

Easter 2024

# ST. LUKES NS NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

We've just had a term that was absolutely jam packed full of events and activities and I'm sure children, parents and teachers are looking forward to a relaxing Easter break with families to recuperate and recharge in preparation for the final term and the run in to Summer.

I would once again like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the PA and parents, who have raised an incredible amount of money to help the school to develop our STEM learning resources. Some items have begun to arrive in school and children will reap the great benefits from the use of various Science and maths resources in the coming months and years.

I would also like to extend once again my thanks to Fi O'Meara for her work with a local TD and City Hall representatives in helping to secure St. Luke's Crypt for PE lessons. This has been an amazing addition to the school and children are afforded the opportunity to engage with a wider variety of PE and active lessons in a more suitable venue as a result.

We have linked up with Brian Dillons GAA club (thanks to the Curley family for putting us in touch!). Children have greatly enjoyed the first couple of sessions and we are looking forward to cementing that link in the summer term.

Finally, what an incredible performance the swimmers put in for the Northside Swimming Gala this week. Athletes won countless medals and won the overall cup and plate as well as winning 2 out of 3 plates available for specific categories. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and massive congratulations also go to parent organisers!

I hope you all have a great Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back in St. Luke's on the 8th of April.

Le Meas,  
Eddie Pepper

## SUMMER TERM 2024 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.
- Please continue to 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.
- The New Uniform policy has been posted to the school website, has been ratified by the board of management and has now come into effect.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

- Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success in school in March 2024.
- Staff have completed training in First Aid in February 2024.
- Staff completed Wellbeing Training in February 2024
- Some of the STEM equipment purchased using PA raised funding have begun to arrive in school. Children will begin to use the resources after Easter.
- Teachers completed CPD in school with Blackrock Castle Observatory in February. We will be building a Dome in the Summer term with children to help teach about space.
- School was closed on February 9th to facilitate whole staff training in special class teaching, supporting and inclusion.
- The Board of Management has begun to look at developing aspects of the school plan. Consultation and updates to follow.
- English Policy, Wellbeing Policy and Digital Learning Plan still in development stages.



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## GREEN SCHOOLS

The Green schools Committee are working on litter and waste and will be meeting after Easter to make a plan for the final term.

We will look to carry on the environmental review.

We will be assigning posts of responsibility to members of the committee to help cut down on litter and waste.

We will be organising an action day also.

## AMBER FLAG

Wellbeing Week April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

1. On Mindful Monday, we will be de-cluttering our classrooms and doing mindfulness colouring. Each day of the week, we will complete an Affirmation diary.
2. Try it Tuesday, we will take on challenges. We will try new foods and try to perform in front of the class.
3. Walk on Wednesday we will wear yellow or orange clothes to school. We will walk for charity. We hope to have a picnic in the park. We will bring in some money for Pieta House.
4. Thankful Thursday, we will think about 'What I am thankful for'. We will think about two stars (positive thoughts) and a wish (how I wish to improve). We will do some meditation.
5. Feel Good Friday, we will sing friendship songs. We will taste smoothies. We will enjoy Zumba exercise.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council met with members of the Board of Management on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to discuss updating the school plan and specifically the aims and values section. Mr. Pepper surveyed the classes and the council will draw up a draft of ideas for aims and values of the school. The BOM will discuss these at a meeting.

We are organising a Culture Day in April and will be meeting in the first week back after the Easter holidays to make plans for the event.

We will send a notice on Aladdin and inform the other children in the school once our plans are made.

Happy Easter!

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The new Board of management participated in Board Training in February in Rochestown Park Hotel with other newly appointed COI school boards. We are in consultation around updating the school plan – aims and values. The Board will compile views of teachers, children, patron, staff and parents to create a new aims and values section for the plan.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

- Children from St. Luke's performed incredibly well at the swimming gala in Douglas on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We are very proud of all who participated and represented the school.
- We are organising a Rowathon to take place during the summer term to raise funds for PE equipment in the school.

**BREAKING NEWS**

## St Anne's Shandon

We invite everyone to join us for Easter Sunday service at 10:15am on 31/3

There are new worship bags for children available to use during Sunday services and we are designing a new PrayGround space in the church for families.

Pastoral Pints continues on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at Henchy's Pub at 7:30pm. Come ask questions, share your stories or just enjoy a chat. All our welcome.

The Clerk's Choral will sing Choral Compline at St Anne's on Sunday 5/5 at 6pm as part of the Cork Choral Festival. It's a free event open to all.

Just a few things off the top of my head. Nothing urgent so up to you!

Blessings, Meghan

Happy  
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from all at St. Luke's!!



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## PHOTOGRAPHS

