



St. Louise de Marillac Primary School

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Dates for your Diary



- December 11th: Final rehearsal of musical *It's A Hard Knock Life*.
- Dec 12-14th: Performance of *It's A Hard Knock Life* in the school hall at 7pm.
- December 18th: Christmas activity for 1st class parents
- December 20th: Early Start Christmas concert @ 11am.
- December 20th: Room 28 visit Glenaulin Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols.
- December 21st: Early Start Christmas concert @ 2pm.
- December 22nd: Christmas Assembly & Christmas carol service. Christmas holidays @ 12 noon.
- January 8th: School reopens at 8:50am.



Happy Christmas!



During this season of Advent, we are busy getting ready for the birth of Jesus Christ. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. We hope that you enjoy spending time with your family at this special time of year.

Christmas Raffle



Our annual Christmas Raffle took place each night after the musical in the school hall. Tickets went on sale from Tuesday 12th and a strip cost €1. The tickets bought on Tuesday were entered in Tuesday night's draw and so on. The funds raised €2,030 went towards the running costs of the musical. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Dogs

Can you kindly refrain from bringing dogs into the school yard? Under no circumstances should a dog be brought into the school building. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

Uniform Reminder

Please help your child to wear his / her full school uniform coming to school each day and the school tracksuit on PE days. School crests and ties are available to buy from the school office.

It's A Hard Knock Life

Our school musical *It's A Hard Knock Life* was a huge success. The pupils from 1st—6th class really enjoyed the experience. A special thank you to Ms. Sinéad Hallinan, the director and Ms. Helen Tempany & Ms. Celine Mackessy the musical directors. Below are some photos from the musical.



Bizworld

We were put into groups for Bizworld and we had to think of a product we could make and try to sell. We learned about what profit and expenses were and how to make a profit and budget for expenses. When we decided on the product we had to give it a name and give our company a name and come up with a slogan. In our group we made posters, flyers and business cards. We did a presentation for the 4th class girls and then we presented to the "Dragons" like on TV. The Dragons gave us Bizzbucks, which was the name for the money, in return for a percentage of our company. It was so much fun and Avril helped us. *By Carla & Zara, Room 29*



The 5th class girls with some of their Bizworld products.



Star Pupils

Congratulations to the pupils of the month for November. We are very proud of these children as they have an excellent attitude to school and give a great example to all their friends. They were presented with a certificate and a special prize to mark their achievement on 6th December.



Friendship Award

Friends are so important to everyone. A special Friendship Assembly took place on 6th December. Congratulations to these fabulous friends pictured below.



Best Attendees

Congratulations to the pupils from **Room 4, First Class**, who had an outstanding **97.4% attendance rate**—the highest amongst the Junior classes. Well done to the pupils from **Room 27, 4th Class** with a **97%** attendance rate during November. Keep it up! Our final Assembly for 2017 takes place on Friday 22nd December. It will be a special one—make sure you're in school!

Winter

Weather is cold and the days are short,

Icy roads and slippery walkways,

Nearly Christmas, hip, hip hooray!

Twinkly lights on Santa's sleigh.

Everyone saying he's on his way

Ringin' bells in the sky, now it's time to say goodbye.

By Courtney Collins & Zoe Howe

A Fond Farewell

On Friday 22nd December our Principal Ms. Crowley and Assistant Principal Ms. Grant will retire. Ms. Crowley has successfully led the school over the past 15 years. Ms. Grant has dedicated her entire career, 35 years, to teaching in St. Louise's. During that time she taught in mainstream, learning support positions and was the Home School Community Liaison Coordinator. Ms. Crowley was instrumental in the development of the school during her time in St. Louise's. Both teachers worked tirelessly on behalf of the pupils in our school and helped to shape the school into the wonderful place it is today. We would like to thank them sincerely for their passion, enthusiasm, dedication and care for the pupils, staff and parents of St. Louise's. They will both be dearly missed by their colleagues and the wider school community. We congratulate them on their retirements and wish them every success for the future.



Here Ms. Crowley shares her thoughts: *It has been an enormous privilege for me to play my part as principal of St. Louise's Primary School during the past fifteen years. These last couple of weeks have been a rollercoaster of mixed emotions. I will really miss the school community of Ballyfermot: the children who keep me endlessly entertained and positive; the staff who constantly humble me by their dedication to their jobs; the parents who love their children above all else and who go to such great lengths to ensure that they achieve their potential and their dreams. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you, as parents and partners in our great school, for welcoming me into your community with a big heart and for your tremendous support to me in my role as Principal. I wish the school community of St. Louise's continued success and know that it will go from strength to strength for years to come under the leadership and guidance of the wonderful incoming principal Alma Quinn. St. Louise's will adapt and meet the challenges of our changing society and world and, with your support, will continue to be a shining beacon in the community of Ballyfermot.*

Good News



Congratulations to Aaron Keeley, Caitlin Kenny, Leah Kenny and Naomi Robinson who won prizes in the Ballyfermot Credit Union Art Competition. They attended an award ceremony on 5th December in the Credit Union.

Congratulations to our school's basketball team who recently made it to the finals of the Dublin League. Unfortunately the girls were beaten on the day, but well done girls—we are all very proud of you!

Congratulations to Ms. Patricia Donegan and her husband Keith on the birth of their son George. Congratulations to Ms. Joelle Hendrick and her husband Barry on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth. We wish Ms. Maria Loftus well as she goes on maternity leave at Christmas.