

St. Louise de Marillac Primary School

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- October: D10 *Be Well Month*.
- October 6th: Information meeting for Junior Infant parents.
- Oct 20th & 25th: Visit by the Diocesan Advisors.
- October 24th: Visit by The Echo for *School Around the Corner*.
- October 27th: Dress Up Day for Halloween. Holidays for midterm break—school finishes at usual time.
- November 6th: School reopens after midterm break.
- November 7th: Parents' Association meeting in the Parents' Room at 9:10am. New members always welcome!
- November 14th: School closed for all pupils due to Primary Language in-service for teachers.

Happy Halloween!

On Friday 27th St. Louise's School will be transformed into a spooky school! Please **wear your Halloween costume** coming into school and, if you have it, donate €2. This fundraising will go towards the cost of building kitchen gardens and fences for 8-10 more families of the pupils in St. Emmanuel's School in Kitale, Kenya. We are twinned with this school, run by the Daughters of Charity.



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Keep Safe!



This Halloween please keep safe when you go trick or treating. Here are some rules to help you:

- 1) Do not play with bangers or fireworks.
- 2) Keep your pets inside.
- 3) Always stay with a grown-up.
- 4) Do not enter a stranger's house.
- 5) Do not go too close to the bonfire.
- 6) Enjoy yourself!!

Check out Dublin Fire Brigade's website www.firesafety4kids.ie for fun activities.

Star Pupils

In September one child was chosen from each class as the 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. Likewise one child from each class, who demonstrated great listening skills, was awarded a special certificate.



Pupils of the Month



Good Listeners Award Winners



Good News

Congratulations to all the pupils who recently won medals, plaques and trophies for a variety of dancing and athletics feats. They showed them at the September Assembly.



Best Attendees

Overall attendance during the month of September was extremely high. Congratulations to the pupils from **Room 12, Senior Infants** who had an outstanding **97.9% attendance rate**, closely followed by the girls from **Room 15, Second Class** with **97.5%**. Both classes won special prizes of a pizza party. Keep it up, everyone!



School Books

If you still owe money for your child's school books, please call to Jackie or Shirley in the office as soon as possible, to pay the outstanding balance. The cost is €65.

Caritas News



A sincere welcome to the Transition Year students who are on work placement in our school. It is wonderful to have past pupils back in their alma mater! Caritas held their Open Day recently and the girls who visited, were really impressed by the variety of subjects and activities on offer in the school. Congratulations to the staff and students of Caritas, who celebrated their Golden Jubilee in September. What a wonderful achievement!

Parent / Teacher

Meetings



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. Individual meeting times will be given to you nearer the time.

Parents' Corner



The Parents' Association committee meets monthly and plans ways to support our school through policymaking and parental involvement. The Parents' Association would welcome any new members. The next meeting will take place in the Parents' Room on **Tuesday 7th November at 9:10a.m.**

Yoga classes will begin on Thursday 9th November and run every Thursday morning during November. The classes will take place in Mary Queen of Angels School 2 and the cost is €4 per class or €15 for the month.

Gardening for parents will also commence in November on Friday mornings. If you have green fingers or are a complete novice and would like to try it out, please get in touch with Alma Quinn, our home school coordinator.



Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition you must fill in a health form outlining the procedure to be followed. This will be given to the Board of Management to ratify and will be kept in the school to ensure your child's safety at all times. There are a small number of pupils in the school, who have severe nut allergies. Please be mindful to ensure your child only brings healthy food to school, which is in keeping with our school's healthy eating policy.

Personal Hygiene

Personal hygiene is something that every child needs to be taught from a young age. As children grow and develop, their bodies change and they need to spend more time on personal hygiene. We, as a school, would hate for any child to be excluded by his / her peers due to poor hygiene. As children get older, they notice those children with poor hygiene and may avoid them. Please chat to your child about washing themselves, brushing their teeth, changing underwear daily and keeping their hair tied back during school hours. Please be vigilant to check your child's hair regularly for headlice. Here is a useful website: <http://www.top10homeremedies.com/news-facts/10-good-hygiene-habits-teach-kids-early.html>



Accelerated Reading Programme

The pupils in 3rd and 4th class are taking part in a new and exciting reading programme called *The Accelerated Reading Programme* this year. We are one of the first schools in Ireland to adopt this programme. The children choose books to read suitable to their reading ability and take quizzes at the end of each book. They are awarded points for reading and receive certificates to celebrate their achievements. They progress from one level to the next. Pictured are the girls from 3rd and 4th class, who received their Ready Reader Award certificates at the September Assembly. Well done girls!

Autumn

Apples falling from the branches

Under the trees conkers lay

Trick or treating around the lane

Until the moon fades away

Making hot chocolate and sitting by the fire

Now it's time to shout hurray!

By Courtney, Jazmine, Kyah and Zoe

6th Class

Biodiversity

Fourth Class had a visitor from Dublin City Council today. Her name was Niamh. She taught us about biodiversity. She spoke to us about animals' habitats. The trees are very important because they give us air and birds lay their eggs in the trees. The bee is very important because they keep the flowers alive. She brought a stuffed Brent Goose named Gus with her. We're going to learn about the Brent Geese and visit Bull Island to see them. Niamh also brought her pet hen called Cuddles, We got to pet her. We are all really excited about our visit to Bull island.

By Emily Burke, Room 25

Pumpkin Weighing Fundraiser

Our annual pumpkin weighing competition will take place from the 20–27th October. Come along and have a guess at the weight of the pumpkin. One guess costs 50c or you can buy 3 guesses for €1. All money raised will go to help the children who attend St. Emmanuel's school in Kitale, Kenya. We are twinned with this school. The funds raised will help train the adults to support the kitchen-garden fencing project, which started last year.



Pumpkin Pickers!

The pupils from Senior Infants really enjoyed harvesting pumpkins from our school garden. Look how big they are!