

Summer 2024

ST. LUKES NS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

As the school year draws to a close I have been taking time to reflect on my time in St. Luke's to date. It continues to be the greatest honour for me to serve as principal of this incredible school. From the hard work and dedication of staff, to the amazingly talented and inspirational children, to the extraordinary support of the parent body, this school truly is a special place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all sincerely for everything you do to contribute to our school community. The end of the school year is a time for all to take a breath, relax and enjoy a well deserved break but I can genuinely say that I look forward already to welcoming you all back on the 28th of August. Thank you again for a superb year.

Le Meas,
Eddie Pepper

KEY INFO FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- School gate open at 8.20am and is closed at 8.30am. This is to ensure safety of children.
- Please keep the path outside the school clear for pedestrians and residents.
- We are hopeful that Safe Routes to School changes will be started over the summer.
- 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.
- Please provide an agenda for any meetings so that teachers can be adequately prepared to answer questions/provide information.
- Teachers are unavailable in the morning before school, any messages should be communicated through Aladdin.
- Back to school on 28/08/24

SCHOOL UPDATES

- School aims and values were updated in consultation with pupils, staff, board of management and other stakeholders. The new aims and values are now published on the website.
- STEM equipment has been purchased with thanks to the PA and parents for their fundraising efforts throughout the year. All classes will benefit from these resources.
- Flagpoles have been installed in the yard.
- New class split policy has been ratified by the board, shared with parents and published on the school website.
- 3 fire drills were carried out this year one per term.
- Fire alarm maintenance is scheduled for August before children return to school.
- The school gate has had the magnet and lock replaced, further maintenance will be carried out during the summer to fix the locking system.
- School book lists have been compiled and will be ordered and delivered to school during the holidays.
- A new winter active panel has been purchased and installed in 5th and 6th class, the old panel has been moved to the SET room.
- The school has been awarded an amber flag, this will be on display early in the new term. Well done to Ms. Kelly and the committee!
- SRTS is scheduled to be completed this year, We are hopeful of this during the summer.
- The school was successful in obtaining EAL hours for next year.
- We have applied for the hot meals scheme, Mr. Pepper will be in contact during the holidays if the application is a success.
- PE equipment will be purchased during the summer holidays. Thanks again to PA and parents for fundraising!



St Anne's Shandon

Upcoming services and events at St. Anne's:

St. Anne's will mark Sanctuary Sunday on 23rd June at the 10:15am service. "The Refugee Council, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and City of Sanctuary have initiated an annual Sanctuary Sunday. It is the Sunday at the end of Refugee Week. This is opportunity to annually reflect, pray, and commit ourselves to celebrate and continue to build hospitality and sanctuary for all, especially those whose lives are most vulnerable, and most in danger."

Pastoral Pints will continue throughout the summer each 4th Monday (24/6, 22/7 and 26/8) at 7:30pm in Henchy's St. Luke's Cross. Join Rev. Meghan for discussion in a casual environment. Bring your questions, thoughts, share your story or just stop by for a chat!

St. Anne's is now collecting cans and bottles with the Re-Turn label at St Anne's to aid in our fundraising for the works needed in the Church and Tower.

On Sunday 28th July St. Anne's will celebrate our patronal feast, the Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This will be a special service as we look forward to the next 300 years of mission and ministry in Shandon and the wider Cork community. There will be a reception following the service and an opportunity to talk more about our fundraising initiative "St. Anne's Shandon 300+: Preserving and Cherishing St. Anne's Church and Shandon Tower and Bells for the next 300 years" as well as discussing works to the church. As we look to maintain and protect this important Cork landmark, we need your help!

Annual Pride Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Anne's during Cork Pride Week on Thursday, 1st August at 7:30 PM. All are welcome as we stop and reflect and remember those who have gone before from the LGBTQ+ Community as well as those who have supported members of the community, through their work, friendship or family network.

Heritage Day 17th August, St. Anne's Church Shandon will celebrate the heritage of the Book of Common Prayer as it was in use during the church's 300 years of history in Cork—from 1722 to present day. Join us for services throughout the day that will be taken from various editions of the Prayer Book. Services include Morning Prayer (8:30am), Noon Day Eucharist (12pm) Evening Prayer (4:30pm) and Compline (8pm). Additionally there will be displays around the church highlighting the different editions of the Book of Common Prayer as the centre of Anglican liturgical life.

If you have any pastoral care needs or would like to have a conversation with Rev. Meghan you can reach her by email (meghan.farr@stanneshandon.ie) or cell (085 1282778)

AMBER FLAG

The Amber Flag committee fulfilled all the requirements outlined by Pieta House and are delighted to inform you that we have earned ourselves an Amber Flag. We will hoist the flag together and celebrate this achievement in the new academic year.

A huge thank you to our fellow students, parents and staff for supporting us. A special thanks to Ballymaloe Foods for their generous donation of €200 and to the Welch family at Cork School Clothing who provided us with water for our sponsored walk.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council had a very busy year in policy development as well as updating the school's Aims and Values.

We were delighted to see the new flag poles being installed and look forward to hanging the Amber flag in September.

We were very happy with our first Culture Day and would love to see this become a regular event in the school.

We raised over €1800 for Cork Simon Community with our Rowathon fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who supported the work of the council this year!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

ISSA:

Huge well down to all of the students who participated in all of the ISSA events over the last term. They were a huge success and it's so great for the kids to take part in these competitive events.

A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who give their time & expertise all year along.

Fundraising:

We have had a really successful year of fundraising in the PA

- Halloween fundraiser €2388
- Bag pack €1400
- Christmas Fair €3600
- CADA fundraiser €853
- Student council also raised an amazing €1815.50 for Cork Simon Community.

Our fundraising efforts have allowed the school to purchase Contactless buckets for all fundraising events going forward along with STEM resources & much more.

We have a very strong PA in St. Luke's and we look forward to another strong fundraising year ahead for the 24/25 term.

BREAKING NEWS

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The board would like to thank all of the staff, parents and most importantly the children of St. Luke's for your incredible work and contributions to our school throughout the year. We will publish our annual report next week and communicate that to the school community through Aladdin. We hope everyone has a fantastic and restful summer and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in late August.

CURIOUS MINDS

The Science Foundation Ireland presented us at St Luke's National School with a gold award to celebrate our success in science, technology, engineering and maths.

We enjoyed a variety of events throughout the year including Maths Week, Science Week, Space Week and Engineers Week. Students in the middle classes created projects using a variety of technology including Minecraft, digital video and powerpoint. Staff participated in cpd with Blackrock Castle Observatory. Following this, the senior classes constructed a planetarium where amazing space related videos were shown to children from each class. A special thank you to Frances McCarthy of BCO for facilitating us.

DARE TO BELIEVE

The PTSB Primary School Dare to Believe Programme was a focus in classrooms this year. It enabled us to teach Olympic Values and inspire students to believe in themselves.

We were overjoyed to meet Olympian Brendan Boyce, listen to his inspiring words and 3rd and 4th even had a PE lesson with him.

We have hung the Dare to Believe flag in the yard to demonstrate our participation in the programme. It serves as a reminder that we can do anything we put our minds to.



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PHOTOGRAPHS

