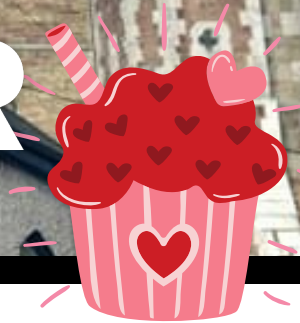
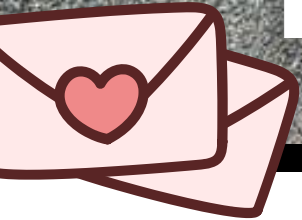


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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Once again I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. We have had a fantastic start to the new year in St. Luke's and are looking forward to a term full of fun and learning in our school.

I continue to be very privileged to be working with such a fantastic school community. The PA and parents of St. Luke's raised an enormous €3931.35 in the Christmas Fair. This money has been earmarked to update the Junior and Senior Infant classroom with resources, storage, furniture and other materials to facilitate Aistear. Ms. O'Mahony is busy working on this and we look forward to revealing all of the changes soon.

We aim to implement Aistear fully in September and this wouldn't have been possible without the generosity and support of our amazing parents. Thank you all.

The pupils in St. Luke's continue to highly impress me also. Your children have all been working hard and have been an absolute joy to teach and to get to know throughout the first term. I'm looking forward greatly to seeing what this term will bring.

I hope everyone has a relaxing mid-term break (16th and 17th Feb) and look forward to seeing you all back in school on the 20th of February for the run in to Easter.

Le Meas,  
Eddie Pepper

*Happy  
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Day*

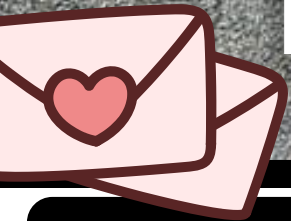
## REMINDERS

- The school app is available to download directly from the website. We will be using this as another means of communication going forward. You will also receive notifications about news items and updates through email and the app.
- Parents can communicate directly with teachers at their staff email addresses which are available on the school website. Please be reminded however that staff are not obliged to respond outside of normal working hours.
- Please notify teachers/the principal via email or note of any absences. Email is preferable for record keeping.
- The Curricular enhancement fund can be paid to the PA. We are very grateful to all families who have paid this so far. It enables us to provide excellent supplementary programs to our pupils such as Drama and Yoga etc.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Pyjama Day: Feb 15th**

Student Council Fundraiser €2 - Wear PJ's to school and bring a treat for a movie!

**Defence Forces Concert: Feb 21st**

3rd to 6th class have been invited to attend a concert by the defence forces in City Hall.

**Cork Pops Concert: Feb 28th**

All classes and teachers going to City Hall for a concert - Paid for by Curricular enhancement fund!



**World Book Day: March 2nd**

Dress up as your favourite book character. Fun parade in the yard! Details to follow..

**Seachtain Na Gaeilge: March 1st - 17th**

Events planned throughout the week for all classes.



**Friendship Week: March 27th - 31st**

Events planned throughout the week for all classes.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Following our meeting on Tuesday 7th Feb. the main updates are as follows:

1. We would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the Christmas Fair which raised an amazing €3,931. We envision this will be assigned for the implementation of Aistear in the Infants classes.
2. We are asking that parents contact a number of people in relation to the Safe Routes to School to highlight the lack of signage around the school and the safety of our students on their journey to school.
3. We want to introduce a number of extra-curricular activities and would like parents to come forward if they are interested in volunteering in a particular activity.
4. We are hoping to run a social fundraiser on a Thursday evening in April so that parents can meet up and get to know each other a little better bringing our St. Luke's community closer together. Details to follow.
5. The ISSA are running the usual events and this year we are hoping to take part in the soccer, tag rugby, swimming and athletics. The dates of these can be found below so keep them free if you would like your child to be involved.

Swimming - Friday 21st April (2-5pm at Douglas Pool)  
Soccer - Saturday 6th May (venue tbc)  
Tag Rugby - Saturday 20th May (Tramore Valley Park)  
Athletics - Thursday 8th June (Mardyke)

Finally, the PA would like to thank all parents and guardians with their continued support and encourage everyone to get involved and attend meetings particularly if you would like anything discussed.

**BREAKING NEWS**

## School Updates:

Teachers are currently working on a new homework policy. We have collected data from a parent survey and are awaiting data from student council. Parents will be sent a draft copy of the new policy hopefully before the Easter Holiday's. New policy will come into effect from September.

The School Admissions Policy has been updated and published on the school website.

Fire Extinguishers have been updated in the school and a new Fire and Evacuation Policy is in the final stages of development. Staff training will be held in February. New policy will be published on the website very soon.

New School Safety statement is in development also. This will be published on the website when complete.

School Self Evaluation is focussed on the Impacts of Covid 19. We have surveyed the parents and have met to discuss the findings of the survey. We will put programs/initiatives in place to address issues such as social interactions and friendships, anxiety and wellbeing and, Gaeilge.

Croke Park Hours this year are being used for staff meetings, SSE, planning, staff training and policy development.



## Drama Update

Kelly Ann (Dance) has finished with us and we have begun the 3rd module - Musical Theatre with Andrew. Children continue to enjoy the lessons! All this made possible by the curricular enhancement fund

## ST. LUKE'S NS STUDENT COUNCIL

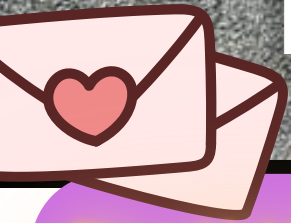
- Student Council have organised our first event in St Luke's: Pyjama Day on the 15th of February.
- We hope to raise money for mirrors for the bathrooms.
- We are also going to survey the students in school about changing the Homework Policy.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

