoine. Miss O'Neill's 4th class paid a visit to the club yesterday and shared their projects with the members. Three more classes will visit Teach na Daoine throughout the month of May. This is an invaluable experience for our girls and helps strengthen our links to the local community.



Green Schools' News

Just before the Easter Holidays we received the wonderful news that we are to be awarded our third Green Flag, the Water Flag! Congratulations to Mrs Treanor, Ms. Brady and all the committee members on this marvellous achievement. We are planning a special flag raising ceremony in the month of June and will have details of this in our last newsletter of the year.



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Committee News

