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SAINT MICHAEL'S NS NEWSLETTER



1st and 2nd class on World Book Day and Lá Glas

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We are now more than half way through the current school year and things in Saint Michael's have been busy as always. The Student Council organised and ran a very successful cake sale and coffee morning on Valentine's Day and raised almost €700, which is a great achievement. They are using this money to buy new outdoor play equipment for use by all children in the school. We are also so proud of our 4th -6th class pupils who took part in a soccer tournament in March. All the pupils represented the school wonderfully and well done to each and every one. We were delighted to hear that the girls' team even made it to the semi-finals. We also need to say a big congratulations to our 5th & 6th class debaters, who have won two debates now and are on to the next stage of the competition against Parteen National School. We wish them the very best of luck. 5th class started ukulele lessons this term with Ms. Gleeson. With support with funding from the Leamy Trust, we have bought a class set of ukuleles and look forward to hearing our new ukulele orchestra playing for the school soon!

I would like to say a big thank you to the P.T.A. for organising and funding the recent workshops for pupils and parents with Jackie O'Regan. I know those who were able to attend found them informative and useful. The P.T.A. and staff are finalising the launch of our voluntary 'no phone' code for Saint Michael's and we would like to invite parents who would like to sign up or find out more to a coffee morning on Friday 11th April. Keep an eye on Aladdin for more details of the launch. The P.T.A. have also confirmed May 28th for our Family Fun Evening, so be sure to mark it in your diary!

Our school tours have been arranged: Junior Infants - 1st class will go to Stonehall Farm on June 4th, 2nd - 5th classes will go to UL Sport Adventure Centre on May 28th and 6th class will travel to Kilkee on June 19th. Details on times and costs will follow. We have confirmed that the first day back of the new school year will be August 28th. The full calendar for next year will be available to parents after the Easter break.

Finally, I would like to say Eid Mubarak to any families who are celebrating today.

School News

Dates for you diary



The Community Garda visited Infants and 2nd/3rd class.

April 2nd: 4th - 6th class Ocean Champions Workshop

April 11th: Coffee morning to launch our 'no phone code' and Easter Service a.m. School closes at 12 p.m.

April 14th - 25th : School closed for Easter break

April 30th: Rugby training 4th - 6th

May 5th: Bank holiday - school closed

May 14th: UL Primary School Athletics

May 28th: 2nd - 6th class school tour

May 28th: Family Fun Evening

June 2nd & 3rd: School closed

June 4th: Junior Infants - 1st class school tour

June 19th: 6th class school tour

June 25th: Graduation and last day before the holidays, close 12 p.m.

Student Council

The Student Council organised a Valentine's Day Bake Sale for the pupils and a Coffee Morning for the parents on 14th February. The event was a great success, raising a total of €660, which will be used to purchase new breaktime equipment. Members of the Student Council served tea, coffee, and baked goods in the church hall, creating a lovely atmosphere for everyone. Pupils from 6th class worked tirelessly throughout the day, helping to organise the sale and count the money. After the event, the Student Council met to decide which new equipment to purchase. Much of this equipment has already arrived and will be organised by the council in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful initiative!



We enjoyed a whole school céilí as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations.

Green Schools

The Green School Committee have been working hard on their action plan this month. They have been monitoring the water usage in the school by checking the water meter weekly and keeping a record. Each class are also competing to win extra yard time by bringing in their hand towels every day.



Green School Committee



4th & 5th Class on World Book Day



4th Class showing great team work

Parish News



SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

CHURCH OF IRELAND - ANGLICAN - EPISCOPAL

HOLY WEEK & EASTER - 2025

Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday)

10.00am: Morning Prayer - Saints John's & Ailbe, Abington

10.00am: Holy Communion - Saint Michael's Church

11.15am: Choral Eucharist & Palm Procession - Saint Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 17th April (Maundy Thursday)

7.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion

12.00pm: Diocesan Chrism Service

7.30pm: The Lord's Supper

Monday 14th April (Holy/Fig Monday)

7.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Morning Prayer

7.30pm: Compline

Friday 18th April (Good Friday)

7.30 am: Ante Communion & Litany

10.30am: Morning Prayer

12.00pm: The Way of the Cross - starting at Saint John's Cathedral

3.50pm Bishop's visit to Cathedral

Tuesday 15th April (Holy/Temple Tuesday)

7.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Morning Prayer

7.30pm: A Late Evening Office

Saturday 19th April (Easter Eve)

10.30am: Morning Prayer

Wednesday 16th April (Spy Wednesday)

7.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Morning Prayer

7.30pm: Tenebrae

Sunday 20th April (Easter Day)

9.30am: Holy Communion - Saints John's & Ailbe, Abington

10.00am: Holy Communion - Saint Michael's Church

11.15am: Festal Choral Eucharist - Saint Mary's Cathedral

All are welcome to join us for Holy Week services at the Cathedral, as we remember the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ

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Update: Promoting Digital Safety

P.T.A. News

The PTA has been working closely with school staff to prioritise internet safety for our students. Jackie from Digiwise, a past parent, led engaging sessions for each class, teaching students how to navigate the online world responsibly. Jackie also hosted two well-attended parent workshops, sharing insights and concerning statistics from an anonymous student survey. The feedback from both parents and students has been overwhelmingly positive, leading to the upcoming launch of a "Phone-Free Policy" (details to follow). This voluntary initiative encourages both parents and students to tackle challenges related to smartphones, social media, and age-appropriate gaming. The goal is to help children embrace their childhood, enhance well-being, foster creativity, and thrive in today's digital world.

The PTA is committed to supporting more initiatives to promote well-being and learning, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions!