

Halloween 2024

ST. LUKES NS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents, students teachers and all associated with St Luke's,

The first half term has well and truly flown by once again in St. Luke's. We were delighted to welcome everyone back to school and to welcome the new infant children and their parents and indeed new children and parents who enrolled in other classes over the summer.

During the summer we used PA fundraising to purchase two new storage sheds for PE equipment which are now in use in the school yard. In clearing out the old storage room, we were able to create a dedicated sensory room in our school, equipped with sensory toys, resources, lighting and calming/relaxing furnishings; which the children themselves have named the "Space Room."

The children in St. Luke's continue to be inspirational in their positive attitudes towards school and learning. This is a reflection of the unbelievable support from parents in our school. Our school community continues to maintain and develop our focus on a positive, cooperative and inclusive school environment.

I hope you all have a restful midterm break and get plenty of opportunities for fun with family throughout the Halloween season and greatly look forward to welcoming you all back to St. Luke's on the 4th of November.

Le Meas,
Eddie Pepper

2024/25

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 or stopping on the road opposite the school - this causes a build up of traffic leading to safety issues for children and pedestrians.
- 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.
- Please consult the website for up to date school policies.

SCHOOL UPDATES

- Safe Routes to school: The council needed to meet in order to amend the project to reflect public and school submissions. We are hopeful of a start very soon.
- 5th and 6th attended the Diocesan service in Bandon in October.
- We held an Infant Open Day in the school in October.
- Annual Admissions Notice published in October.
- Space week held in October
- Maths Week held in October
- Cada are back in St. Luke's for 2024/25 school year
- Teacher training completed in the PMC in October
- PMC being embedded across the school with various strategies, learning activities and lessons being taught.
- Teachers training in ADHD completed in October
- Google Classroom rolled out from 3rd to 6th
- Internet safety lessons taught in all classes in Sept/Oct
- New AUP developed and communicated to parents - children and parents who signed agreement can access internet in school
- Fire drill carried out in October
- Bí Cineálta plan in development



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GREEN SCHOOLS

The Green School's committee continues to work towards our first green flag under the guidance of Mr. Brady.

Una Leader from an Taisce visited the school in September and was very happy with the progress being made by the committee.

The committee this year is the same as last year and we are excited to keep going with this group: Corin, Luke, Evie, Esezé, Daithí, Charlotte and Cathal.

We visited the community garden on the 12th of October. Donna very kindly showed us around and explained the plans for the garden. We will continue to collaborate with them throughout the year and we hope to have our own planter. If anyone is interested in the Garden you can join for a small fee or become a volunteer. The Garden is a short walk up the Ballyhooley Road.

AMBER FLAG

The Amber Flag committee were successful in receiving the flag in the summer term last year.

We will raise the flag in school after midterm.

Meetings are continuing this year. We will work alongside the student council and with Mr. Pepper to create a wellbeing wall and wellbeing walk in school.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This years newly elected Student Council are:

Isla Weighton [Chairperson] Caleb Watters [Deputy Chairperson] Madeleine Kieffer [Secretary] Aidan Lawton [Treasurer] Rory Minihane, Cathal Quirke, Cillian Eccles [Treasurers helpers] Alice Hayes, Róisín Fitzgerald, Clodagh Russel, Amelia Linnane [Communications Officers].

So far this year we have organised a Spooky Bake Sale fundraiser for the Brú Columbanus charity. Some of the plans we have made for the year are designing a new school banner and working on the Cineáltas policy and much more to come.

We are looking forward to making our school a better place.

Kind regards, from the Student Council of St. Luke's

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

- BÍ Cineáltas Policy in development
- Annual admissions notice published in October
- Child protection policy, Substance Use Policy, AUP, Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment updated and published on website

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Parents Association would like to welcome all new families and children to St. Luke's.

are raising funds to purchase new laptops and a new PA system for the school this year.

The first fundraiser of the year was held on Friday the 25th of October - Halloween Sponsored Walk. Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser and for your fundraising efforts.



BÍ CINEÁLTA



The Bí Cineáltas procedures aim to support school communities to prevent and address bullying behaviour. They have been developed with the four key principles of Cineáltas in mind: prevention; support; oversight and community. There is a focus on wellbeing and working collaboratively to ensure everyone feels safe and welcome in school.

The Board of Management, Staff, pupils and parents will work together in the creation of our Bí Cineáltas policy this year. The Policy will be in effect from the beginning of the 2024/25 school year.

Mr. Pepper met with the student council to discuss developing a child friendly policy in September.

Mr. Pepper worked with 3rd to 6th class in a project to develop posters to be displayed around the school and on a Bí Cineáltas and Wellbeing wall. Positive affirmations and anti-bullying, stay safe, internet safety and other important messages will be displayed around the school.



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PHOTOGRAPHS

