

What's Up @ St. Michael's

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We are all enjoying this school term so far, especially getting to know our 10 new junior infants!

The Senior Room travelled to Bandon on the 28th September to attend Bishop Colton's Annual School Service. This is a lovely opportunity to meet students from other Church of Ireland primary schools and we had been practicing our hymns for this occasion.

As part of our drama curriculum we will be visiting the Everyman Theatre to see the play 'Tom Crean, Antarctic Explorer'. The younger classes will be attending suitable performances later in the year.

Our inter-school debating will begin in early October and we hope to build on skills developed last year.

Ms Chow is now assisting Mr Stobart (from the Cathedral) with our weekly music lessons for all classes on Wednesdays.

As part of the S.T.E.M programme the Senior Room have been conducting experiments on the heart and teeth. The Middle Room were learning about the skeleton. The Junior Room have been experimenting and discovering all the qualities of sand and constructing with sand and other materials. We are still enjoying outside weather so the Junior Room have enjoyed lots of exploring, outdoor play and creating dens in our school garden.

We will be installing junior size picnic tables in the small school yard where juniors can enjoy lunch and chats 'al fresco' when weather allows

Our new building has gone in for planning and our site notice is up. We are waiting for Cork City Council to make their decision – we are expecting progress very soon.

Is Aoibhinn Linn Gaeilge

Támíd ag baint an-taitneamh as an Gaeilge sna ranganna ar fad. Tá na bunrangasna fós ag baint an sult as 'Bua na Cainte' agus tá na h-árdrangasna ag déanamh a lán dul chus cinn freisin – Maith sibh!

Tá reimse deas leabhair le fail ar íasacht ón leabharlann scoile d'éinne a bhfuil suim ann!!



Active School Programme

'A Healthy body is a healthy Mind'

We want to encourage all our pupils to be as healthy as possible and we are really impressed with the healthy lunches our pupils have so far. Keep up the good work

Hurling has begun at the Rockies. All classes from 1st – 6th will be playing every Friday this year with Pat at Blackrock hurling Club.

Our new athletics coach, Sheldon, will visit every Thursday to do athletics/fitness lessons with all pupils. We will be well prepared for the Inter-school Athletic competitions this year.

After-school swimming continues at Douglas Pool on Fridays and after-school soccer is on Tuesdays at Tennis Village. These two events are run by the Parents Association

The senior room will begin hockey training in school with Ms. O'Donovan next week and the schedule of matches is available on the school website. All pupils in the senior room must have a gum shield to play even in school.

We are taking part in the 'Run Around Europe' challenge which involves all pupils running laps of the school every day and calculating how many kilometres they have travelled. This is part of the European Week of Sport. Please also note that there are several tracksuit tops, beakers, lunch containers and even two pairs of shoes in lost property box by front door!!!

Projects

The Senior Room has created an Erasmus eTwinning Project with Ecole St. Joseph de Carquefou (France) called 'Friends en Forme'. The project involves presenting and sharing traditional games from both countries and improving physical fitness together- an exciting project for our young European Citizens.

Extra Curricular

Beginner French lessons are being offered to pupils in 1st – 6th classes. A note has been sent home in school bags and details are also on our facebook page. The cost is €90 for 10 weeks including all materials and CD and places are limited.

Krafti Kidz Art classes with Nikki continue on Mondays after school.

Aistear

Aistear is the new early childhood curriculum framework for children up to 6 years in Ireland. Because early childhood marks the beginning of children's lifelong learning journey, this framework is called Aistear, the Irish word for journey. We are fully embracing Aistear in the Junior Room and so far we have explored the theme 'Our Locality' – more details and pictures can be found in the 'School Blog' on the website. As Einstein says 'Play is the highest form of research'. It has been wonderful to see the pupils so engaged in imaginative and collaborative play. The Parents Association has generously funded lots of new play equipment for the programme, please remember we will gladly accept any pre-loved toys, as per the list, for the school.

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