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Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed hearing stories in German, Polish, Spanish and Portuguese on European Day of Languages.

School News

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year. A big welcome and well done to our new Junior Infants on a fantastic first half-term in school. Welcome also to new pupils, Olivia, Éabha, Rosa, Mariana, Ava, Anaya and Rafa. Ms. Mairéad Doran started her maternity leave and we are delighted to congratulate her and her husband on the safe arrival of baby Martha. I would also like to welcome Ms. Sarah Linnane, who is teaching 5th/6th class this year and Special Needs Assistant Ms. Erika Alborini who is substituting for Ms. Tynne. Congratulations to Mr. McDonnell on starting the Graduate Diploma in Special Education in Mary Immaculate College. Here at Saint Michael's we value all learning, grown ups as well as children, and as a school, we will all benefit from Mr. McDonnell's expertise in this area.

As usual it has been a busy start to the school year, with lots of different activities and trips. Swimming restarted in September with 5th/6th class completing six weeks of lessons. 4th/5th class have now started and once their six weeks are finished, it will be the turn of 2nd/3rd class. All classes really got into the groove and enjoyed six weeks of zumba classes with teacher Christine Nevin. 5th/6th class continued weekly French lessons as part of the Say Yes to Languages programme. We celebrated European Day of Languages on September 26th by inviting parents in to share stories in different languages and some older pupils also shared stories with the younger classes. 4th -6th classes took part in coding workshops in Mary I and have had opportunities to visit Limerick City Gallery. Junior Infants - 2nd class went to the Belltable Theatre to see a performance called Fen as part of the Buladh Bos festival and 1st - 6th classes were lucky to be offered free in-school drama workshops with the Belltable. Ms. Halpin's class were invited to take part in a sports day in Villiers School, with a free bus provided by Villiers. The staff were so proud to meet past-pupils on the day and commented on what kind and responsible young people they have grown up to be. We had a fun filled maths week, with older pupils planning maths trials for the younger classes, lots of games and puzzles and we finished the week with a whole school beetle drive in the school hall. Well done to all the parents who had a go at the different puzzles that went home during the week.

In September we were visited by Minister of State for Inclusion and Special Education, Michael Moynihan. I took this opportunity to speak with him on how the government can better support inclusion in schools and to highlight challenges facing some of our pupils in accessing primary care services, such as speech and language therapists and local Child Disability Network Teams. These areas are significantly underfunded and understaffed and waiting lists are significant.



Maths week 2025



Student Council

Pupils in 2nd - 6th class voted on the new Student Council in October. Congratulations to our new council members: Aimee & Kacper (6th class), Rudi & Isobel (5th class), Lorena & Anton (4th class) and Mariam (3rd class). They have had their first meeting of the year and the yard was one of the first items on the agenda.

Dates for you diary

Nov 5th - taster session with singing teacher Annette Amrossi

Nov 6th - Swimming continues for 4th/5th class

Nov 9th - boys singing lessons start 2.20 - 2.20

Nov 14th - girls singing lessons start 2.20-3.20

Week begin 17th Nov - Senior Infants - 6th class parent teacher meetings

25th Nov - County Photos

28th Nov - School closure for mandatory child protection training

4th Dec - Swimming starts for 2nd/3rd class

5th Dec - Carol singing @ The Crescent shopping centre

17th Dec - Limetree Theatre Panto for Junior/Senior Infants

19th Dec - Carol service @10 a.m. and last day before the Christmas break



Junior Infants - 2nd class in the Belltree Theatre



4th & 5th class coding workshops as part of Space Week



Green Schools

This year we begin year two of our water flag. Our new Green School committee will be selected after mid-term and they will work to put a plan together to achieve the flag.



P.T.A. News

We're delighted to report on another successful year for our PTA! Thanks to the wonderful support of our school community, we raised €3,886.45 through events like our Christmas Raffle and Family Fun Evening. These funds enabled us to contribute €5 towards every pupil's school tour, support our 6th Class hoodies, subsidise theatre tours, and host Jackie O'Regan for internet safety workshops with parents and students. We closed the 2024/2025 year with a healthy balance of €2,538.91.

A warm welcome to our new PTA members, Angel, Sinead, Leandro, and Elaine! We're thrilled to have you join us. This year, we're looking forward to our Christmas event, Family Fun Evening, and guest speaker sessions, while continuing to promote the 'Go Phone Free' Charter. This year's key funding priorities include purchasing IT equipment for STEM education, a new BBQ for the school, hosting more workshops, and continuing to subsidise school trips. Most importantly, we're committed to encouraging parental involvement and creating opportunities for our school families to connect and socialise.

If you'd like to contribute to the PTA, get involved, or have ideas for fundraising, events, or workshops, please get in touch. We're always seeking new volunteers and your commitment can be as much or as little as you're able to give. Every contribution makes a difference! Email us: pta@smnslimerick.ie