



St. Louis Infant School

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Fáilte /Welcome to our monthly Newsletter/ Nuachtlitir

Spring has Sprung



Lenten Prayer

Service Assembly We thank Ms Rocks and Fr. Stephen for preparing and leading the children in the Lenten Assembly.

Lenten Raffle

Every year we raise money for Trócaire's Lenten appeal. This year the funds we raise will help Trócaire to provide goats and water management scheme in Honduras. Tickets cost 50c.

World Book Day

We enjoyed reading with

our book buddies from St. Mary's Boys National School. We thank the boys and their teachers for taking the time to join us on World Book Day last Friday. We thank Ms Burns for co-ordinating World Book Day and all the lovely activities for this annual event.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

agus Lá Glas Seachtain na Gaeilge 1^ú - 17^ú Márta Lá Glas (Green Day) takes place on Tuesday 14^ú Márta. The children may dress up in green clothes...be creative!

Attendance

The staff and Board are concerned about the amount of children absent on a Monday and Friday. On Monday 13th March, David McCague, Family School Liaison Officer will be based here to monitor attendance. Parents of children absent will be contacted, explanation notes requested and the child's overall attendance analysed and if required passed on to TUSLA.

But we also have a large number of children who haven't missed a day of school in 1,2 and 3 years. Well done!

Monday Monitoring in March

Principal
Carmel McCarroll
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principal@stlouisinfants.ie



Our Monthly Value is... Prayer

Drop and Go... Let the children grow!

To ensure the highest safety and child protection standards are maintained we remind parents to drop your child into the school building, walk them into the

morning supervision or to the classroom door. We strongly discourage parents from dropping the children off at the roadside.

Always park safely around the school.

Healthy Lunches

We encourage healthy lunches in our school, foods such as bread, fruit, vegetables and yogurts (not dessert).

Text Messages are circulated regularly. Ensure we have your correct number.



1st Class Student Section

Our Favourite Facts!!

Facts from Room 12

Room 12 planted carrot, runner beans and cress seeds.

Cress is often used as a garnish in restaurants.

Carrots are usually orange, but purple, yellow and red carrots were common in the 15th and 16th centuries.

Parents Association and Board of Management

Parents Association Upcoming Events

Table quiz in Terry's Bar on Friday 10th March at 9.30pm. 4 people per table costing €40.

Thanks to the Parents Association for all their hard work organising events for the school.

An Easter Raffle will take place on 7th April.

Board of Management

- ◆ A meeting was held on 7th March.
- ◆ Health and Safety Audit continues.
- ◆ Attendance levels will be monitored.
- ◆ Summer Works total electrical rewiring is going through the procurement phase.
- ◆ The Board thank the Parents Association and all parents for their continued support .

A thought for today!



Let there be as much happiness in your life as there are cherry blossoms in the trees.
Wishing you a brilliant Spring!

Bróigín Montessori Contact Una on 087-3867396

With the days getting longer and Springtime just around the corner we leap into March with a renewed sense of excitement! The sky's the limit this month with our new found interest in books after "World Book Day", our art creations in preparation for St. Patrick's Day and the beauty that comes with Spring. Literally! We hope to bring the magic of rainbows, spring flowers and new born animals alive for all our pre-schoolers, through the

Montessori Curriculum.

Children are invited to wear green to preschool on Thursday 16th March for "Lá Glas". Preschool will be closed on Friday 17th March for St.Patrick's Day!

READING at Home with Your Child

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS AND IDEAS TO HELP CULTIVATE A LOVE OF READING AT HOME!

- Let them hold the book as you read
- Allow them to turn the pages
- Invite them to read with you
- Let them finish the sentences if reading with you
- Point to the words as you read so they associate words with reading
- Model reading in front of your child
- Go to the library
- Encourage them to read the pictures and talk about them
- Read the same 2-3 books every day for a week, then switch
- Read to them daily
- Designate a "reading time" where the whole family sits down to read
- Allow them to choose books
- Talk about the books after reading them
- Be excited about reading with your child. It's contagious!

"CHILDREN ARE MADE READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS." — EMILIE BUCHWALD

Little Reminders and Dates for your Diary



- ◆ Visit our website for lots of information
www.stlouisinfants.ie
- ◆ All children collected early must be signed out. Signing out forms can be collected from secretary's office.
- ◆ We strongly discourage parents from taking holidays during the school year

1 2 3 Maths Challenge
March Monthly Maths Challenge is attached. Good Luck everyone!
February's Winners
Kyle Rm 10
Alina Rm 8
Goda Rm 11

Lá Glas 14th March
Children can wear their own green clothes

St. Patrick's Day
17th March School is closed

Easter Holidays
7th April at 1.40pm—24th April
Enjoy an Easter Break