



## School Newsletter

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Welcome to Our Latest School Newsletter!

We hope this edition finds you well and refreshed after the recent bank holiday. As always, there's been a great deal happening across our school community, and we're excited to share some highlights with you from the past week. From classroom achievements and exciting events to important updates and upcoming opportunities, this newsletter is packed with everything you need to stay connected and informed.

Thank you for your continued support — we couldn't do it without you!

**Reminder: Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May is a half day. School closes at 12pm.**

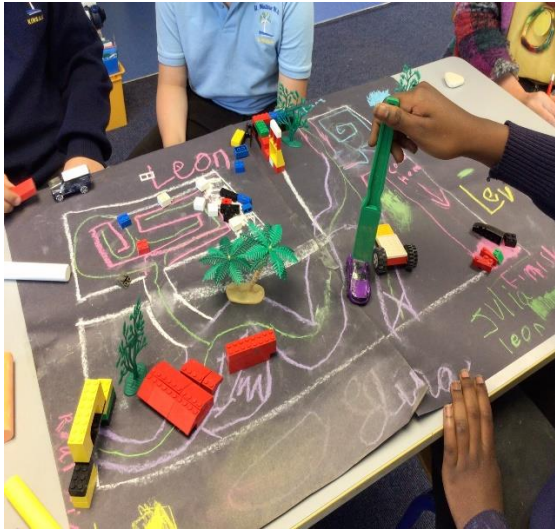
### This week's news:

#### **6th Class Trip to Oklahoma! at Bandon Grammar**

Our 6th Class pupils had a fantastic time attending the school musical *Oklahoma!* at Bandon Grammar School on Thursday. It was a great opportunity for the children to experience live theatre and enjoy the talents of some of their future fellow students. A big thank you to Dave Shorthall for kindly volunteering to drive!



The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class have been very busy over the last couple of weeks. In Maths, we've been learning about and making tessellating patterns and hunting for right angles! Mr Breen returned this week and practised some summer themed musical pieces with us and in class, we've been busily creating simple group compositions using body percussion and instruments. On Thursday, the children were assigned the task of creating a maze with obstacles and various features for their magnetic car to navigate. The children made sketches and plans and then, in a given timeframe, created and tested their mazes. Have a look at their amazing team efforts, what wonderful creativity and ideas. Next week, we look forward to Heritage in Schools workshop with Sonia Caldwell.





### **Síológa Entrepreneurs Shine at Kinsale Market**

Our Síológa Entrepreneurs had a wonderful day at the local Kinsale Market on Wednesday. The pupils proudly sold a lovely selection of flowers, herbs, lettuces, and sunflowers — all grown with care and enthusiasm in our own school garden. It was heartening to see so many familiar faces, including past pupils, parents, and members of the wider school community, coming out to support our young sellers. The boys did an outstanding job as salespeople, representing the school with confidence and charm. Well done to everyone involved! We're delighted to share that €200 was raised, and all proceeds will go directly back into our school garden, helping to grow even more in the time ahead! A special thank you to our 6th Class boys who acted as chaperones on the day — your help and guidance were very much appreciated!

### **Farewell to Maria, Our Wonderful Tennis Coach**

Today we said a fond goodbye to Maria, our fantastic tennis coach, on her last day with us. The children enjoyed a fun-filled session, practicing their serves and playing some of their favourite games, including the 'graveyard game' and the 'bump game'. Ms Fitzgerald's Class did Maria's famous 'Mini Olympic Skills Game'.

To show our appreciation, the children presented Marie with a heartfelt card. As a special thank you, Maria also gave gifts to the pupils who helped her set up each week. It was a lovely way to end a wonderful chapter, and we're so grateful for all the energy, enthusiasm, and skills Marie shared with us. She will be greatly missed!



### **Breakfast Club**

Sue O'Riordan, one of our SNAs facilitates Breakfast Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8am. If you are interested in sending your child to Breakfast Club, please contact Sue on 087 8525798.

### **After School Club**

After School runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm – 5:30pm. If you are interested in sending your child to After School Club, please contact Margaret on 087 9773348.

### **School Policies – Available Online and on Request**

All of our school policies are available to view and download on the school website. If you would prefer a hard copy of any policy, you are welcome to request one at any time from Katie, our school secretary. You can contact her by email at [secretary@stmultosens.ie](mailto:secretary@stmultosens.ie) or by phone on **021 4774106** from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

The following policies were reviewed and ratified at our most recent Board of Management meeting: Maths Plan, Procedures and Practices, School Tour Policy, Child Safeguarding Policy, Home Use of School Owned Assistive Technology Policy. Please note that our Designated Liaison Person is now Jill Horan and Deputy Designated Liaison Person is now Lorraine Kingston.

## **A Welcoming and Supportive Environment at St Multose NS**

At St Multose NS, we are proud to have open lines of communication. If you ever feel the need to discuss anything — whether with your child's teacher or with me as Principal — please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can contact the school by phone on **021 4774106** or email me directly at [principal@stmultosens.ie](mailto:principal@stmultosens.ie) or you can arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher. We're always here to support you and your child.

### **A Gentle Reminder – 'Handle with Care'**

We'd like to remind parents and guardians of our '*Handle with Care*' approach at St Multose NS. If your child has had a difficult morning, an upsetting evening, or just isn't feeling quite themselves, please feel free to write '*Handle with Care*' in their school diary.

This simple note lets us know to give your child a little extra patience, understanding, and support that day — no questions asked.


## **A Focus on Kindness at St Multose NS**

At St Multose NS, we are deeply committed to fostering a culture of kindness throughout our school community. As part of this commitment, our teachers and SNAs will take part in an in-service workshop on Friday, 16th May. Please note that school will close at 12pm on this day to facilitate the training.









This year, we are focusing on *Kindness* as part of our School Self Evaluation process. To support this important work, I will be sending a questionnaire to parents next week. Your input is incredibly valuable and will help shape our updated anti-bullying policy, which we will rename the Cineáltas Policy — our *Kindness Policy*.

I strongly encourage you to take a few moments to complete the questionnaire. Your voice matters and will help us continue to make St Multose a safe, caring, and respectful place for every child.

### **Events and activities to look forward to:**

- Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May – Sonia Caldwell will visit 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class to facilitate a half-day workshop. She will teach the children about seaweed and waterside plants and edible plants by the sea. Sonia has some interesting craft activities planned for us too.
- Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May – Children from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have kindly been invited to participate in a Tag Rugby Blitz in Bandon Grammar School. A notice has been sent out on Aladdin to all relevant parents.
-  16<sup>th</sup> May – **Half day** to facilitate Teachers' Cineáltas Training Day. School closes at **12pm**. The Bí Cineálta procedures are to prevent and address bullying behaviour for primary and post-primary schools, which will guide our school community to work together to prevent and address bullying behaviour in our school. These procedures are called "Bí Cineálta" which means "Be Kind". This is also part of our School Self Evaluation this year. I will be sending a

questionnaire to parents next week to gather data on this. We have already surveyed the school staff. We also hope to access the pupils' voice through focus groups which will be held during the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Permission to participate will be sought from parents first.

-  **Transition programme** – Ms Hadden will facilitate a transition programme for our 6<sup>th</sup> Class leavers this term. This programme prepares them for secondary school.
-  Standardised tests will be administered during the week of **19th May**. We ask parents to **ensure full attendance** during this week, as it helps provide the most accurate and complete picture of each child's progress. Thank you for your support!
-  **Our School Disco is coming up on Friday, 23rd May**, and this year's theme is Flower Power!  Get ready for a groovy evening of music, dancing, and colourful fun. The event is being organised by our wonderful Parents' Association, and we're so grateful for their time and effort in putting it all together. Children are encouraged to dress in bright colours and floral outfits to match the theme! If you would like to **help out**, please let us know—we'd love to have your support! More details to follow—watch this space!
- **Interschool Sports Athletics – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Over the coming weeks, we will be busily practising for this annual athletics event. You will be notified later in the month as to whether your child has been selected and which event(s) he/she will be participating in.
-  **Beach Day** for 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June.
-  We're excited to announce that **Active Week** will take place from **16th to 20th June!** Our teachers have lots of fun and engaging movement activities planned throughout the week, including a special **gymnastics day**, inspired by our most recent professional development training. We'll be encouraging **active travel**, giving children the opportunity to **teach a sport to their peers**, and enjoying a wide variety of ways to stay active and have fun. **Parents** – if you have a passion for a particular sport and would be interested in sharing your skills with the children, we'd love to hear from you! Your involvement can make the week even more memorable.
-  **Sports Day** is always a highlight of the school year, and this year it's scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting. The day promises friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of fun for all involved. We warmly welcome parents to attend and join in the excitement—it's a great chance to support the children and even get involved in a few activities yourselves!
-  **End of year service – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Horan