



## Nuachtlitir: Mí Feabhra 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Louis,

I hope you are all well after the mid-term break and that you are enjoying the brighter evenings this Spring. We have had so many lovely events in the school since January - Paired Reading, Grandparents' Day, to name but a few - and as you can see from this newsletter, we have lots to look forward to this term.

### **September 2020**

Our registration day for incoming second-class children was held earlier this month. We look forward to welcoming the new children to our school community in September. School will reopen on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

**As we begin planning for next September, we ask that you inform your child's class teacher or Josie, the school secretary, as soon as possible, if your child is not returning to St. Louis Senior Primary School.**

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Seachtain na Gaeilge gives us all an opportunity to celebrate our Irish culture, heritage and traditions. We will mark this occasion here in St. Louis with many school events. As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge **Lá Glas (Green Day)** will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of March**. Children are encouraged to wear a green top with their school tracksuit on that day as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a school assembly. There will be lots of "ceol agus craic" here in the school during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We have included some Irish phrases for you to use at home with your children.

### **Frásaí Gaeilge (Phonetic)**

- **Dia duit** – Hello

*Dee-ah gwit*

- **Slán leat** - Goodbye

*Slawn lath*

- **Cad is ainm duit?** – What's your name?

*Cod is annim dith?*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **is ainm dom.** – My name is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *is annim dum.*

- **Conas atá tú?** - How are you?

*Cunn-us ah-taw too?*

- **Tá fáilte romhat** – You're welcome.

*Taw fall-che row-att.*

Conas atá tú?  
How are you?

Dia Duit  
Hello



### **Sacraments**

Children in Second Class who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May, will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance on **Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in Rathmines Church. On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March**, boys and girls in sixth class will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11.00am.

We as a school community, look forward to celebrating these special events in the lives of our children.





### Sports Updates

Basketball is taking place on Mondays with students from Notre Dame University in America. We are very fortunate to have this link between our school and such a famous university.

Ranelagh Gaels will be training our second classes in Gaelic Football.

Our Active Committee have been very busy reminding us all of the importance of taking regular exercise. They also have been coordinating the collection of Aldi stickers to help us be in with a chance to win €50,000.

Over the next few weeks the children will be preparing to represent the school in Primary Schools Sports in Morton Stadium, Santry, in May/June. Trials will be held over the coming weeks. Teachers will have more details for the children nearer the time.

### Science Blast

Ms. Galvin's 3<sup>rd</sup> class will be attending the RDS Science Blast Exhibition on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have entered this Science Fair with their experiment "How to make an erupting volcano". They are really enjoying their experiments as they attempt to make the best erupting Volcano in Dublin.

### Parents' Association

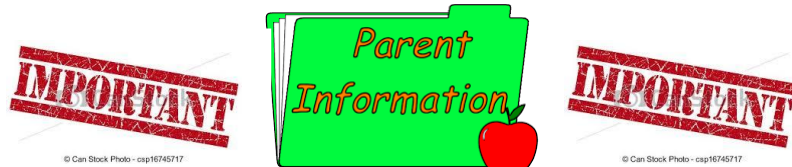
Sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for all their wonderful work so far this school year. Their fundraising events are always exciting days which the whole school community enjoys. Their next fundraising event for parents is an **International Table Quiz** which will be held in Rody Boland's on **Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. They are also organising an Easter raffle for the children in the school, keep an eye on their newsletter for all the details.

### Book Fair

There will be a book fair in the school from the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. A book fair is a fun pop-up event that is all about books. It celebrates reading and is a chance for children to purchase up to date books and it encourages them to read. We are looking forward to this in our school during this week in March.

### Primary Language Curriculum

As schools engage and implement the Primary Language Curriculum, the Department of Education in circular 45/19 has requested schools to spend time in planning the PLC. **We will close on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of March at 12.00pm to facilitate staff training on the PLC.**



### Visitors to our school

It is important for the safety of all the children and staff in the school that all parents and visitors to the school check into the office with Josie, our school secretary. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, Josie will arrange for the teacher to meet with you at a time that suits you both.

### Please be on time for school

Children need to be in school at **8.50am** so they don't miss important parts of the day. Being on time also allows children time to settle into class and to organise their books and materials for the day ahead. In addition, core subjects such as English, Irish or Maths are often taught at this time of the day.

There will be no school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of March.**

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*Dolores Hanrahan*

