



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2025

# SAINT MICHAEL'S NS NEWSLETTER

## School News



*Carol singing  
at The  
Crescent  
Shopping  
Centre in  
December*



The final two months of 2025 remained busy and productive here in Saint Michael's N.S., with lots of lovely learning experiences. We welcomed new pupil Aeindri in November. Swimming continued for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes. Our boys' and girl's choir started rehearsals after school, led by Annette Rossi and they are sounding fantastic. They hope to perform a few songs for everyone later in the school year. We celebrated Science Week in November also, with online events and classes had a go at some coding using BeeBots and Scratch. We had a whole school paper chain challenge also. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class continued to work with musician Andy Spearpoint as part of 'Blast: Arts in Education' programme and wowed us with a performance of their own musical composition on the last week of term. In November staff attended training on the new Child Protection guidelines, which must be implemented by the Board of Management before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2026. More information will be sent out about this during the first term of 2026, as we begin to engage with the new procedures. The Board welcomed new Father's Nominee, Shane McSweeney and thank you to Shane for volunteering on the Board.

December brought the usual excitement. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class raised just over €1000 carol singing in the Crescent, which is a wonderful achievement. Junior and Senior Infants had a lot of fun (Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!) at the Red Riding Hood Panto in The Limetree Theatre in December, thanks to Sinead and John Daly from our After School service and the P.T.A. who paid for the outing. And all the children enjoyed toy day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, even those who sometimes think they're too old to play with toys! We finished out the term with a joyful Carol Service in the Church on the last day and lots of parents enjoyed teas and coffees before hand organised by the P.T.A. Thank you to everyone who supported our children's and adult raffles, through donating prizes or buying tickets.

Just a few important reminders for all parents: please continue to check in regularly with Aladdin, particularly the Noticeboard so you don't miss important information. Please also remember to log any absences using Aladdin. We have a healthy eating policy here in Saint Michael's N.S. so please do not send in sweets, chocolate, crisps and so on in your child's lunchbox. Fizzy drinks and chewing gum are strictly forbidden. Children are not permitted to have a mobile phone switched on in school and if your child needs a phone for contact with you after school, you should email or write to the Board of Management (via the Principal) to seek permission. We do have a Voluntary No Smart Phone policy and we will send out more information on this after Christmas. Finally, please try to remember to send in a small towel every day for your child to dry their hands. This supports our Green Schools commitment to reducing waste and saves a small fortune in blue towels.



*Junior and  
Senior Infants  
at the Limetree  
Theatre*





# Dates for your diary

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** School closed for teacher training  
**Jan 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** Parent teacher meetings for Junior Infants  
**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>** Last day of swimming for 2nd/3<sup>rd</sup> class  
**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** Coding workshops start for all classes  
**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** Bank Holiday - school closed  
**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** Safer Internet Day  
**February 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** School closed for mid-term break

## Green Schools



Our Green team for this year are:

Noah, Kevin, Aaron, Gavin, Hanna, Taha, Lila , Oumou & Gabriel

The Green Team continue to lead our efforts towards achieving our second Green Schools flag. They are monitoring water use around the school, checking the meter to ensure there are no leaks. They hope to organise a 'walk for water' day and raise funds to buy a water butt for the school garden.



*Junior and Senior Infants interviewing Dean Niall as part of our 'people who help us' topic*



*4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> class making gingerbread men*

## Student Council

The yard is always a hot topic for our Student Council and this year the feedback was that the children would like soccer reintroduced. After consultation with the teachers, a rota was decided for classes to have a ball on the yard. The Student Council continue to listen to the pupils in the school and communicate with the teachers and Principal on matters that are important to them.



*5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class working together with the infants to design Christmas trees*



*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class at the art gallery*



*2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class performing the music they composed as part of the Blast initiative*

## P.T.A. News

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets to support our Christmas raffle. The raffle raised just over €300. It was lovely to see lots of parents on the 19<sup>th</sup> for teas, coffees and chat in the school hall before the carol service. The P.T.A. also organised our first every Christmas Jumper swap which we hope to repeat again next year, so hang on to those Christmas jumpers please!