



St. Luke's Summer Newsletter 2021



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

I hope you are all well. I wish to thank you all for your continued support over this past year. I wish to thank all of the pupils who have worked so hard throughout the lockdown and subsequent return to school. They have kept their spirits up despite everything that has been going on around them and by doing that they have kept our spirits up too. Thank you to our staff who have worked so hard to keep everything going during this difficult time. It has been a year like no other. We are really looking forward to brighter days ahead and a return to normal life.

School uniforms are available in the usual stores Tesco, Lidl, M&S, Dunnes, Primark etc. School crests will be available to buy in the school office when school re-opens in late August. The *booklists* for each class can be found on our website and in your Aladdin Connect account. Please remember to buy the books for the class that your child is going to start in August.

The *Sacrament of Confirmation* will take place on Tuesday July 20th 2021. The *Sacrament of First Holy Communion* will take place for 3rd classes on Thursday July 22nd 2021 and for 2nd classes on Friday July 23rd 2021. School will reopen on Thursday August 26th 2021 at 9am. Classes will run for the full day. School starts at 9am and ends at 1:40pm for Senior infants and at 2:40pm for 1st class to 6th class. New Junior Infants will start on Wednesday September 1st 2021 and have been given their own timetable. The school calendar for the year can be found on our website.

As we bid farewell to Kate, our wonderful secretary for the past 20 years, I wish to say that we are eternally grateful to Kate for everything she has done here for everybody. She was wonderful with parents, pupils and staff. Her smile always made everyone feel so welcome here. We all wish her a lovely retirement. We will all miss you Kate! We warmly welcome Izabela and Jacqueline, our new school secretaries, and we wish them every success.

We hope you all have a fun filled, safe and relaxing summer break. Please keep an eye on our website for any updates. You can contact me directly on infostlukesns@gmail.com and I will try to answer any queries you may have.

Take care,

Vivienne Bourke.

Principal St. Luke's NS.



Green Schools



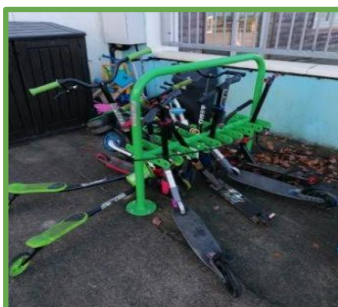
We have been working hard over the past two years on our Travel Flag. The aim of this flag is to encourage sustainable travel to and from school. Sustainable Travel includes walking, cycling, scooting, and parking further away to minimize air pollution in our school grounds. Since starting our travel flag application, we have seen a 10% increase in the number of children using sustainable methods of transport.

We held a Walk on Wednesday back in November where we closed the road and car park around our school and gathered to travel sustainably. It was a great success and we had a lot of fun. It proved to us that we can all play a part to protect the air around our school. As you may have noticed we have installed bike and scooter racks at the front and side of the school. We hope that the students continue to use these for years to come.

We have worked so hard to minimise the traffic around the school and we would ask parents to be mindful during drop off and collection. Please turn off your engine when waiting in the car park, an idling engine commits harmful gases that negatively impact on our air quality. We would like to encourage parents to park at LIDL and walk your children down to school. It's a great way to stay active as well! We will continue to pick up litter, recycle, save energy, and raise awareness for the environment. Next year we will focus on the biodiversity flag, and we are so excited to see what we can do to help our community become more climate friendly.

Thank You to all the staff and students that helped us achieve the Travel Flag, we couldn't have done it without you!

-Ms. Quinn & The Green Schools Committee



For the Bees!



St. Luke's this year signed up for the Pollinator Plan Juniors, to support biodiversity and pollination. Children have helped to get the ground prepared, calculated the area to plant seeds, plants and learnt about the importance of pollinators and what they need to survive. After a digger came to the rescue to level the soil, children started to plant the seeds and plants and spread out the mulch on the "Adopt a Patch" in front of the school. Until all the flowers begin to grow, the wind chimes are brightening up the place. Children helped with the planting of flowers on the road leading to the schools also. Plants and soil were provided by Lidl & Super Value! We must value things around us in nature, flowers such as daisies and educating are smaller students about biodiversity and pollination from a young age, will create something greater and better when they get older. Don't dismiss little beginnings! Planting little seeds and valuing little plants will one day bring great things to the appearance of an area!



-Ms. Omojola



Ice Cream Day



We have missed out on a lot of special days and events this year. Luckily for us Ms. Hardiman kindly organised an ice-cream van to come to the school in June. On the day we could eat our ice-creams in the lovely sunshine outside.

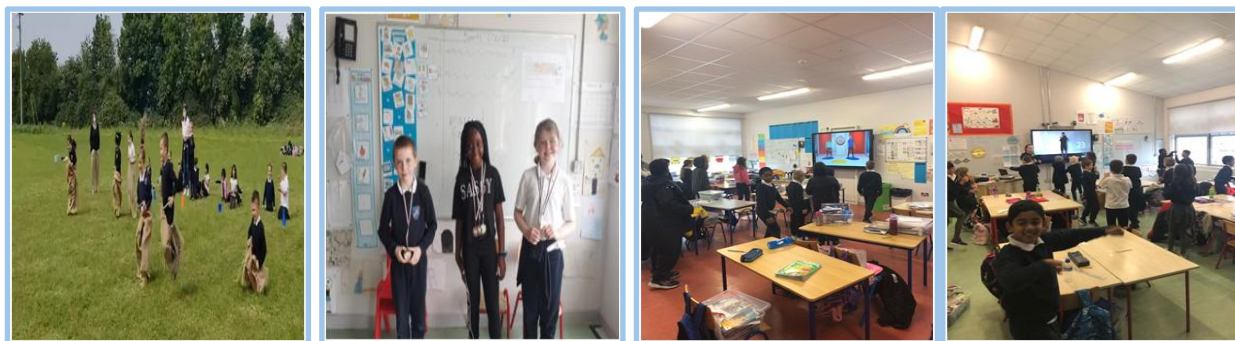


Active Schools



Our school has been participating in Active Schools for a year. An Active School is a school that strives to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. The promotion of physical exercise through the curriculum, at an age appropriate level, is central to the Active School ethos. All classes got an opportunity to be a part of a number of fun activities such as *Active Advent Calendar*, *The Olympic Schools Challenge* and *Active Week*. A special thanks to all of the students who were Active Reps this year, you all did a fantastic job!

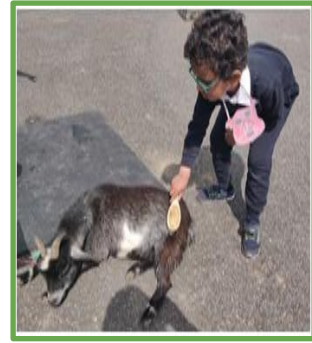
-Ms. Hardiman



Woolly Ward's Farm

The Woolly Ward Farm team brought their mobile farm to visit infant classes in June. Chicks, guinea pigs, a lamb, two goats, a small pig and rabbits came to our school! Children really enjoyed getting to see the animals up close. The goats seemed to be the favourite animals that came to visit in Ms. Walsh's class from the pictures below.





Junior Infants News

We had a busy year. We learned Jolly Phonics sounds, reading, writing and lots of other important things too. We also made time for fun and enjoyed making new friends, playing with balls and hula hoops in the yard and Aistear play time in class. Our highlight was a visit from Woolly Wards farm where we got to hold bunnies and chicks and got to groom a goat. We also enjoyed Sports Day and Ice-cream Day. We can't wait until next year for more fun and learning!



-Ms. Browne & Ms. Hogan

Senior Infants News

Senior Infants have had so much fun in the run-up to our summer holidays! We couldn't go on a school tour so our teachers planned a week of fun for us instead. Wolly Ward's farm came to visit. We got to hold chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits! We also brushed two goats, petted a lamb, high-fived a duck and met the smallest pig we've ever seen! The next day, we had our first ever Sports Day. We cheered on our friends as they ran in a race. Then we did an obstacle course. Lastly, we had a few falls and laughs in the sack race. After that, we got a big surprise - the ice cream van came to our school! We have had so much fun and worked so hard to get ready for 1st Class. We know how to write and read and we have made some great friends too!



-Ms. Walsh, Ms. Doheny & Ms. Kindlon



First Class News

As the year draws to a close we look back on all the friends we've made and fun activities we've done in 1st class. Over the last few weeks we've watched our lettuce and cress seeds grow in the school garden. The first class corridor has been brightened up by our fantastic artwork all year - (see Mr. Nulty's penguin art), Mr. Mulvaney's cubist paintings and decorative doors (see Ms. Yeates's door picture). We got creative with marshmallows and toothpicks building 3D shapes; as well as devouring the leftover marshmallows! Our favourite activity of all was tackling the obstacle course on Sports Day. We were also lucky enough to cool down with some well earned ice-creams afterwards. We've really enjoyed our time in first class and are proud of our hard work. Wishing you all a lovely summer.

-Ms. Yeates, Mr. Mulvaney & Mr. Nulty



Second Class News

We have made some amazing lifetime memories this year in second class. We started the year learning from home and having lots of valuable time with our families. Although online teaching and learning was fun, returning to school made us appreciate our friendships more than ever! Some of our favourite memories from this year were meeting each other's pets on Zoom calls, "trick or treating" in the classroom at Halloween, performing for our virtual Christmas concert, nature walks in Tyrrelstown park, our Saint Patrick's day parade around the park, trips to the playground, planting courgettes in the school garden, an Easter egg hunt, having a magician come to school, when the ice-cream van came to school and sports day! We also learned a lot this year, one of our favourite projects was all about the Titanic! It has been a year like no other but we have managed to make the most of second class and we are so ready to have fun in third class!

-Ms. Cooney, Ms. Byrne & Ms. Ní Lorcaín



Third Class News

The third class children completed a number of fantastic SESE (Geography, Science and History) projects this year. The topics included the counties of Ireland, Space, The Vikings, and Ancient Egypt. They also created some beautiful art work. The children made incredible projects which were both inventive and informative. We have included some photos of the amazing work from this year.

-Ms. McGuane, Ms. Barrett, Ms. Dolphin & Ms. Phelan

Maps of Ireland - Ms. Phelan's Third Class

Rune Writing - Ms. Dolphin's Third Class



3D Space projects - Ms. McGuane's Third Class



A beautiful summer collage of paper flowers - Ms. Barrett's Third Class



Fourth Class News

Fourth class this year explored the countries of Italy and Japan. Students submitted projects on these countries and presented them to their peers in class. With the Olympics taking place in Japan this year the children learned lots of new and amazing facts. Mr. Costello's class also took part in "The Road to Tokyo" event which was promoted in Irish primary schools. The challenge encouraged the children to partake in many forms of exercise both inside and outside of school. Their efforts and time were then converted into kilometres between Ireland and Tokyo where fun facts were discovered along the way.

-Mr. Costello, Mr. Lynch & Mr. Molloy



Fifth Class News

The children in fifth class have enjoyed learning about many topics this year, including, The 1916 Rising, The Aztecs and An Górtá Mór. They completed some very impressive Science, Geography and History projects. The children also produced wonderful art such as garden decorations from recycled materials and a model famine village made from clay and other materials. Well done boys and girls!!

-Ms. Lennon, Ms. Cullinan & Mr. Lowther



Garden Art - Ms. Cullinan's Fifth Class Class



An Górtá Mór - Ms.Lennon's Fifth Class



SESE Projects - Mr. Lowther's Fifth Class



Sixth Class News

This year has been extremely crazy for sixth classes due to COVID-19. Sixth class has missed out on many things, including after school activities, a proper graduation, school trips, helping out with the infants, confirmation and so on.

However sixth class still had fun doing things like going to the park, doing art, playing ping pong, golden time etc.

Here's some advice from sixth class for those beginning sixth class in fall. "Avoid getting into trouble" "Be organised" "Listen to your teachers" "Work hard" "Pay attention and stay focused". Above all, remember to have fun!

Despite the fact this year had been a total disaster for sixth classes they still had a great time!

Thank you to Iffy from 6th class for writing the above piece.



Goodbye to our Sixth Classes

Sixth Class teachers organised fun activities to mark the last week of primary school for our 6th classes before graduation took place on Wednesday June 23rd. We wish all our 6th class boys & girls the best of luck as they say goodbye to primary school and look forward to starting secondary school.

Go n-éiri go geal libh go léir.

-Ms. Kilcommins, Ms. Jordan & Ms.Rao



Good News

On Tuesday June 1st, the children in 5th class took part in a 5km sponsored walk as part of their sports day activities. The children completed their 5km challenge with great determination and positivity. All had great fun but most of all, they raised €250 for the Irish Children's Charity Barnardos.



Monsignor Thynne Message

Another school year, disrupted by Covid-19 draws to a close. It has been one of the most challenging years in most unprecedented circumstances that we will ever experience.

I acknowledge the manner in which staff and pupils under the guidance of Ms. Bourke and Mr. Neary tackled each challenge with positivity and determination. Well done to parents and guardians for your encouragement to the school at every stage.

Despite the disappointment and postponement of many events, the boys and girls will finally receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in July. May they be occasions of celebration to cherish and remember. To the sixth class pupils as you begin your second level education, may your God given gifts and talents continue to develop and may your future be bright and happy.

I wish everyone in the St. Luke's family a healthy and safe summer filled with joy, blessings and sunshine.



-Monsignor Thynne

2021/2022 School Calendar

Back to School-Thursday August 26th 2021. School opens for all (except Junior Infants who start September 1st). Full school of day.

Halloween -School closed Monday October 25th to Friday 29th 2021 (one week). School resumes November 1st 2021.

Christmas - School closed at 12pm Wednesday December 22nd (Junior Infants go home at 11:50am) to January 5th 2022. School resumes Thursday January 6th 2022

February Mid-Term - School closed Monday February 18th to Friday 22nd 2022 (one week). School resumes Monday February 28th 2022.

St. Patrick's Day - School closed Thursday March 17th and Friday 18th 2022 (two days).

Easter - School closed at 12pm Friday April 8th (Junior Infants go home at 11:50am) to April 22nd 2022. School resumes Monday April 25th 2022

May - School closed Monday May 2nd 2022 (one day).

June Break - School closed Monday June 6th to Friday 10th 2022 (one week). School resumes June 13th 2022.

Summer Holidays - Thursday June 30th 2022 closed for summer at 12pm (Junior Infants go home at 11:50am).

School Website

Check out our updated website www.stlukesns.ie

or on  find us @StLukesNs

