

# St. Louise de Marillac Primary School

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October 13th:	Assembly for September
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October 24th:	School closure for autism training for staff.
Oct 25th-28th:	Parental activities in certain classes.
October 28th:	Dress Up Day for Halloween. Holidays for midterm break—school finishes at usual time.
November 7th:	School reopens after midterm break.
November:	Science Month in St. Louise's
Nov 23rd & 24th:	Parent / Teacher meetings



## Happy Halloween!

On Friday 28th 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 offsetting the cost of our school musical and to support the pupils in St. Emmanuel's School in Kitale, Kenya. We are twinned with this school, run by the Daughters of Charity. Thanks for your ongoing fundraising support.



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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 advice on keeping safe at Halloween

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/dublin-fire-brigade/fire-prevention-and-community-fire-safety/halloween>



## Roots of Empathy

First Class began their Roots of Empathy Programme in October. We welcomed a baby from our community that we will get to know through 9 monthly visits to our classroom. Over the course of the school year, we will watch the baby grow. The children predict and cheer when their Roots of Empathy baby reaches the 'developmental milestones' of the first year: "She can roll over!" "He got his first tooth!" "She can clap hands!" "He can sit up!" "She can wave!"

Ms Greene, The Roots of Empathy Instructor, also coaches the children in observing and reading the emotional cues of the baby. The Instructor will use this discussion as a starting point for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel. Roots of Empathy is founded on the loving relationship between a parent and baby, which is where empathy starts.



## Library Trip

First Class visited Ballyfermot Library in October. The staff in the library were very helpful. They gave us a tour of the library, showed us the children's section and explained how the library works. As a special treat they even read the children a story. The children all applied for our library cards and we will be back to visit again soon.







## 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 €25. You may also pay online using Aladdin Connect. Thanks to all who have already paid.

## Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition you must fill in a healthcare plan outlining the procedure to be followed during school-hours. 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.



## Pumpkin Weighing Fundraiser

Our annual pumpkin weighing competition will take place from the 19th–26th October. Come along and have a guess at the weight of the pumpkin. One guess costs 50c. All money raised will go to help the children who attend St. Emmanuel's School in Kitale, Kenya. We are twinned with this school, run by the Daughters of Charity. Sr. Justine and Sr. Geraldine visited the school recently and visited the classes to show them photos from Kitale and show the pupils the difference their fundraising can make. The 6th class girls are in charge of this fundraiser.

**Rehearsals are in full swing for our school musical which will be staged from 13th to 15th December. Put the date in your diary!**

## Parent / Teacher Meetings



Individual parent / teacher meetings will take place face to face after school on **Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th 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. If you are concerned about Covid, it will be possible to arrange a P/T meeting via a phonecall instead. You will be able to choose a time that suits you via Aladdin Connect closer to the time.

## Parents' Corner



The Parents' Association committee meets monthly and plans ways to support our school through policy-making and parental involvement. The Parents' Association would welcome any new members. Please get in touch with Maria Purcell, our Home School Community Liaison Coordinator.

## 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 head-lice. Thanks for your participation in our recent headlice bug-busting campaign.

Here is a useful website:  
<https://www.emedihealth.com/child-health/good-hygiene-habits-for-kids>



## Maths Week



First Class were very excited to be invited over to Caritas College for Maths Week activities. The pupils in Caritas had set up maths stations for the first class children. Each station tested a different maths skill. The day was very successful and the two schools plan on doing more activities together in the future.

Maths Week ran from 17th—21st October. All classes participated in maths games, activities, trails, art competitions and quizzes. Next month's newsletter will feature more photos from the event. Well done to the Maths Committee who helped promote and organise the activities.

