



St. Michael's Times

February 2023

Green Team



This year's green team are working towards our fourth green flag for travel. The green team have completed surveys and mapping exercises and are continuing to monitor our waste and energy usage.

"In St. Michael's, it's good to be green, let's keep our waste and air clean"

Garda Visit

Thank you to Garda Edel Dugdale who visited St. Michael's January 12th and spoke to pupils about the role of the garda, being kind, personal safety and vandalism.



Confirmation

Congratulations to all of the pupils who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, January 27th. Thank you to Bishop Deenihan and Bishop Smith who conferred the Holy Spirit on the children. Thank you to all the teachers for preparing their pupils so well for this very special day.



Wellbeing



Thanks to our Student Council who manage our Wellbeing Wall on our senior corridor to help promote the wellbeing of our students. Each month a different theme is chosen which the

Student Council members develop with their classmates. January's theme was "Gratitude" which linked in very well with the theme for our Catholic Schools Week. The benefits of practising gratitude are nearly endless. People who regularly practise gratitude by taking time to notice and reflect upon the things they're thankful for experience more positive emotions, feel more alive, sleep better and express more compassion and kindness.

We are exploring the theme of "Kindness" for the month of February which links in with our Anti-Bullying week at the end of the month.

Book Sale

The student council have had a busy few weeks getting organised for our second hand book sale. The members of the student council made posters to advertise this event. They collected book donations from classes on a daily basis. They set up and organised all books by age and topics of interest. The sale took place on Thursday the 9th of February. The student council members from 6th class along with other 6th class students managed all sales on the day. They sold lots of books and made a total of €740. A big well done to all involved! A big thank you to everyone who donated books. The student council will survey all classes after the mid-term break to decide what resources they will purchase with the money raised.



Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week in St. Michael's from January 22nd - 29th, 2023. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year was Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love. During this week we celebrated the wonderful work that we do as a Catholic school. We held a special whole school assembly on Friday, January 27th to mark the end of Catholic Schools Week. A big thank you to Ms Metcalfe's and Ms Fitzpatrick's classes who led the school singing as part of their assembly performance.



School Uniform

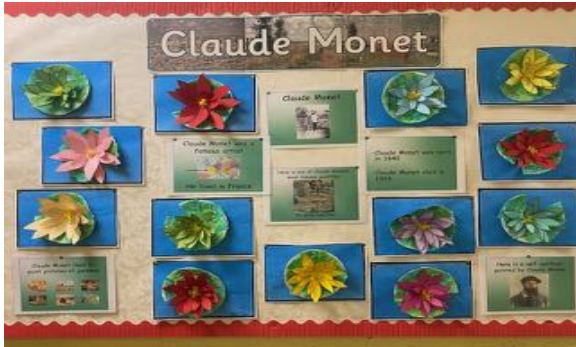
We expect our pupils to wear their complete school uniform on uniform days. Please ensure children wear black shoes /runners with their green uniform. Pupils may wear their school tracksuits on P.E. days only. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, your child is unable to wear the school uniform, please forward a note of explanation to the class teacher.

Attendance

If your child is absent for any reason please inform his/her class teacher explaining the reason for absence via the school Aladdin app. We are obliged under the Education Welfare Act 2000 to notify Tusla (Child and Family Agency) if a pupil is absent for 20 days or more.

Displays of Work

Our corridors are filled with bright and beautiful displays of work. Well Done Everyone!!



Parents’ Association

On behalf of the parent’s association we wish all students, parents/guardians a very happy and restful midterm. Thank you for all your support especially for the “wear red for valentine’s day”. A big thank you to the student council for your support with initiatives in the school. We have a busy term ahead. We are hoping to run an Easter bun sale on the March, 31st (details to follow), a flag day in April/May and many more initiatives. As always we welcome volunteers for events, members to join the P.A. and your attendance at meetings.



Dates for your Diary

- Anti - Bullying Week: February 20th - 24th
- Seachtain na Gaeilge: March 13th - 17th
- St. Patrick’s Day: School closed Friday, March 17th
- Easter Holidays: School closes on Friday, March 31st and reopens on Monday April 17th
- Communion: Saturday May 20th, 2023 at 12:00PM
- School Photographer: Monday, May 22nd, 2023
- Standardised Testing: May 24th and May 31st
- 6th Class Graduation: Thursday, June 22nd

Upcoming Sporting Events

Week of February 28th:

Sixth class pupils will participate in the Spar FAI Primary School 5’s Competition in the MDL, Navan. This promises to be a great day out for the boys.



Monday, March 13th:

Mini 7’s football competition

Tuesday, April 18th:

Cumann na mBunscol Hurling League

Thursday, April 20th: Marathon Relay



Monday, April 24th: Mini Rounders Blitz



Friday, May 5th & Tuesday, May 9th:

All mainstream pupils will commence a six week swimming course in the Aura Leisure Centre.



First Confession

Congratulations to all the students who made their First Confession with Fr. Paul this week. This is part of their preparations for making their First Holy Communion in May. We would like to thank their class peers who have supported them in their preparations along with their parents/guardians and teachers.



Soccer Coaching

Representatives from the FAI came to visit St. Michael’s today, February 15th. Both third classes got the opportunity to participate in a coaching session, which was enjoyed by all.

Aldi Stickers

A big thank you to everyone who collected Aldi stickers for the school. We will now be entered into a draw to win 50,000 euro. Ten schools will win €5000. All schools who participate will receive an Aldi play rugby kit.