

Halloween 2023

ST. LUKES NS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents, students teachers and all associated with St Lukes,

As we approach the Halloween midterm, it's time again for us to take stock of all of the positive things that have been achieved throughout the first half of this term.

The children of Saint Lukes continue to be an inspiration and continue to produce work and projects of the highest standards. The children came back September, full of joy and eager to start the new school year. They have been a credit to parents and teachers throughout this term.

It has been a very busy summer and opening term in St. Luke's. There were a lot of changes in the summer, including the opening of a new ASD classroom, new staff members joined the team, and the school was painted and got an internal facelift.

Building works will be completed over the Halloween midterm to fix damage caused to the roof due to a plant growing in one of the gutters, gutters will also be cleared and the wall and floor of the ASD class will be fixed as part of this work. Furthermore the girls toilet on the ground floor needs repairs to the ceiling due to water damage caused by the roof issue.

I hope you all have a restful midterm break and get plenty of opportunities for fun with family throughout the Halloween season.

I look forward to seeing you all back in St. Luke's on the 6th of November.

Le Meas,
Eddie Pepper

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SCHOOL YEAR NOTIFICATIONS

- School gate open at 8.20am and closed at 8.30am. This is to ensure safety of children.
- Please keep the path outside the school clear for pedestrians and residents.
- Please refrain from parking on the road opposite the school – this is for the safety of pedestrians and children to prevent traffic having to mount the step to avoid parked cars.
- Going forward, please notify teachers/the principal via the Aladdin Connect App of any absences, late arrivals or early finishing.
- Please continue to use teacher email accounts listed on the website or Aladdin Connect to schedule meetings etc. Teachers are not expected to answer emails during holidays, weekends or outside of working school hours. When looking for a meeting with a teacher please include a brief outline of the agenda for the meeting so that teachers can best deal with queries or issues.

SCHOOL UPDATES

- Aladdin Connect rolled out in school.
- 3rd to 6th class went orienteering in the Glen in September.
- We held an Infant Open Day in the school in September.
- Annual Admissions Notice published in October.
- Space week held in October
- We have a student teacher in 5th and 6th Class until the end of November.
- Maths Week – day of maths fun held on the 20th of October.
- Halloween sponsored walk and fundraiser was held on the last day before midterm.
- Emergency works to be completed during Halloween Midterm break (fix roof/leak).
- Cork Pops Concert booked for the 8th of November
- Science Fair is booked in for the 15th of November during Science week.
- Parent teacher meetings are scheduled for 21st+23rd November and on the 29th.
- School Closure on the 22nd November for staff training in PMC.
- Christmas Fair booked for the 15th of December.
- Book Fair also in school that week.
- Christmas Carol Service in St. Anne's booked in for 22nd December



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GREEN SCHOOLS

We have established our new Green Schools committee and we will be working hard on this with Mr. Brady and Mr. Pepper throughout the year. We are hopeful of being awarded our first green flag for the school by completing the litter and waste theme. Children on the green schools committee have been regularly communicating with children throughout the school and promoting a culture of recycling, composting and reducing waste.

The Committee is:
Molly, Corin, Luke, Evie, Esezda, Daithí, Charlotte, Cathal

AMBER FLAG

Ms. Kelly has also started the process of applying for the Amber flag. The Amber flag is an initiative that promotes positive mental health and well-being for children in school. An amber flag committee has been established and they have been working hard on the process. As part of the amber flag application, we have been working on a whole school well-being policy. Also we hope to have student council impose on this as well as parents in person, and of course, teachers and children of Saint Lukes.

The Amber Flag Committee is: Ella, Annie, Rebecca, Hannah G, Charlie, Alexandra, Ajan and Naoise.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The new student council has been elected by the children of St. Lukes and they have been working very hard each week in coming up with new and innovative ideas for the school.

The New Council have gotten off to a great start and will be working on Policy development including the new school uniform policy and fundraising initiatives throughout the year.

The new council is: Eli, Fleur, Scott, Isabella, Ethan, Quinn, Elise, Sophie, Julia and Tiernan

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

A new Board of Management will be in position in the school from December. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing board for their tireless work and commitment to our school and for their support during my first year as principal.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Parents Association Committee Election: the following roles were proposed and seconded:

Chairperson Shirley Isherwood & Maria Hinchion (co-chair),
Treasurer Ann Lawton, Secretary Sara O'Mahony, Ex-Officio Parents
Parents elected to incoming Board of Management:

Kevin O'Rourke & Gemma Hayes

Class Reps Selection:

Junior Infants Sara O' Mahony

Clare O'Shea

Senior Infants Caterina Tatori

First Class Hazel Busteed

Second Class Sinead Glanville

Third Class Sarah O'Donovan

Fourth Class Ann Lawton

Fifth Class Fi O' Meara

Sixth Class Niamh Marun

ISSA Representative Brian Kenneally

Swimming rep Elaine Canain

Sports night: Kevin O'Rourke

Christmas Fair is booked in for December 15th.

There will be a bag pack fundraiser the week before Christmas in
Dunnes, Ballyvolane

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Staff at St. Luke's were delighted to hear of the arrival of baby Daisy. We would like to extend our congratulations and well wishes to Ms. Niamh Coughlan, her husband Ricky and big sister Nell! Fantastic news!



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PHOTOGRAPHS

