

June 2023

St Louis Girls' National School Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this finds you and your family well as the end of the school year draws near. As we prepare for the holidays, we would like to take this opportunity to commend all our pupils on their hard work throughout this year and wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer ahead.

I wish to thank you all for your contribution to and kind support of all areas of our school life over the year. It has been a fun filled and learning-packed time for our students as we enjoyed the full return of activities in our first year without restrictions since Covid 19 began in March 2020.

I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community: children, staff, parents, Parents' Association and Board of Management for the very warm welcome I have received in my first year on the staff here in St Louis GNS. I feel so very fortunate to join this wonderful team and community and I thank you all for your support.

Míle buíochas, gach duine!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School will close for summer holidays on Friday 23rd June at the following times:

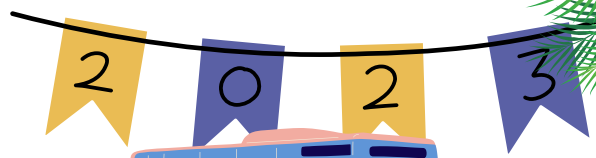
12:15 5th & 6th
12:25 2nd, 3rd, 4th

We will reopen on
Wednesday 30th August
at 8:40am



School events

School Tours



Each class has thoroughly enjoyed their school tour this year.

Mrs Macklin's and Mrs Treanors' 2nd classes visited 'Busy Bee Ceramics' in Glaslough. There was play time and pottery. The girls made beautiful pots, had a super time in the playground and enjoyed the delicious ice cream in Pocono. Mrs O Sullivan's 3rd class and Ms Myers' class had an amazing and fun filled day of activities at The Peace Link in Clones. Mrs Foster's 4th class visited Bragan Bog for a guided tour and lots of action, jumping and splashing, before they enjoyed lunch in Sliabh Beagh Hotel. 5th classes visited Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, followed by a trip to the park and ice-creams. 6th classes visited Lagan Valley Leisure Plex and enjoyed bowling and water fun in the Splash Park. We would like to sincerely thank our hard working Parents' Association for subsidising the fee for buses which kept the cost as low as possible for everyone.



Sacrament of First Communion

On 29th April our 2nd classes celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Cathedral. It was a beautiful ceremony thanks to our celebrant Canon Paddy McGinn and our dedicated teachers, Mrs Belinda Treanor and Mrs Brenda Macklin, who worked tirelessly to prepare the children so well in prayer and song. The girls were accompanied by the 5th and 6th class choir, led by Mrs Gallagher. After the uplifting mass, we returned to the school for a post ceremony celebration where the girls enjoyed time (& treats!) with their friends and families.



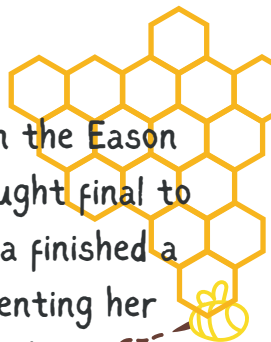
Sacrament of Confirmation

On 13th May, our 6th classes celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral, along with St Mary's BNS, St Michael's Rackwallace, Scoil Phádraig Garron NS, Scoil Bhríde Leitrim NS, and Gaelscoil Ultain. It was another beautiful celebration with Bishop Larry Duffy, Canon Paddy McGinn, Fr Leo Creelman and Fr Humphrey. Huge credit to our 6th class girls who did us proud on their big day, and their teachers Mrs Amanda McGeown and Mrs Paula Rowland who prepared them so well for their roles and part in the day.

All Ireland Final of Eason Spelling Bee





We are so incredibly proud of our super star speller, Rita Regeic, who competed in the Eason Spelling Bee. Rita won our school final, the county final and the Ulster and Connaught final to become an All-Ireland finalist. The big day was on June 9th in The Helix DCU. Rita finished a very close 2nd which was an amazing achievement. Along with the pride of representing her school, county and province, Rita also won 500 euro worth of books for herself and 3500 euro worth of books for our school! Rita, we are so grateful and so proud of you! Thank you



FAI Soccer Primary 5s




Comhghairdeas mór leis na himreoirí sacair!! Well done to our fabulous soccer team who played their hearts out this season and made it all the way to the Ulster Final in Burnfoot Co. Donegal. Although we did not claim the overall Ulster title the girls were victorious in an excellent 6-0 game on the day  We here at St. Louis are so proud of each of the girls who trained and put their all into each game they played! Maith sibh.ca chailíní 

A special word of thanks to Mr Paul McGeown, and Ms Myers for their dedicated work coaching this team of soccer stars!

Cumann na mBunscol



Our wonderful cailíní were out in force this season for our Cumann na mBunscol matches in May and June. These girls could teach us all a life lesson! They were shining examples of grit and perseverance as they emerged from the league defeated but determined. We are so grateful to our coaches, Mr Nathan O' Donoghue and Ms Kate Myers for their guidance and motivation. Special thanks to St Macartan's College for the use of their facilities for our home games. 

Athletics County Finals 2023



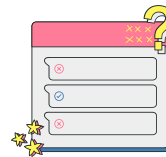
On 15th June we competed in the Monaghan County Track and Field Athletics event in The Peace Link in Clones. We were represented by Rita, Grace, Hannah, Glory, Repent, Sumaiya, Melodie, Vumilia, Austeja, Alisha, Mercy, Elsie, Anashe, Samanta, Marta, Emeida and Zyon. We were so proud of the girls who ran exceptionally well on the day, bringing home 7 medals. Be sure to follow us on Instagram to see all of these exciting events documented.

Heritage in Schools



All classes have enjoyed engaging lessons in heritage this year, from experts like Mike Moylan who brought history to life, Caitriona McCabe who taught us all about biodiversity and how we can protect our pollinators, and John Ruddy who taught us about local history. The Heritage in Schools scheme has been hugely successful and we look forward to lots more action packed presentations next year!

Quiz Team 2023



Faye, Zoe, Cáitlin, April, Ava, Leah, Áine and Caoimhe did us proud as our quiz team battled it out in the Credit Union and Cumann na mBunscol quizzes.. the girls performed so well and got wonderful results each time. They made it to the County Final of the Cumann na mBunscol..maith sibh, a chailíní! The girls have been busy working on a quiz for the end of year for all classes.



Diversity Day 2023



On 16th June, our whole school came together to celebrate the many cultures represented in our school community. We heard our friends' home languages, tasted a variety of dishes from our varied native cuisines, enjoyed a Fashion Show of beautiful clothing from our families' home countries and enjoyed music and dance from many of our nationalities. It was a day of learning together and connecting, filled with fun, music, song, and dance. Míle buíochas to Ms Cawley, Ms McCreery and the Diversity Committee for facilitating this wonderful event! Research has consistently shown that children in a multicultural educational setting enjoy significantly enhanced learning outcomes. Evidence shows benefits include improved social and communication skills, increased empathy, tolerance & emotional intelligence, as well as enhanced critical thinking and broader perspectives. Children educated in a multicultural setting are more prepared for our increasingly diverse world, including workplaces. We are so lucky here in St Louis .. our united community has roots and connections all around the world. We celebrate our diversity with pride, together as one.

Sports Day



On 19th June, our whole school made their way to the Convent Park for some super fun and activity packed games as part of our Sports Day. There was a Disco with live DJ, Uni-hoc & Skipping, Gaelic, Tag Rugby, Soccer, Basketball, Handball, Frisbee, Dance workshops with Ms Leslie and Races of every description. The Student Council kindly ran a drinks stall and there were ice-creams to cool us down when the activities were finished. Huge thanks to Mrs Mone and Ms Murray for all their planning and hard work to make the day such a huge success.

Graduation

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As the school term draws to a close, so too does our time with the amazing crew in 6th class. This wonderful group of girls have been part of the St Louis GNS family for 5 years. The girls in this group are shining examples of all we hold dear in St Louis.. hard working, fun loving and helpful, friendly and kind. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Sixth Class girls every success and happiness in Secondary School and in all your future endeavours. May you each follow your dreams, reach your own potential, and live each day to the fullest. On behalf of all the staff of St. Louis GNS, I would like to thank each of you for your valuable contribution to our school during your time with us. It has been a positive, happy and friendly community with you all here to brighten each day.



Parents' Association



Our Parents' Association have done trojan work this year with their fund raising efforts and we want to thank them most sincerely for their invaluable contribution to our school community this year. The annual Cake Sale and the Flag Day were a great success, as too was the dress up day at Halloween and Christmas. The children have talked about their trip to the cinema to see 'Matilda The Musical' as a highlight of the year and this was subsidised by the Parents' Association. The school tours were another highlight of the year and these also were funded in part by the Parents' Association. The remaining funds are being used to purchase additional ipads for the classrooms as we continue to implement and develop our Digital Strategy.

Each school is a community, and everyone plays their part. I would like to thank, on behalf of the entire school community, the wonderful ladies and gentlemen on the Parents' Association.

I would like to pay a special tribute to Barbara, Pearl and Jacqueline who are moving on as their daughters (Rita, Caitlin, and Leah) graduate and transition in to Secondary School.. Your unwavering support and your generosity with your time over the 5 years has been so much appreciated. Mile

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SUMMER

We wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer with your families. We look forward to seeing you again on 30th August