

St. Louise de Marillac Primary School

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Tuesday June 27th:	6th Class Graduation.
Wednesday June 28th:	Early Start Graduation.
Thursday June 29th:	Summer Concert at 12:30pm.
Friday June 30th:	End of Year Assembly. School closes at 12 noon for summer holidays.
Thursday August 31st:	School reopens for pupils at 9am.



Summer Raffle



Tickets are now on sale each morning outside the hall for our Summer raffle, which boasts lovely hampers and great prizes!! **A strip costs €1.** The raffle will take place on *Friday 30th June* at our end of year assembly / award -giving ceremony. The school appreciates your continued support in our fundraising endeavours.

Book Rental Scheme



The cost of participating in the book rental scheme is €65. This is significantly less than the cost of purchasing all the books your child requires. You can pay for your child's books in the school office or by using the new online direct debit system. You should have already received a link. The cost includes €5 for cost of insurance cover for all school-related activities. We would appreciate payment in full as soon as possible to allow us to purchase your child's books / materials for September.

Upcoming Retirement



Ms. Anna Keane will retire at the end of June following a significant career spent teaching in St. Louise's School. Anna has taught in our school for the past 12 years and during her time, she has impacted hugely on all the pupils in her care. While Anna worked in resource and learning support positions, it was in Early Start she truly found her niche. Anna worked tirelessly as part of the Early Start team and helped many young pupils (and their parents!) settle into the routine of school-life. Anna shared her flower arranging and artistic skills by teaching courses for the parents, which they thoroughly enjoyed. She will be greatly missed by her pupils, the parent body and especially by her colleagues. We wish her continued good health and happiness, as she begins the next exciting chapter of her life. We hope to see her often in St. Louise's in various roles in her "semi-retirement!"

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Pupils of the Month for May



Congratulations to the pupils of the month for May: *Kirsten Garland Henderson, Aaliyah Cahill Dirir, Sienna Rose Bradley, Sophia McCormack, Aoife Griffiths, Nicola Mglosiek, Reece Mooney, Brooke Fitzgerald, Holly Holmes Doyle, Kasey O' Sullivan, Kelly Fagan, Saoirse Lily Stokes, Ellie Gibbons Forte, Raged Amer, Shannon Farrell, Shannon Carolan, Chelsea Haugh & Zoe Jackson.* These pupils work hard, always try their best and have a wonderful attitude to school. We are really proud of them!

Fluency Feis

All the pupils in the school took part in a Fluency Feis on Thursday 22nd. The standard was extremely high. Congratulations to the winners in each category— Alex O' Halloran (Best Junior Soloist), Weronika Majer (Best Senior Soloist), Best Junior Class performance went to 1st Class, Room 4 and Best Senior Class Performance was

awarded
to 4th
class,
Room 29.



Dance Area in 6th Class Yard

Well done to the pupils of 6th class who helped to design and paint the new dance area in the senior yard. The senior classes now have the opportunity to spend their lunchtimes listening to music and practising new dance routines. A huge thank you to Ms. Paula O' Rourke, who coordinated the project.



Good News

June was a jam-packed month in St. Louise's between Sports Day, school tours, athletics competitions, an ice-cream party and even a book launch! Here is a selection of photos capturing the various events that happened.



3rd class Book Launch



Football Superstars!



SHaRE Reading Project

Ten 1st class pupils took part and read each week with the volunteers from Gill Publishing.



Senior Infants' Practice for Sports Day

Ice-cream Party in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland! An amazing €845 was raised. Thanks for all your support.



Some of Our First Holy Communicants



Rowing in 6th Class



Good News

Congratulations to Ms. Maeve Gantly and her husband Eoin on the recent birth of their beautiful daughter Sadhbh.

Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with sadness we say goodbye to our 6th class girls and our 1st class boys. We wish them every success in their new schools. Continue to make us proud!



Some of our teachers are leaving for pastures new. We would like to thank Ms. Ellen Carroll, Ms. Ciara Sheehan & Ms. Allison McGarry for the wonderful contribution they have made to St. Louise's over the past three years. We wish them every success in the future. They'll be greatly missed in St. Louise's.

We wish all our pupils and their families a very happy and safe summer. Thank you for all your support throughout the year—it is greatly appreciated.

Botvins

Congratulations to the 4th class pupils in Room 28, who completed the Botvins Programme this month. Botvins is a wonderful programme that helps develop a child's coping skills, conflict resolution ability and promote positive well-being and self confidence. Thanks to Dymrna and Louise from School Completion, who delivered the programme.



Green Flag

Our school received its fourth Green Flag for



'Transport and Travel' on 9th June. The whole school walked to the Civic Centre and sang the special songs they had composed for the occasion. Well done to all the members of the Junior and Senior Green School Committees, who worked hard all year to help everyone to lead a healthier lifestyle and promote environmentally friendly forms of transport such as walking, scooting and cycling to school.



Buddy Bench

The school would like to sincerely thank Ballyfermot Credit Union who recently sponsored a "Buddy Bench" for our school yard. Bridget and Phillip from the Credit Union came to the official unveiling of the bench last week. It is one of five benches in each of our school yards to help encourage friendship, kindness and empathy amongst our pupils.