

Easter 2025

ST. LUKES NS NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Staff and Pupils,

As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and partnership throughout this term. It has been a very busy and productive term in St. Luke's and I am incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students and staff, and am incredibly grateful for the continued support from our parents and guardians.

I hope this Easter holiday brings you and your families time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments together. Whether you're traveling, celebrating, or simply taking a well-earned rest, I encourage everyone to stay safe and look after one another.

We look forward to welcoming our students back refreshed and ready for the final term of the school year. In the meantime, have a wonderful Easter break!

Le Meas,
Eddie Pepper

NOTICES:

- Parking continues to be an issue outside the school at drop off and pick up times. Please do not park on the road directly opposite the school as this is a potential health and safety issue for children and pedestrians with cars having to mount the kerb.
- Please also be mindful of pedestrians on the footpath in the mornings and afternoons and make space for them to pass if you are waiting outside the school gate.
- 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. Teachers are not expected to answer emails outside of normal working hours
- Please provide a detailed agenda with all meeting requests - this ensures that teachers are best prepared to answer your questions/queries.

SCHOOL UPDATES

- New School Crest/Banner unveiled in March - fantastic work involving the student council, children, staff and Board.
- 5th and 6th completed the Wise Water programme in January/February
- All Classes completed Gymnastics lessons in January/February
- Stay Safe Programme delivered to all classes this term.
- All classes took part in Yoga lessons during this term
- 5th and 6th attended Ashton performance - Singing in the Rain
- CADA ongoing - Dance and Musical Theatre this term
- All classes did Improv lessons - drama/comedy
- Safe Internet Day held in February
- Careers Week held in school - Student council
- Engineers week held in school - 5th and 6th had a visit from Jons Civil Engineering
- 3rd and 4th attended Army Band concert in City Hall
- Solar Panel installation postponed
- 3rd to 6th piloting UDL - universal design learning
- Bí Cineálta on track - see section below
- Book Week and Book Fair held in school
- Seachtain na Gaeilge held in school
- 3rd to 6th went orienteering in the Glen
- 5th and 6th did "Crack the Code" in Mayfield Library





STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear parents/guardians,

We would like to inform you what we have been doing this term and what we want to do in the future.

In February we made St. Bridget's day crosses for St Bridget's day. In the first week of March we had a Career Week, parents came in to talk about their jobs and the children had lots of fun. We got our new school crest for the school website and we got it put on a banner to represent our school.

We also developed a new Bí Cineálta policy and designed new child friendly posters for it, one for the younger children and one for the older children in the school.

We are planning to tie in with the amber flag committee and organise one wellbeing wednesday every month. Some ideas we have for this are a disco at breaktime, going down to the park and going on a short walk.

Kind regards,
The Student Council

GREEN SCHOOLS

Dear parents and guardians,

This is the green school newsletter of April 2025

This Term we have surveyed all of the schools bins and helped all the classes become aware of their waste and recycling and how they can improve on what they put in the bin.

As you may already know, we have connections to the local community garden and in the past weeks, the infants have been planting beans and peas at the garden and bringing them down to the school.

We also have installed bird feeders outside Mr Brady's room, which have attracted many types of birds, much to the delight of many students!

We are hoping to email the computer company (as the school have recently bought new laptops) due to our concern on the amount of plastic packaging that they used.

Kind Regards,

St Luke's Green Schools Committee

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank You!

The swimming gala was a huge success and a massive thank you goes out to all the kids, parents, volunteers and especially a big thank you to Gemma, Ciara & Caterina for all the time & effort put in to make this event as great as it was and for showcasing our amazing school in the best possible way.

Fundraising:

Our next fundraising event is taking place on the 11th April. The PA are fundraising to raise funds for much needed musical instruments for the classrooms, upgrade novel sets across the school and for dedicated storage for our new laptops.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

- The Board would like to thank and commend the Staff, parents and pupils of St. Luke's for another fantastic term in school
- Well done to all involved in the development of the new school crest and banner.
- Well done to the swimmers who were incredible in the ISSA Gala and the Northside Gala this month.
- We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break.

AMBER FLAG

- We are planning to introduce Wellbeing Wednesdays in collaboration with the Student Council
- Safer Internet Day was held in February
- The Amber Flag has been put up outside the school.





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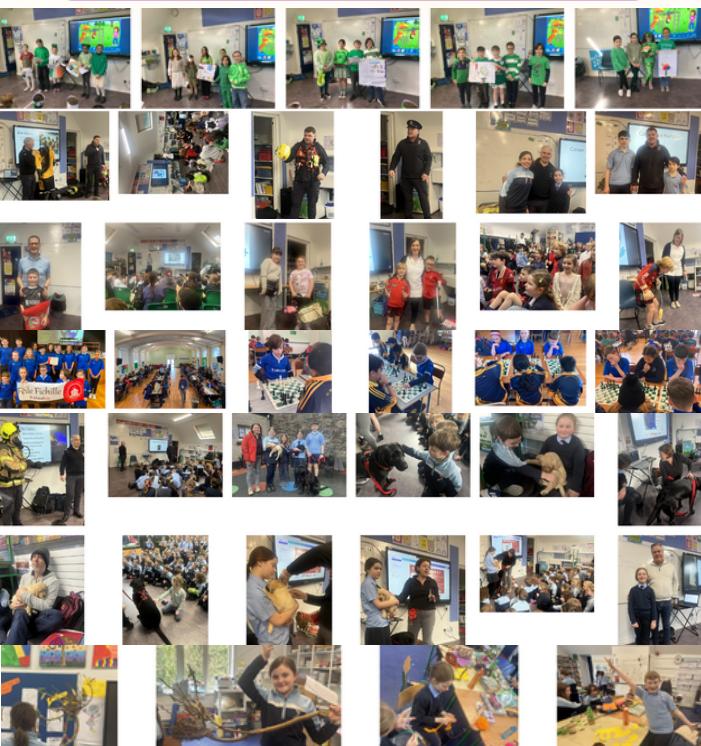
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BÍ CINEÁLTA

- Staff Training and Consultation was held on Friday 28th of March 2025.
- A draft policy has been developed and staff are being consulted on this at the moment.
- We are on schedule to publish the policy in the month of May.
- Pupil Friendly policies have been developed that are suitable for younger children and older children.
- Bí Cineálta launch event to be held in the Summer term in school where parents will be invited in to learn about the policy - children taking the lead.



PHOTOGRAPHS



CHURCH LINKS - SCHOOL ETHOS

This year in Assembly on Fridays we have been working our way through the Parables of Jesus. We've learned that Jesus taught people with parables or stories to help them understand God's kingdom, how to live as citizens of His kingdom and as followers of Jesus. Parables help us to understand more about who Jesus is and in knowing Jesus we can know God. The kids have asked great questions, offered insightful observations and had fun helping tell the stories through skits and activities. Be sure to ask them which parable has been their favourite so far!

In between studying parables we've also learned about St. Francis and had a stuffed animal blessing, talked about All Souls (Halloween) and All Saints Day and learned about St. Brigid. Before heading off on Easter Holidays we will have a special lesson about Holy Week. This year Junior and Senior Infants all received a Bible Buddy Bear to be their buddy in reading bible stories. We hope they will love these bears for years to come and are excited to welcome all future incoming Junior Infants with a Bible Buddy!

We have lots of services and events coming up at St. Anne's Church and we welcome you to join us at 10:15am on Sundays or at any of our events. More information on our website www.stanneshandon.ie and look for the News and Events tab.

Holy Week and Easter services:

13th April (Sunday 10:15am): Palm Sunday with blessing of the palms and narrative reading of the Passion; Holy Communion

17th April (Thursday 7:30pm): Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

18th April (Friday 2pm): Good Friday prayer service followed at 2:45pm by a special Stations of the Cross with the sonnets of Rev. Malcolm Guite guiding us through the 14 Stations.

20th April (Sunday 10:15am): Easter Sunday Holy Communion

And don't forget our special end of the year service for ST. Luke's School which is held on the last day of the school year

SPORTS AND GAMES

- Well done to the Swimmers for all their incredible achievements this year! We are so proud!
- Best of luck to all taking part in ISSA events in the summer term!

