

St. Louise de Marillac Primary School



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School Newsletter

May 2018

Dates for your Diary

Sunday May 27th:	First Holy Communion in St. Matthew's Church at 12pm.
May 28th-1st June:	Active Week.
Thursday May 31st:	Senior Sports Day.
Friday June 1st:	Junior Sports Day.
Monday June 4th:	School closed for June Bank Holiday.
Thursday June 7th:	Meeting for parents of incoming Junior Infant pupils at 9:30 in the school hall.
Friday June 8th:	Meeting for parents of incoming Early Start pupils.
Thursday June 14th:	Fundraiser in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland.
Thurs June 28th:	Summer Concert & raffle.
Friday June 29th:	End of Year Assembly. School closes at 12 noon for summer holidays.



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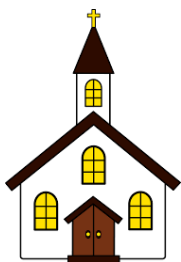
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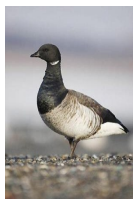
Diary Dates



The Sacraments



Brent Goose
Ambassadors



Upcoming Fundraisers

Each year we like to support a children's charity. On **Thursday 14th June** a fundraiser will take place in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. All pupils will enjoy an ice-cream party. Please donate **€2** to this worthy cause on the day.



On **Friday 22nd June** the Parents' Association is holding a "mad hair day" fundraiser to raise funds for the Parents' Association to support in-school activities. Children are invited to experiment with crazy hairstyles and donate **€1**. Thanks for your continued support in all the school's fundraising endeavours.

Places for Junior Infants / Early Start 2018

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

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The Storytime Project



Congratulations to the Early Start pupils and their parents who participated in *The Storytime Project* during April and May. They read five storybooks and will attend a special celebration in Ballyfermot Library on 29th May.

Pupils of the Month for April & Assembly Winners

Congratulations to the pupils of the month for April. These pupils work hard, always try their best and have a wonderful attitude to school. We are really proud of them! Likewise congratulations to the pupils who received a special award for being active.



Best Attendees

Attendance was extremely high in April. Congratulations to the pupils from **Room 5, First Class**, who had an outstanding **95.3% attendance rate** — the highest amongst the Junior classes. Well done to **Room 16, 2nd Class** with an impressive **96.9% attendance rate**.

*Check out our school blog —
www.stlouisesprimaryschool.ie*

Athletics

Well done to Jainaba Bance, Kyah Power, Amber Eastwood, Jade O' Neill, Nevaeh Flanagan and Chanelle O' Driscoll who represented our school in the National Athletics Stadium in Santry last week. The girls really enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Ms. Moloney for training the team.



Biodiversity Green Flag

3rd Class pupils Ellie Fitzgerald, Jodie O' Brien and Skye Murphy represented St. Louise's School at the Green Flag Award Ceremony on Wednesday 22nd May 2018 in The Helix Theatre. They collected our 5th Flag in recognition of all the work everyone in our school did to promote biodiversity.



Ones to Watch /

Congratulations to all the pupils who recently won medals and trophies for a variety of skills and talents. They displayed them at Assembly on 17th May.

Caritas News



We wish the students of Caritas College, who are busy preparing for their Junior and Leaving Certificate exams, the very best of luck. Well done to everyone involved in the recent Transition Year Show. It was really lovely to see our past pupils treading the boards!

WOW Walk On Wednesday —join us at the Civic Centre at 8:40 on Wednesday mornings to walk to school!

Confirmation

Congratulations to the 6th class girls who received their confirmation on 26th April. Here Emma Creighton shares her memories of the special occasion: *"On the 26th of April 2018 I made my Confirmation in St. Matthew's Church. On Thursday morning I woke up at 6:45. I got dressed into a shirt and leggings and somehow it was 8:30! Then I made my way to the hairdresser's because I had an appointment for 9am. When I got there I saw my friend Zoe. When my hair was finished I went to my nanny's house to put my dress on.*

After that I drove to the church and got my alb. Then at 11 the mass started. During the ceremony I had to say a prayer about wonder and awe. Then we were confirmed. I was the first to be confirmed. After that we sang our final hymn and the mass was over. After the ceremony my family went to the Arc. I ate sausages and chips—they tasted amazing! Then we all went back to my house for sandwiches and cake! I had a red velvet Harry Potter cake. Finally at midnight everyone left.

On Friday I went into school for photos to be taken. I got a key chain of myself and my best friend Kaci. After that Kaci and I went to Liffey Valley—we went to all the shops and met up with most of our class and the girls from the other 6th class to watch "Ready Player One". After the movie we went to Eddie Rocket's. Then we went home. On Saturday I had a well-deserved rest. Finally on Sunday I used all my money to get the iPhone 8!!"



Child Safeguarding Statement

Child protection and safety is a key priority in our school. We want to keep all children safe from any potential harm. Since new legislation under the Children First Act was introduced in March 2018 all teachers are mandated persons and are legally obliged to report any concern they have regarding child safety to Tusla, the Child & Family Agency. The school has put in place procedures for dealing with any child safeguarding concerns. This policy is available for you to view on our school blog www.stlouisprimaryschool.ie. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) in the school is the principal Alma Quinn and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is the deputy principal Una Sheahan.

The Light-Bellied Brent Goose Ambassador Project

The presentation ceremony of certificates to 80 pupils from 4th & 5th classes who participated in The Brent Goose Ambassador Project 2016 - 2018 took place in Ballyfermot Library on 22nd May 2018. The Ambassadors are certified by the office of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Dublin City Council Parks and Landscapes Services and Birdwatch Ireland. The role of the Brent Goose Ambassador is to raise awareness of the geese among family and friends, to practice and promote good behaviour when encountering the geese & to recognise and promote the Dublin Bay Biosphere as an integral part of their city. The pupils have observed and studied the goose in its outdoor environment in Ballyfermot and on Bull Island. Last year pupils in 5th class used the information to complete a digital animation video entitled *Bobby, the Brent Goose* and entered it in Fís Film Awards. This year 4th class produced a video that has been accepted by UNESCO as one of 30 videos worldwide that will be shown at a UNESCO conference being held in New York in July 2018. This work plays an important part in educating both local and international communities about the importance of Dublin Bay biosphere and its environs for the world's population of Light-Bellied Brent Geese.