

## SAINT MICHAEL'S NS NEWSLETTER

### School News

Welcome back to all our wonderful pupils for the new school year. I would also like to extend an extra special welcome to our fifteen new Junior Infants and new pupils in 1st, 2nd and 4th classes. A warm welcome also to our new members of staff, Mr. David McDonnell (teacher, 2nd & 3rd class), Ms. Maureen Tynne (SNA), Ms. Lillian Glynn (Principal release cover) and Ms. Jade Purcell (shared support teacher with Limerick School Project). We are delighted to have them on board and to have Ms. Bríd Stackpoole with us full time this year. We said a sad farewell to much loved members of staff Ms. Sally Fossitt, Ms. Sandra Wallace and Ms. Siobhán Hayes in June but I think we might be missing them more than they are missing us!

It's been a great start to the school year and we have many exciting things planned for this term. Music Generation will be starting on October 4th, much to the excitement of the pupils who have done it before. This will continue throughout the year and give all pupils a chance to access performance music education. Music Generation is paid for through the 'subscriptions' portion of the school book bills that you paid in September.

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Our Green Schools display

## Green Schools

We are starting Year Two of our Green Schools programme and over the coming weeks, we will be putting together a Green Schools Committee with staff, pupils and parents. If this is something you would like to be involved in, you can let Ms. Halpin know via the school email address. We are continuing to work on the theme of 'Litter and Waste' and our aim for the coming months is to reduce the amount of waste that is going in the bins. Each class continues to have 'bin monitors' who are checking that waste is going into the correct bins. The Green Schools team asks everyone to remember to bring in their small towel each day for drying hands as this is one great way for us to reduce the waste we throw away.

## Dates for your diary

**October** is Black History Month

**Oct. 2nd:** Family Harvest service

**Oct 3rd - 9th:** Road and Fire Safety Week

**Oct. 4th:** Music Generation starts for all classes

**Oct. 7th:** 2nd & 3rd class trip to the Belltable Theatre

**Oct 10th:** Junior Infants - 1st class trip to the Belltable Theatre

**Oct 13th:** Diocesan Service (2nd - 6th class)

**Oct 21st:** School closes at 12 p.m.

**Oct 15th - 23rd:** Maths Week

**Oct 31st - Nov. 4th:** Mid Term Break

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



## Student Council News

This September something new and exciting happened in our school - we held out first ever vote for our new Student Council. Congratulations to our new Student Council members:

Connie (Public Relations Officer, 6th Class)

Eric (Senior Infant Rep., 6th Class)

Sophie (2nd class rep., 5th Class)

Alexander (Treasurer, 5th class)

Noah (Chairperson, 4th Class)

Kate (Junior Infant rep., 4th class),

Ruth (Secretary, 3rd Class)

Yeamlak (1st class rep., 3rd class)

Our new Student Council will soon receive their badges and I look forward to working with them over the coming months. Their first task will be to help the teachers choose what line markings we should have on our newly resurfaced Junior yard.

## Parish News

On Sunday October 2nd, there will be a Family Harvest Service in Saint Michael's Church at 10 a.m. All are welcome. You will be able to admire some lovely Harvest artwork completed by children in the school and some of our older pupils have volunteered to read also. Ms. Morrow is arranging some biscuits and drinks for the children for after the service too.

On October 13th 2nd - 6th class will join schools from around the Diocese for the Diocesan service in Saint Mary's Cathedral. It will be the first time since 2019 this has been able to go ahead and is always a lovely occasion.

