



# St. Louise de Marillac Primary School

## School Newsletter

November 2017

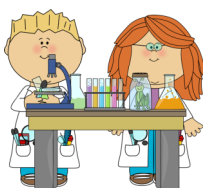
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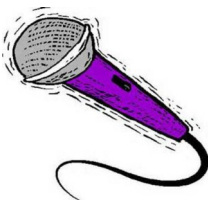
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2018068.

## Dates for your Diary



- November 16th: D10 Science Fair in the hall.
- November 23rd: 4th classes visit Glanmore Foods.
- November 24th: Ms. Stynes' 3rd class perform in a Christmas concert in St. Matthew's Church.
- November 28th: 4th classes visit Bull Island as part of the Brent Geese Biodiversity Project.
- Nov 29th/30th: Parent / Teacher meetings take place.
- November 30th: Choir sing at the turning on of the Christmas Lights at the Civic Centre @ 6pm.
- Dec 12th-14th: School Musical *It's A Hard Knock Life*.
- December 22nd: Carol service, prize-giving assembly & Christmas holidays @ 12 noon.

## Places for Junior Infants / Early Start 2018

We have begun the process of allocating places for our Early Start (pre-school) and for Junior Infants for September 2018. If you have a child who will be 4 before the 1st of September, please apply immediately if you have not done so already. All forms are available from the secretaries' office.

## Christmas Raffle

Our annual Christmas Raffle will take place each night after the musical in the school hall. A variety of great prizes are up for grabs. Tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 12th and a strip costs €1. The tickets bought on Tuesday will be entered in Tuesday night's draw and so on. The funds raised will go towards the running costs of our school. Well done to everybody who participated in the pumpkin competition — our school collected **€136.40**, which will be used to purchase fences for the families of the pupils of St. Emmanuel's School in Kenya. The Halloween dress up raised **€379.15**. We appreciate your continued support in our fundraising endeavours.



## Parent / Teacher Meetings & Book Fair



Individual parent / teacher meetings will take place after school on Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th of November. **Children will finish school at the usual time.** We hope you will be able to attend to discuss the progress your child is making in school this year. Please go to Room 22 either before or after your meeting where there are excellent books & Christmas annuals for sale.

## Fifth Class Win Second Place at Dublin 10 Science Fair

Congratulations to Ms. O' Flaherty's 5th class, who recently won second prize at the Dublin 10 Science Fair. It was a wonderful achievement for the girls. A special congratulations to Ms. O' Flaherty, whose class has won top prizes three years in a row!

Well done to the pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th class, who all entered class projects. The standard was extremely high this year and it was a wonderful occasion for the school to host the D10 Science Fair on 16th November. The overall winners were from Mary Queen of Angels with a project featuring one of our past pupils; Kaylem Fox. The school was transformed in to a science lab during Science Week, as all classes investigated, experimented and practised their scientific skills!

Here Alanna, Kaitlin and Lucy, three of the pupils involved, recount the special event:

*"The science fair was in our school this year and all the other schools came to our hall and set up their experiments. Our project was about light and how light travels and it was really good fun because we helped teacher paint a dark room and we used laser pens which Cherise's dad got for us. We got to go on stage with a scientist from Maynooth and she did an experiment about H<sub>2</sub>O. We came in 2nd place and Mary Queen of Angels came first. We were a bit sad to see the cup go to another school but we were happy with our lovely prizes."*



### Special Visitors

Orla and Gemma from NUI Maynooth attended the Science Fair, helped with the adjudication and launched one of their projects for primary schools called *Grab-a-Lab*. The scientists were really impressed with the quality of projects on display from the various schools.

A representative from each of the participating schools receiving their certificate.







## Star Pupils

In the month of October one child was chosen from each class as pupil of the month in recognition of his/her excellent attitude to school. We are very proud of these children as they give a great example to all their friends.

## Best Attendees

Overall attendance during the month of October was high. Congratulations to the pupils from **Room 4, First Class** who had an outstanding **97.4% attendance rate**, the highest of the junior classes. Well done to **Room 15, 2nd Class** with an impressive **96.4% attendance rate**, highest of the senior classes. Both classes won a pizza party to celebrate their excellent attendance.

*Next Assembly takes place on 6th December. Make sure you're in school! There will be a special prize awarded for being a good friend.*

## Punctuality Award

In the month of October one child from each class received an award in recognition of their excellent time-keeping skills! They are pictured opposite.

## Parents' Corner

Training took place on 7th November for the members of the Parents' Association committee. Thanks to the following parents who helped out with the pumpkin weighing competition and the Science Fair: Denise, Rita, Gary, Sarah and Emma. The pupils from Early Start to Second Class designed wonderful Christmas cards. For anybody who ordered cards, they should arrive by the end of November, just in time to get writing them!! The parents will help run the book fair taking place next week. A selection of "nearly new" books for adults and children will be on sale and would make a great Christmas present.





## School Musical

This Christmas the pupils from 1st to 6th class will perform in *It's A Hard Knock Life*. This musical is based on the story of Annie, an orphan girl living in New York. It contains well loved songs including *Tomorrow*, *It's a Hard Knock Life*, *Maybe* and *You're Never Fully Dressed without a Smile*. The musical will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December at 7pm. Tickets cost €5 and will go on sale on Monday 4th December. Please buy your tickets early to avoid any disappointment! The pupils are busy rehearsing at the moment and are really looking forward to their time on stage.



## Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November. A selection of nearly new books will be on sale including adult and children's books. The Book Fair will run while the parent / teacher meetings take place, so please drop in and have a browse.



Watching the dough being made!

## Trip to Glanmore Food

Recently the fourth classes went on a visit to Glanmore Food. Glanmore Food provide our school lunches. Read Mia O' Reilly's recount:

*On Thursday 23rd we visited Glanmore Foods. First we learned how the baguettes are made. Next we got to play with the dough. Afterwards we put it in the bin. We had to wear hairnets, coats and covers for our shoes. We went through the packing area and into the freezer area — the temperature was down to minus 22 degrees!*

*After that we went to where they pack our lunches. The way they do this is one person puts the sticker on the lunch bags. Another person puts your order in the bag. They pack 38,000 lunches a week for over three thousand schools. The ham comes from the UK and they get two hundred and twenty five slices out of one slab of ham.*

*Then they showed us how to make the jelly and pasta. When our tour was over, we came back to reception and we all got a drink and a choice of a rice-cake or biscuits. Before we got off the bus at the school, the bus driver gave us a goodie bag. We all had a great day!*

## School Blog

Please log onto our school blog [www.stlouisesprimaryschool.ie](http://www.stlouisesprimaryschool.ie). Check out what your child's class has been doing and leave a comment. Currently there are posts about the D10 Science Fair, maths games in 5th class and a selection of spooky Halloween photos.