

Easter 2023

ST. LUKES NS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had an incredibly busy term again in St. Luke's. Since the February Midterm break, we've welcomed 3 transition year pupils back to school for work experience, 3rd to 6th went to City Hall to see the Defence Forces Concert, all pupils went to Cork Pops in City Hall, Seachtain na Gaeilge ran in school during March, we held a Rowathon on March 13th and Friendship week ran in the last week before Easter. Choir practice for the Cork Choral Festival is ongoing.

The infant room is really taking shape now and we are on track to begin Aistear in September. Sincere thanks again to the PA and parents of St. Luke's for your fundraising to enable us to implement this. I would also like to extend my thanks to Ms. O'Mahony for all her work in taking the lead in setting it up.

I was absolutely blown away by the amazing fundraising efforts by pupils and parents in St. Luke's in aid of earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. The Rowathon was a fantastic success and children had a great day competing in teams. I would like to extend my thanks to Abbie for the wonderful suggestion to raise money for the cause; to the Student Council and Mr. Ciarán Brady for organising the event; to all pupils for their fundraising efforts and for taking part; and to the parents for your kindness, generosity and support. Total raised for the event was €2133.50. Amazing!

Finally, I hope everyone has a fantastic Easter Break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on the 17th of April for the final term.

Le Meas,
Eddie Pepper

HAPPY
EASTER

REMINDERS

- The school app is now in use for messaging and updating parents. If you haven't done so already, the app can be downloaded directly from the website.
- Please notify teachers/the principal via email or note of any absences. Email is preferable for record keeping.
- School is closed for a full day on Tuesday the 2nd of May to facilitate the completion of teacher training in the Primary Language Curriculum.
- School is closed for a half day at 12pm on Friday the 2nd of June to facilitate introductory teacher training in the New Primary Curriculum.
- School gate open at 8.20am and closed at 8.30am. This is to ensure safety of children.
- Keep paths outside school clear for pedestrians please.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:



Cork Choral Festival: 26th April

St. Luke's NS Pupil Choir performing at the opening event in City Hall. (3rd to 6th). Tickets were available online.

West Midlands Theatre Performance in School: May 24th

We are delighted to welcome the West Midlands Theatre company to St. Luke's on the 24th at 12pm for a fun and interactive theatre performance. All classes will attend. This is again another event made possible by the Curricular enhancement funding.



Sports Day 2023: TBC

This will be planned and coordinated early after the Easter Holidays and communicated with parents very soon.



School Tours 2023: TBC

Teachers will confirm dates, times and venues and will communicate with parents in April/May.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming Dates for ISSA Sports Events are as Follows:

SWIMMING Fri 21st April (2-5pm @Douglas Pool)

SOCCER Sat 6th May (venue tbc - TVP)

TAG RUGBY Sat.20th May (Tramore Valley Park)

ATHLETICS Thurs. 8th June (Mardyke)

BREAKING NEWS

Drama Update

Andrew (Musical Theatre) has now finished with us and we are moving on to the final term of Drama lessons.

Next up is choreography to go along with songs that we learned in the previous term.

Special Update: We will be capping off a wonderful year of Drama in St. Luke's with each class performing a scene from a musical. Date and Venue TBC.

All made possible this year by the Curricular Enhancement Fund.



Thank You!



School Updates:

- New Homework Policy Developed and a draft has been sent to parents. This will be in effect from September 2023.
- Teachers Trained in Fire Extinguisher use and fire defence.
- Fire Drill was held on March 27th. Policy available on website.
- Free Books Scheme/Grant Announced for September 2023. Teachers will be meeting about this after Easter break. No cost to parents for books, workbooks or copybooks next year. There may be some costs for digital resources and stationary.
- Stay Safe Program was delivered to all classes and will be completed soon after Easter.
- New Health and Safety Statement completed.
- New safety guards will be installed on sharp corners (pillars etc) in the yard over Easter Break.
- Class Teacher Allocation for 2023-24 school year will be communicated to parents after the Easter Holidays.
- Calendar for 2023-24 School year uploaded to the website and sent to parents on Friday 31st March 2023.
- Please refer to "Policies" section on website for updates.

ST. LUKE'S NS STUDENT COUNCIL

- Student Council have purchased mirrors for the children's bathrooms. These will be installed over the Easter Holidays.
- Student Council also raised an incredible €2133.50 from the Rowathon in aid of Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. This money will be donated to UNICEF as the children's chosen Charity. We are very proud of our pupils as always. They are a credit to parents of St. Luke's!
- Children were consulted on the Homework Policy and a draft of this will be sent to Parents on Friday 31st of March.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

