

ST. MATTHEW'S N.S. NEWSLETTER

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September News

Welcome back! Fáilte ar ais! bem vindo de volta! Добро пожаловать!
з поверненням! Witamy spowrotem! Sveikas sugrižęs!

Welcome to all our returning families and our new families who have joined us for the 2024/2025 school year. We are looking forward to a wonderful academic year ahead, full of learning, fun and exciting activities for all of our pupils! We hope that our newsletters will keep you updated and informed of what is happening in our school.

We would like to welcome Ms. Woods, Mr. Kelly, Mr. O'Nuallain, Ms. Sheridan and Ms. Reilly to our school this year.



Mass for the start of the school year took place on Wednesday 25th September. We also celebrated the feast of St. Matthew.

Gaelic Football has resumed for 3rd - 6th class on Wednesdays and Fridays on the pitch at the school.



On Friday 4th October, 6th class will take part in a Gaelic football blitz in the Mercy Secondary School against other feeder schools. Best of luck to everyone involved!

Well done to all the September winners of Handwriter of the Month- Angela Binu - 2nd class, Natalia Klys - 3rd class, Natalie Ludrovec - 3rd class, Andrea Binu - 4th class, Danika Voitanik - 5th class, Ethan Grzybowski - 6th class, Liliia Ismailova - 6th class and Kaiya Rohan - Ms. Mollaghan's class.



Midterm break will be from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.

Recent Activities

Junior Infants



It was a very big day on Tuesday 27th August, as our 37 new Junior Infants started school.

They have settled in really well with their teachers Ms. McLoughlin and Ms. Mulhall.

Cumann na mBunscol

The girls and boys gaelic football teams have been up and running straight away as the Cumann na mBunscol leagues started on Thursday 12th September. The girls lost their first game against Edgeworthstown but they beat Fermoyle and Ardagh. They have now made the playoff stages where they face Ardagh once more this Tuesday. The boys have made a superb start to the season where they have beaten Clondra and Dromard. They are playing Colmcille in their next game, which is also this Tuesday. Best of luck to both teams in their upcoming games.



Community Games



On the 7th & 8th September, we had a number of children who took part in the Community Games Arts and Cultural weekend in Co. Carlow. Well done to Kaci Donlon who took part in the solo singing on Saturday, Michael Ryan and Colm McCormack who took part in the U-10 Model Making and to Maebh Ryan and Elliot O'Neill who took part in the U-12 Model Making. A huge congratulations to Elliot who came 3rd place in the competition.

Our World Cup Hero

The children and staff of St. Matthews hosted a “Coming Home” ceremony for Derek on Monday the 16th of September to celebrate his amazing achievement in the first ever Transplant World Cup.

A guard of honour was formed by our school, the secondary schools, surrounding businesses and local sports clubs. The atmosphere was electric as Derek arrived on a float to the school. The children all dressed in green to show their support and delight. The event even included an aerial flyover to add to the excitement. Thank you to all the parents for sending in cakes, biscuits and treats for the occasion. It was a fantastic event and we want to congratulate Derek again on his fantastic achievements.



Ice Cream Van Treats!!!

A big shout out to our amazing Parent's Association who provided an ice cream van as a surprise for the children celebrating Derek's achievements. The ice cream went down a treat in the sunshine.



Cross Country



Congratulations to our 32 runners who represented St. Matthews in the Longford Primary Schools Cross Country on Sunday 29th September. Despite the wet conditions, they all put in a superb performance. Well done to Michael Ryan from 4th class, Harry Kenny in 5th class and Henar Munoz in 6th class on qualifying for the Connaught round which take place on October 12th in Mohill, Co. Leitrim.



Leinster Stars!



Well done to Senan Kelly, Bryan O'Connor, Philip Zajaczkowski and Nathan Markowski who were part of the Longford Rugby U-12 Team who got to welcome the Leinster Team onto the pitch for their game against the Dragons on Friday night last. They got to meet Leinster and Ireland stars Ciarán Frawley, James Lowe and Ronan Kelleher.