



SAINT MICHAEL'S NS NEWSLETTER

School News



Ms. Stackpoole's class with their swimming certificates

We are well into the school year now and life in Saint Michael's is as busy as ever. All the children enjoyed yoga classes over the past few weeks. Forth, Fifth and Sixth class have been back swimming, with Second and Third class beginning in December. We celebrated Maths Week in October and Science Week in November. We continue to build links with other school and third level institutions such as U.L and Mary I, with older pupils taking part in workshops in both. We were delighted to welcome a group of pupils from Villiers to talk to pupils about racism and diversity. Older pupils have also had trips to the library and police station and First and Second class were lucky enough to take part in a wonderful coding workshop, run by Airah's mother. Thank you so much to Yumnah for coming in to share your expertise with the children. We are always delighted to have parents in to work with classes, so if you have an area of interest and would like to share this with the children, please get in touch with your class teacher.

We have had a whole school focus on kindness over the past number of weeks and it is always wonderful to see and hear pupils (and staff!) being kind to each other. We have talked at assemblies about using kind words with each other, both in person and online. The senior classes will be completing Webwise lessons over the coming weeks and there will be lots of discussion about communicating with others in a respectful and kind manner, particularly online. This is something parents may also wish to chat to their children about.

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As we approach December, rehearsals are in full swing for our school show, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children are working hard at learning songs and lines and we cannot wait to perform for everyone on December 18th at 2.30 p.m in the church. The P.T.A. will serve teas and coffees before the show and we will also hold our annual Christmas raffles on this day. We are looking for donations for the raffle - please see the P.T.A. section for further information. We will also have our Christmas service in the church on December 20th at 11 a.m. and all families are welcome to attend this also.

Our enrollment is now open for next September so if there are any siblings, cousins, friends or neighbours looking to start in Saint Michael's next year, they can apply via our school website. Finally, We would like to extend a huge congratulations to teacher Ms. Ruth Halpin, Conor and Danny on the birth of baby James, who arrived safely in October.

Dates for you diary

November 26th: PE lessons with Ricardo for all classes (10 weeks)

December 3rd: school closed

December 5th: 2nd & 3rd class swimming (6 weeks)

December 6th: Carol singing in the Crescent Shopping Centre

December 8th: Children's gift service @ 10am in Saint Michael's Church

December 12th - 4th & 5th class library visit

December 18th- P.T.A. teas and coffees, followed Jack and the Beanstalk @ 2.30 p.m. and Christmas Raffle.

December 20th - Christmas Service @ 11a.m.. **School will close at 12 p.m.**



Mr. McDonnell's class entry for Someone Like Me competition

Student Council

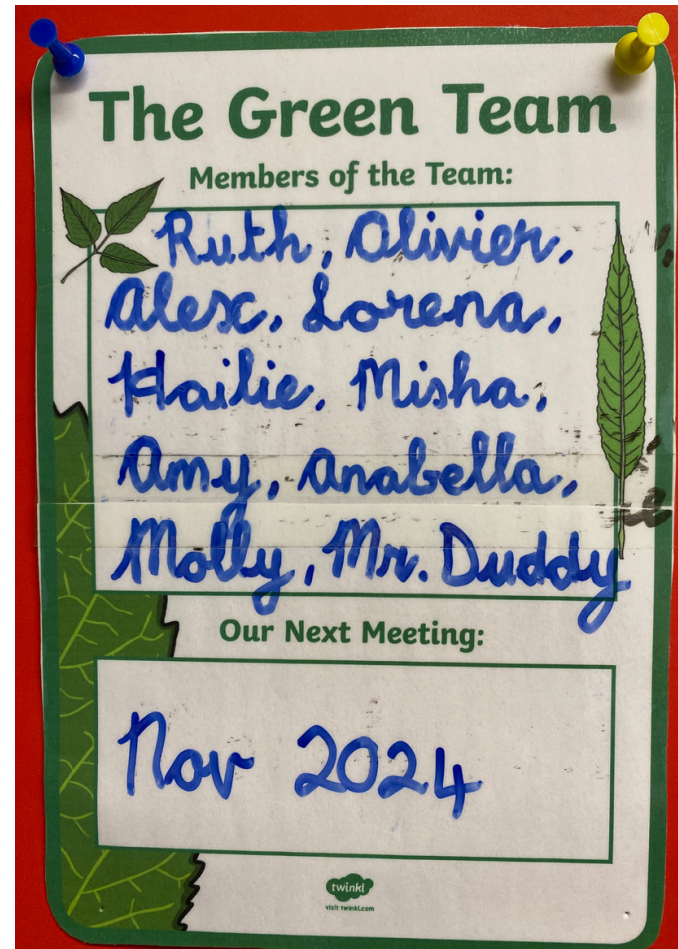
Congratulations to our new Student Council members: Vlada, Baden, Mikolaj, Ruth, Hanna N, Gavin, Freddie and Mariam K. So far our new Student Councillors have organised play equipment for the children at break times. Thanks also to Mr. McDonnell, who is the staff liaison person for the Student Council.



4th & 5th class working with Infants during maths week.

Green Schools

Our next Green School flag is the water flag - not energy, as outlined in the previous newsletter. Our Green Team have started by updating our lovely Green Schools display in the school and we are looking forward to learning about how we can reduce our water usage this year.



P.T.A. News



The P.T.A. held their A.G.M. on October 21st. Last year the P.T.A. raised an impressive €2941.82 and this money was used to help pay for the last interactive screen in one classroom, pay for buses for Peace Proms and UL Sports day and the P.T.A. also made a contribution to the 6th class hoodies. A big thank you to the committee and everyone who supported the P.T.A. events and fundraising throughout the year.

With our Christmas show approaching, the P.T.A. are now looking for **raffle prizes** for both the children's and the adult raffle, which will be held after 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. If you can donate a prize, or know someone who can, **please drop these into school by 11th December.**

The P.T.A. will also be serving teas and coffees before the show, so if you can help out for a little while, please let them know at: pta@smnslimerick.ie



5th & 6th class during science week



Yoga classes



2nd & 3rd class singing and signing 'Count On Me'



Infants having fun playing in 'The Bakery' role play area.

Parish News

Childrens' Gift Service: This will be held in Saint Michael's on Sunday 8th December at 10am. You (adults and children) are invited to bring a wrapped gift for a child (with note on front of gender and age appropriateness) to place under the Christmas Tree. All gifts collected will be donated to a local children's charity. Thank you

