

What's Up @ St. Michael's

Summer Term – June 2018

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We are extremely grateful to the Parents association for funding the purchase of benches to create an outdoor classroom area. Please feel free to come and have a look at them!

OUTDOOR PLAY

At St. Michael's we recognise the importance of creating outdoor play opportunities for all our children. To this end, a parent has made a giant blackboard and we have installed two covered sandpits. We have introduced, space hoppers, boules, croquet and other play options also. Thanks to the parents who helped re-install our basketball court.

DRAMA/MUSIC/ART

Our Alice in Wonderland production was a great success and the hard work the pupils put in their rehearsals showed on the day. Great Work Everyone!

Miss Chow from St. Finbarre's Cathedral will be running an after-school choir from pupils on Thursdays from September. This is open to first class and up and is free of charge. Please email the school if you are interested. Places are offered on a first come-first served basis.

Tia won first place nationally in the 'Digital Art Week' competition coming first with her amazing poem and illustration in response to Irish Artist, Lorraine Fenlon's art work called 'Lighthouse'.

SCHOOL TOURS

The pupils had great fun on their school tours this year. The infants, first and second class went to Rumley's Farm where they rode on a tractor trailer interacted with the farm animals. Third to sixth Classes went to Spike Island travelling by train and ferry and then exploring the island and learning all about it's history. They also completed obstacle courses and team challenges. This tour was a definite hit with all the pupils.

AISTEAR

This term, as part of our Bluestar Project, the children explored cities of Europe including London and Rome. They constructed leaning towers with lego, learned about red buses and role played an Italian restaurant – Pizza anyone?

SCHOOL FETE

This year's school fete was bigger and better than ever! We were delighted to see so many visitors from the parish and community. Great credit due to the group of parents who ran events on the day and to those who prepared the school grounds. A significant amount of money was raised and a great day was had by all at our festival fete! We are already planning for next year. The music and stalls were superb but the hit of the day was Hook the Duck – who knew ?!

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

The children contribute coins during assembly each Friday and this money will be given to the Simon Community this year. We were particularly happy with children's participation during assembly, taking an active role in performances for special occasions. Visiting the church every Friday is an important link with school and parish.

Active School Programme

Sports Day was a great success with the children enjoying a range of activities including long jump, obstacle courses, egg and spoon and sack races, penalty shootout and running. We appreciate all the parents who helped out and especially Rev. Bowles and past pupil Louis, who were brave enough to stand in goal. Inter-school took place at CIT in June and the pupils put in a great performance coming home with several medals and our school pride intact! As part of the Cork Sports Partnership, students were taught the correct techniques of tug of war. By all accounts the annual school swimming gala was a big success with lots of children taking part and winning many medals. Well done to all involved! Tennis lessons took place in June and as usual were thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils. Hurling will resume in September.

Projects

DPSM (Discovery Primary Science and Maths)

We have again received, as in previous years, our DPSM Award of Excellence with the assessor remarking that 'he wished he could come and do science in St Michael's'! We also attended some excellent workshops at Blackrock Castle during Engineer's, Digital and Science weeks. We are still learning and this week we are marking World Microbiome Day with a visit from a microbiologist who will talk to us about germs and bacteria. We recommend you take a look at our DPSM submission on our website where you will see what the children have been working on.

I.T.

All fourth and fifth class have now achieved their Google CS (Computer Science) level.2. (art) certificates. Third to sixth class recently visited Douglas school to take part in a coding/programming workshop with the Wiggle Roadcoaster Bus. We have surveyed parents for views on the BYOD (bring your own device) idea being discussed by the Department of Education and Skills. The conclusion is that we will not allow personal devices in school but will endeavour to provide enough resources for all our pupils as budget allows.

BLUESTAR FLAG

Deirdre Clune visited us in June to tell us all about the European Parliament. We were also very excited to receive our Bluestar Flag for excellence in work carried out in the history and geography of Europe during the school year. Our school will now be flying a European flag. A highlight for the Senior Room was a visit to the WW1 exhibit in Cork City Museum. You can find some of our projects on our website.



Gaeilge

Senior Room pupils took part in a book writing programme which involved writing their own stories and reading stories written by children in other schools (as Gaeilge). Two of our students, Suan and Conor won Foras na Gaeilge medals for their work – go hiontach ar fad!! All participants enjoyed a day out at a Seo Linn concert in Fitzgeralds Park. We rocked it !! All classes will take part in this initiative next year. Mol an oige agus tiocfaidh si!

Ms. O'Donovan wishes to thank all the teachers and school staff for all their work this year and we are thankful for all the support and interest shown by parents and community in school activities this term. We wish all our amazing pupils and families an enjoyable Summer break and welcome you back on the 29th August.

FOOD DUDES

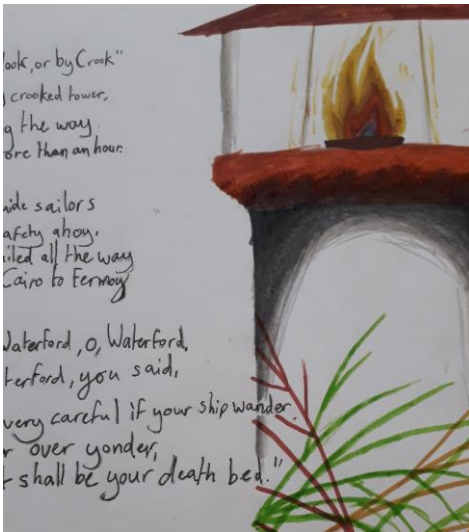
The Food Dudes Programme has been a great success as more children have been including fruit and vegetables as part of their school lunches. The children have written to Food Dudes to ask them to cut down on the plastic packaging.

E-TWINNING


Pupils received a national quality mark for their project linking with the French school, Ecole St Joseph and we have lots of exciting projects planned for next year. Toutes nos felicitations! We expect that Khone will be back offering after-school French as an option for pupils in September. We will keep you updated.

Extra Curricular

Krafti Kidz Art classes with Nikki continue on Mondays after school from Monday 9 September 2018.



We wish Okwu, Freya, Darragh, Sam and Felix the VERY best of luck as they embark on their secondary school adventure. You will all be missed by your Alma Mater.

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