



## SAINT MICHAEL'S NS NEWSLETTER

### School News

It has been a great first half-term, with lots of exciting things going on in Saint Michael's.

Music Generation started for all classes in October and we are all really enjoying our weekly music class with Michelle and Larry the ukelele. Junior Infants - 3rd class all got to visit the Belltable theatre to watch a performance as part of the Buladh Bos Children's festival. The Belltable very generously offered us free drama workshops for the classes also, which the children really enjoyed. 2nd - 6th class all took part in the Diocesan service in St. Mary's Cathedral, along with schools from all over the Diocese. I think they particularly enjoyed finding the different soup ingredients that were hidden all over the Cathedral.

We celebrated Maths Week in October also and Ms. Stackpoole, Ms. Doran and the older classes organised lots of fun activities for the whole school, including a Maths Eyes competition and maths orienteering around the school and in the park. The older children were fantastic at working with and helping the younger children. A big well done to everyone and thank you to Ms. Stackpoole and Ms. Doran for organising it all.

Finally this week 5th & 6th class took part in a lantern making workshop with Luman Street Theatre and everyone enjoyed a dress up day, with some treats paid for by the P.T.A. I hope everyone has a restful mid-term break and a Happy Halloween!

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### P.T.A. News

The P.T.A. Annual General Meeting took place on October 19th and it was the first face-to-face meeting since 2020. The outgoing committee gave a summary of last year's successful events and fundraising and a new committee was formed. The following are the new committee members:

Susan Pena/ Gerard Pena (Rose, 1st class), Olivia Cotter (Jude, 1st class), Bijal / Shane McSweeney (Elliott, Junior Infants), Miryam Amigo Benevant (Michael, Junior Infants), Karen Harkin (Tyler, Junior Infants), Annette Staunton (Kate, 4th), Kathrine Barneclutt / Emmanuel O'Grady (Anna, Junior Infants)

The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on November 9th and everyone is welcome to attend. The committee roles will be decided at this meeting and the P.T.A. will begin planning events for the year also. If you wish to get in touch with the P.T.A. please email them on [PTA@smnslimerick.ie](mailto:PTA@smnslimerick.ie).







Our Green Schools display

# Green Schools

We are continuing our work on the theme of litter and waste and all classes are keeping an eye on the bins, trying to reduce their waste and making sure items go into the correct bins. Parents can support this by sending in as little packaging as possible e.g. instead of a single-use yoghurt carton, could you buy a big tub and send a small reusable container in your child's lunch box?

After mid-term, we will be forming our Green Schools committee. Ms. Halpin will be looking for pupils from 1st - 6th class who are passionate about the environment to help lead our Green Schools effort and if a few parents would like to volunteer also, we would love to have you on board also!

## Dates for your diary

**Throughout Nov:** Music Generation continues

**Week beginning Nov. 14th:** Anti-Bullying Week and Science Week

**Nov. 14th:** Peace Proms workshop 4th - 6th

**Nov. 15th:** Internet Safety Talks (2nd - 6th class. Parent Session 7 p.m. Link will be emailed that day at 2 p.m.)

**Week beginning Nov 21st:** Parent teacher meetings

**Dec. 16th:** 4th - 6th Carol Singing in the Crescent

**Dec. 21st:** Christmas service 10 a.m., Toy Day and school finishes at 12 p.m. for the Christmas break.

## Student Council News

Our Student Council have now received their badges and are wearing them with pride!

The Student Council have been working with Ms. Gleeson on deciding what games or activities we should paint onto the newly-resurfaced Junior Yard. They measured out the yard, looked at the catalogue and dimensions of the different options and choose what they felt is best suited to cater for all classes in the school.

We are hoping to get these painted on over the next few weeks.

The Student Council are also helping Ms. Gleeson order some new outdoor learning resources that can be used by all classes.



## Parish News

Sunday School: Will meet in Saint Michael's & Saint Mary's on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Godly play will run in Abington on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All children of primary school age and under are very welcome to attend.

