



SAINT MICHAEL'S NS NEWSLETTER

School News

Our wonderful pupils in Jack and the Beanstalk



We finished 2024 in style here in Saint Michael's N.S. with an incredible performance of the musical Jack and the Beanstalk. So much time and effort went in to rehearsals, making props etc. and the end result was something very special. I wish to extend a huge well done to all the pupils and teachers, especially to those pupils who learned lines and performed singing parts. We have a few stars in the making here in our school. A big thank you to Mr. McDonnell who directed and organised the production. Thanks to Dean Niall and the parish of Saint Michael's for allowing us to use the church. Another big thank you to our fantastic P.T.A. who provided teas and coffees for parents before the performance and organised a raffle to raise much needed funds to support the school. 4th - 6th class also traveled to the Crescent Shopping Centre in December to cheer shoppers up with their carol singing and raised a huge €805.

The start to the new term was disrupted slightly with the snowfall, but we were delighted to be able to reopen the school on Tuesday 7th. 2nd & 3rd class continued swimming for the month of January and P.E. lessons with Ricardo continued for all classes also. We welcomed teaching practice student Craig Ryan and past pupil Melios Smalis who joined us for his Transition Year work experience. January also saw trips to the library and art gallery. We enjoyed another episode of 'Kindness Radio' over the intercom and there were shout outs for Gabriel (Senior Infants), Cillian (2nd class), Airah (1st class) and Rosie (5th class) for being kind.

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Dates for you diary

February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th: PE with Ricardo for all classes

February 10th: Say Yes to Languages starts for 4th - 6th classes

February 14th: Cake Sale and coffee morning for parents 9.30 - 10.30

February 20th & 21st: Mid-term break, school closed

March 5th: P.T.A. talks 'Parenting in a Digital World'

March 6th: World Book Day

March 10th: School closed at 12 p.m. for staff training

March 17th & 18th: School closed



4th & 5th class enjoy Christmas in the city



Carol singing at The Crescent

Student Council

The Student Council met recently to discuss their plans for this term. A discussion took place regarding the equipment bags that the council organised for each yard. It was decided that they would like to fundraise to purchase more equipment for break time.

The council has decided to organise a Valentine's Day-themed bake sale on Friday, 14th February. Pupils and parents are asked to support this fundraiser by bringing in baked goods and, of course, purchasing our baked goods on 14th February.

Members of the Student Council have also gone from class to class to discuss safety in the yard and the care of equipment.



Junior and Senior Infants had fun making igloos out of sugar cubes as part of our learning about The Arctic.



Proud pupils with their AR certs



2nd and 3rd class enjoying P.E. lessons with Ricardo

Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee have met this month and put together a plan for the new year. The children had great suggestions regarding how to maintain progress already made with the litter and waste theme, as well as ways in which they can promote the water theme within the school community. It will be a busy and exciting start to 2025 for the committee.



Our kindness display



Our Green Schools committee

P.T.A. News

The PTA has several updates and plans to share with you. In December, we held a social before the Christmas play and a raffle that raised €839.45—thank you for your support! These funds will go towards improving the children's experience at Saint Michael's, such as workshops and events. The Student Council will also review potential uses, and we'll update you soon!

We're also excited to announce internet safety and online workshops led by former parent Jackie O'Regan currently planned for **March 6th**. These will be for both students and parents, building on the great feedback from Jackie's previous sessions. More details to come!

Our main event, the Family Fun Day, is scheduled for May 28th. If you would like to contribute to this event or share any ideas, please get in touch with the P.T.A. It's sure to be a fun-filled day for everyone, with more details as the date approaches. The P.T.A is always looking for new members and ideas to enhance the school experience for our children. Please reach out with any suggestions or if you'd like to get involved.

Thank you for your continued support—we're making a real difference together.