

# St. Louis Primary School Christmas Newsletter



Dear parents, guardians, and friends of St. Louis,

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter. We are full of festive cheer here in St. Louis Primary School as we celebrate this time of year.

As the first term comes to a close, this newsletter will give you a glimpse of school life in St. Louis since midterm break. We can reflect on what has been a very eventful and exciting time in the school. The pupils have been the stars of the show bringing great enthusiasm and energy to the school. I know you all enjoyed their Christmas performances last week. It is wonderful to see that the long musical history of the school is alive and well with the beautiful singing of our junior and senior choirs, the music department concert on the 12th of December where the school orchestra performed so beautifully for us all and the performances from all classes last week.

Thank you to all the staff for their support in ensuring our families got to see their children on stage and for bringing so much Christmas cheer to us all.

We have a wonderful community here in Rathmines. Our large staff of teachers and SNA's, cleaners, our secretaries and caretaker work extremely hard and show professionalism and compassion in their interactions with the children. Thank you for all your work in ensuring a successful term for everyone in the school. We truly are very fortunate to have you on our team. Our parents are also part of our school community, and we are grateful for that support, be that in your respectful communication with us, and in your support through the Parents' Association fundraising events. Helen, as chair, and the P.A. committee continue to support us here in St. Louis and we are very grateful for all you do.

This newsletter is packed with information for you, and it will also give you a chance to look at all that has been taking place in St. Louis since midterm break through the voice of the children. We hope you enjoy it.

On behalf of us all here in St. Louis, we would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Nollaig faoi shéan agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

*Dolores Hanrahan*





### Child Safeguarding Information

The Child Safeguarding statement is available to view on our website or on the wall inside the front door of the school. Our school's Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms. Hanrahan and the Deputy DLP is Ms. Brennan. The DLP, and in her absence the Deputy DLP are the first point of contact you make should you have a concern regarding the welfare of any student within the school.

### Boards Of Management

New Boards of Management came into operation on 1st December. The new Board met on the 4th of December. The agreed report from the meeting is available to view on our school website [www.stlouis.ie](http://www.stlouis.ie).

### Contact Details

There is a new email address for general queries in St. Louis Primary School for the attention of both our school secretaries. It is as follows: [schooloffice@stlouis.ie](mailto:schooloffice@stlouis.ie).

If you have any queries specific to a class level, email Barbara for queries relating to Junior Infants to 1st Class and Josie for queries relating to 2nd to 6th class using the following email addresses:

Queries Junior Infants to 1st class: [BRowley@stlouis.ie](mailto:BRowley@stlouis.ie)

Queries 2nd to 6th class: [JMulligan@stlouis.ie](mailto:JMulligan@stlouis.ie)

### Safety

We are reminding parents not to walk up the middle of William's Park Road in the mornings. Children are taking their lead from parents, and many are walking or scooting up the middle of the road. We also have children crossing the road without looking. We are asking parents to continue the good practices that we have established in the school. Children from Junior Infants to First Class queue up on the footpath near the houses in William's Park. Children from 2nd - 6th class queue on the green.

We are reminding everyone, especially during choir days, to ensure your child is on the footpath when coming into school.

## Dates for your diary.



School will close on Friday 22nd December at 11:45am for Junior and Senior Infants and 12:00pm for the remainder of the school. This is a "No Uniform Day" for the children. PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT THIS TIME AND ALSO PLEASE REMIND CRÈCHES AND MINDERS OF THIS EARLY CLOSING.



School re-opens



St. Brigid's Day - School closed



Spring Mid-Term Break - School closed



School is closed as it is a polling station for the upcoming referendum.



### *A Trip to Rathmines Library*

Room 31 went on a trip to the library. Rathmines Library has a really big section with books just for us kids! We got to take some books out with our library cards and we also learned to use the self-checkout machine. Theo got a Harry Potter book and Robin got a Dork Diary book. Thank you to Ms. Morrin, who came with us. We are so lucky Ms. O'Shea planned it for us. It was the best trip ever! We can't wait to go back soon.

*Robin and Theo - 2nd Class, Room 31*



### *Science Week in Room 14*

Christine the scientist came to visit First Class and taught us about science. We used pipettes to mix colours together. We had lots of fun.

*Pierce - 1st Class, Room 14*



### *Soccer in 4th class*

Every Tuesday 4th class learns some football skills and tips and tricks from the De La Salle students. Before we all play football we do a round of high five tag, stuck in the mud etc. as a warm-up. After that we do football. We practise a new skill every Tuesday. Their teaching techniques are great and they explain all the details even the smallest one! They also make sure we are safe and sound. If we have time at the end we play a match with the new skills we learned. Our class is really looking forward to more lessons and learning more skills.

*Cziana - 4th Class, Room 25*





### Rugby in 3rd class

Ken from Leinster Rugby is coaching 3rd class. We are learning new rugby skills. We were using tags and playing lots of games. Everybody is really enjoying it and I am really looking forward to next week.

*Poppy - 3rd Class, Room 30*

### Student Council

The Student Council met in November and discussed the Code of Behaviour in our school. The students had many interesting ideas and these will be included in the Code of Behaviour for St Louis Primary School. We also discussed child safety and how important it is to feel safe. A conversation on healthy lunches and what improvements we would like to see in the Millennium Playground was started and these discussions will be continued in 2024.

*St. Louis Primary School Student Council*

### Peer Tutoring with Room 11

Room 11 (Senior Infants) and Room 17 (5th class) joined up last week to make new friends and help each other with learning. At first we got to know each other. We even got to go to each other's classrooms. We know a lot about the senior infants. We played games with them like Boggle, Connect 4 and Uno. We also collaborated to make reindeer art. We are very excited for the next time we do peer tutoring with them.

*Ioana & Sineád - 5th Class, Room 17*

### 5th Class Buddies

We did reindeer art with Ms. Neill's Fifth Class. It was amazing, brilliant and fun!

*Senior Infants, Room 11*







### Drumming Workshop

We took part in a drumming workshop. We enjoyed it, it was fun. We made lots of noise!!  
*Raffaello, Gonçalo and Seán - Senior Infants, Room 11*



### St. Louis' Senior Choir

The St. Louis' Senior Choir allows 3rd - 6th class children sing together on Wednesday mornings at 8.00am. We like choir because it helps us overcome fears of stage fright and performing in front of audiences. The teachers Ms. Roche, Ms. Reilly, Ms. O' Neill and Ms. O' Shea make learning songs fun and they always make sure we have an enjoyable time. For most holidays, we learn songs together and then perform them for our parents and school. Our favourite songs that we have learned for our Christmas performance is 'Somewhere Only We Know' by Keane and 'Wellerman', which is a sea shanty.

*Beth, Aoife and Lila - 5th Class, Room 18*



### Marsh's Library Trip for Science Week

Science Week was really fun. In St. Louis, we do all sorts of things like going on trips to learn about light, doing experiments and just having fun. Firstly, we took the 140 bus to Angier Street. Next, we walked to Marsh's Library. We were excited for the science workshop. Julie taught us all about light. We learned that nothing travels faster than light. Did you know light travels at 300,000 kilometres per second? Finally, we went to Patrick's Park. We had lunch, then we played games. Room 25 had a fantastic time. Thank you to Ms. Hartigan who helped to organise the trip.

*Jack - 4th Class, Room 25*





### Junior Einsteins

On the 15th of November 3rd class were very lucky to get a visit from a scientist from Junior Einsteins South Dublin. She did lots of experiments with us. First, the scientist was using water, corn flour and food colouring to make a green slime. Next, she showed us a chemical that made a reaction to the toothpaste making it explode and go all over the place!! Finally, after going into the Millennium she brought out a bottle of Coca Cola and mint metos and put them both in a container and we all watched it fizz and fly into the air. We all had fun and loved the experience!

*Luke - 3rd Class, Room 26*



### St. Vincent De Paul Collection

For the last few weeks, we collected donations for the charity, St. Vincent De Paul. This charity helps by donating to people who are not as fortunate as us.

In only 2 weeks we filled 103 boxes with our donations! We collected donations from all classes from Junior Infants to 6th class.

Room 17 collected all the donations on Wednesday 13th December and loaded them into the truck.

Thanks to all who donated and a well done to everyone in Room 17 who organised this charity collection.

*Christopher & Francesca - 5th Class, Room 17*





### Junior Choir at the Airport

Today the junior choir went to Dublin Airport to sing in arrivals. We did lots of singing for a long time. Some of our parents came to see us. Lots of other people who were arriving into the airport stopped by to listen to us too! It was a great way for them to be welcomed home!

RTÉ News2Day came to interview and film us, they asked us lots of questions. It was the best day!

*Alia - 1st Class, Room 5.*



[Click here to watch!](#)

### Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Today we went to visit Santa in the 'Winter Wonderland' in our school. Santa brought an elf to help him, she was so nice and kind. All of the classes' Christmas trees were there with their twinkling lights. We saw our tree on the stage! It was amazing! We gave it a 10 out of 10! It was the best!

*Junior Infants, Room 2*

