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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.

What's inside?

We continue to build on our success with the Creative Schools project: in October Junior Infants - 3rd class will visit the Belltable Theatre to see performances as part of the Bualadh Bos Festival and this year 4th - 6th class will take part in Peace Proms again.

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The last Monday of September was European Day of Languages and some of the classes and pupils created some videos of them saying 'hello' in different languages. The last day of September is also European School Sports Day and the classes took part in lots of fun sports, including a whole school 'Wake up, Shake up' in the yard to get everyone started for the school day. Thanks to Mr. O' Donnell for co-ordinating the activities for everyone and to the older pupils for helping the younger ones. It is so nice to see everyone having fun together.

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P.T.A. News





Last year the P.T.A. raised a fantastic €5377 and that is thanks to the support and generosity of you, our parents and guardians. These funds helped pay for the Christmas Panto, the Family Fun Evening entertainment, hoodies for our 6th class leavers and contributed to the resurfacing of the Junior Yard - which hopefully all parents will get a chance to admire at some stage over the coming months. This fund-raising is so important to help us provide additional activities and resources for the pupils.

The P.T.A. is a really important part of our school life and getting involved in any way you can will help you get to know others parents and to strengthen ties with the school. The P.T.A. will be holding their Annual General Meeting in October (date TBC) in the school and we strongly encourage everyone to come. You can learn more about what the P.T.A. does, meet other parents and contribute to P.T.A. activities this year. You can contact the P.T.A. at any time using their email address: ptasaintmichaelsns@gmail.com.



Our Green Schools display

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

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.

Student Council News

classesThis September something new and exciting happened inOct. 7th: 2nd & 3rd class trip to the Belltableour school - we held out first ever vote for our new StudentTheatreCouncil.Congratulationsto our new StudentOct 10th: Junior Infants - 1st class trip to themembers:

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),



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.

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.

