



# St. Louise de Marillac Primary School

## School Newsletter

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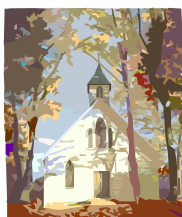


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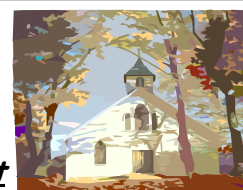


Retirements



Friday 27th January:	Credit Union Quiz for 5th & 6th classes.
January 30th—3rd Feb:	<i>Catholic Schools Week.</i>
Friday 3rd February:	Grandparents' Afternoon.
February 13th-17th:	Friendship Week.
February 20—24th:	<b>School closed for midterm break.</b> School closes on Friday 17th at normal time.
Wednesday March 8th:	Open Afternoon for all pupils (particularly incoming Early Start, Junior Infants and 3rd class) from 3—4:30pm.

### First Penance / First Holy Communion / Confirmation



First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 21st May**. The children and teachers are busy preparing for the sacrament. However, Fr. Joe McDonald, is still waiting for some baptismal certificates to be sent in. If he does not have your daughter's baptismal certificate, she will be unable to make her First Penance or Communion, so please send them in immediately. Fr. McDonald would like to remind you that all girls preparing for the sacraments must attend 4 preparation Masses on Sunday 19th February, 5th March, 26th March and April 30th in St. Matthew's @ 12 noon. Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday 25th April** & the Ceremony of Light will be held on **Wednesday 22nd March** @ 8pm in St. Matthew's Church.

### Places for Junior Infants / Early Start 2017

Our school is in the fortunate position of having an Early Start unit located on our campus. Places for the Early Start morning and afternoon groups beginning September 2017 have been allocated and both sessions are now full. A waiting list is in operation.

Junior Infant places are filling up quickly. If you know anyone with a child who will be four before 1st September, tell them to apply as soon as possible in order to ensure a place. All application forms are available from the secretaries' office.

An Open Afternoon will be held on **Wednesday 8th March from 3pm—4:30pm** for all prospective new pupils. The 2nd class girls and their parents will be invited to visit the senior side of the school and the incoming Junior Infant pupils and Early Start pupils will also be special visitors on the day.

## Good News

Congratulations to Ms. Maeve McAdam and her husband Leo on the recent birth of their daughter Aodhla. A sincere welcome to Ms. Clare Burke to our staff. We wish Ms. Denise Stynes every success in the future as her time in St. Louise's comes to an end.



## School Blog

We have a wonderful school blog. Each class posts news about school happenings on the blog. Please spread the word to your friends and relatives and encourage them to log on regularly and leave a comment. The address for the blog is [www.stlouisesprimaryschool.ie](http://www.stlouisesprimaryschool.ie).

## Grandparents' Day

Catholic Schools Week ran from 30th January to 3rd February. As part of the celebration *Grandparents' Afternoon* took place on **Friday 3rd February**. Thanks to all the grandparents who came to visit their grandchildren's classrooms. The children really enjoyed your presence. Below are some photos.



## Thank You

Thanks to parents & the wider school community for supporting our recent Christmas raffle. A fantastic **€1,030** was raised, which is a big help to our school. Congratulations to the 1st, 2nd and 4th Class pupils and their teachers for the very enjoyable Christmas concert.

### Raffle Winners

- 1st: Aoibheann Stokes
- 2nd: Bella May Casserly
- 3rd: Kyle Smullen
- 4th: Skye Murphy
- 5th: Corey Kelly
- 6th: Carla McCann
- 7th: Kirsty Dunne
- 8th: Sarah Dillon
- 9th: Naomi & Millie Robinson
- 10th: Nikita Kelly
- 11th: Leah McGowan
- 12th: Kaci Darcy
- 13th: Ms. Maria Purcell
- 14th: Kim Harte
- 15th: Mrs. Janet Gore



## Contact Numbers

Please notify your child's teacher of any changes in mobile contact numbers, address, etc. so we have an up-to-date number in the event of an emergency/illness in school. This has been a particular problem recently as some people seem to have got new phones or new phone numbers for Christmas. Do you have a "back-up" system in place in case your child is unexpectedly sick or injured in school?

### Contact Us!

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## Credit Union Quiz Winners

Congratulations to one of our sixth class teams, who claimed third place at the recent Ballyfermot Credit Union Quiz. The girls won an art set each and a label maker for the school. Well done to all the pupils who participated in the quiz.



## Computer Club

In January fourth class girls in the Computer Club received their certificates. Over four weeks they learned about basic programming using the *Scratch* application on iPads. The Computer Club will start again this month. We might have a future Bill Gates or Mark Zuckerberg in our school!



## Janet & Mary's Retirement

Two of our school's long serving and dedicated staff retired at Christmas. Mrs. Mary Fleming and Mrs. Janet Gore worked as cleaners in St. Louise's for a long number of years. During their time here they made many friends and both ladies will be sorely missed. A retirement party took place on 1st February. The staff would like to take this opportunity to thank them and wish them every success for the future.





## Pupils of the Month / Homework Award / Best Bloggers



Congratulations to the pupils of the month for December, who received their certificates from Santa! Well done to the children who won this award for January. Congratulations to the bloggers and those who were rewarded for their super homework and for caring and sharing.



December Assembly with Santa



## January's Best Attendees

Congratulations to the pupils from **Room 3, Junior Infants** who were the best attendees with an impressive **94.1% attendance rate**. They won a pizza party. On the senior side well done to the girls from **Room 16, 2nd class** with an outstanding **93.9%**. They visited the library to watch *Mulan*. Yvonne Tougher, our school's Education Welfare Officer, came to Assembly and presented the forty six pupils who have been in school every day since September with a special cert. Congratulations to Saoirse Newsome, Alannah Walsh, Taylor & Tori Berney, Lucy Creighton, Leigha McClean, Caiden O' Reilly, Milly McBride, Thomas Coombes, Kya McHugh, Kayla Fitzsimons, Alannah Dempsey, Lucee Needham, Ellie Fitzgerald, Katie Fitzpatrick, Laila Robertson, Jodie O' Brien, Kirsty Brennan, Alex Maguire, Tayah Jean Doherty, Lexie Foy, Katie McKenna, Mia O' Reilly, Aoife Murphy, Lucy Mans, Ruby Speirin, Emily Burke, Jasmin Darcy, Caitlin Kirwan, Taylor Boylan, Chanelle O' Driscoll, Zara Smullen, Erin Finnerty, Emma Creighton, Alannah Lawlor, Weronika Majer, Nevaeh Flanagan, Lucy Roche, Ciara O' Connor, Zoe McKenna, Chelsey Haugh, Abbie Gibbons, Kayleigh Masterson, Aibheann Stokes, Emma Keely & Abby Molly Meares.