



Newsletter

April 2021

Welcome!

We welcome Carlos Uriel to our school community. Carlos is starting in 6th class this week. We hope Carlos and his family will be very happy at St. Multose N.S.

Healthy Lunches

Please ensure that you provide your child with a healthy lunch. Have a chat with your child about what they would like in their lunchbox each day. Here is a helpful leaflet with some nice lunch ideas: [Healthy Lunchbox Leaflet](#) (click on the link).

Nut Ban

We have a child with a nut allergy in school. All nuts are banned from school including **hazelnut, peanut, walnut, almond, pecan, cashew and pistachio**. This means no Nutella or praline chocolate, no nougat, marzipan, no mixed nut snacks, no nut bars etc. in school. Please be careful with any baking you may send into school too. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Polytunnel

We have the most supportive families! A massive thank you to all the dads for sourcing, building and creating the most amazing space for our pupils to learn and grow in. We are incredibly lucky to have such supportive parents at St. Multose. The Parents' Association have been working very hard to make this dream a reality! Thank you for all the donations and assistance making this project happen. Parent Willy Tindall has very kindly created a crop rotation system and if you have any plants/seeds etc. you would like to donate, please let Willy know. We will be spending lots of time in the polytunnel over the next 2 months. Cucumber and tomato plants went in this week!





New arrivals!

We have also had 4 additional enrolments at St. Multose! Over the weekend, Ms Hadden went to the mart to collect 4 hybrid Rhode Island Red Hens and settled them into their new home at school! It has brought great excitement to the children. Each classroom picked a name; we have Louis Chickon, Toffee, Caramel and Pop Pop! Please start saving your egg boxes!





Ms Kingston's class entered a Green School Poster Competition. Here are some samples of the creative artwork...



Adele wrote a blog reflecting on the last couple of months.

Adele's Blog ✓

After Christmas, we started home schooling.

It was nice because I got to sleep in but we could not see our friends and that was sad.

When we came back to school it was GREAT! ✓

A new teacher came called Mrs. Hurley and with Mrs. Hurley we wrote story's.
with Ms. Hurley

Also, a new student called Lazo joined the class.

He is Hungarian.

Lazo is very funny and hardworking.

We are happy that he came to St. Multose

Before the Easter holiday's the teachers did an Easter egg hunt. ✓

Now we have a poly tunnel and a chic coop with four hens!

I hope they lay good eggs!

I love this school!

Adele

super work! ✓



Wanted items

Please send in any cardboard tubes (for planting seeds) and egg boxes you have at home! Our first egg arrived today!



Outdoor Classroom

We are also creating an outdoor learning space under the oak tree at the front of the school. Parent, Stephen Harte has very kindly made 20 outdoor toadstool seats for our pupils. We hope to get these up soon. Thank you, Stephen!

Virtual Table Quiz

The PA has organised a virtual Family Table Quiz for Thursday 29th April at 6:45pm. The night promises to be a night of fun and laughter.

It is €20 per entry table which automatically includes you in the raffle. If you cannot attend, a raffle ticket can be bought for €5. You will receive a link via Aladdin to enter or purchase raffle tickets.

Prizes

- 1st Place: Deluxe Hamper including a bottle of Kinsale Meade and goodies from Blue Haven.
- 2nd Place: Kinsale Hotel pool passes, Bookstore voucher and 5 Homework passes!!
- Raffle Prizes: Vouchers for Canvas Works, Bandon Co-Op, OHK, Smyth's Toys, Fintan Lynch, Kinsale Salon.

Tax Relief

The Charitable Donation Scheme allows tax relief on qualifying donations made to approved bodies. St. Multose NS is an approved body for the purposes of the Charitable Donation Scheme. As such, if an individual donates €250 or more in a single year, the school can claim an additional sum (in refund of tax paid on that donation) of at least €112 approx. If a company donates €250 or more in a year, the company can claim a tax deduction as if the donation was a trading expense. If you would like to make a donation of over €250 and allow St. Multose NS to claim the relief for same, please complete the form on the link below and return to the school. Terms and conditions apply as outlined in the form. <https://www.revenue.ie/en/companies-and-charities/documents/charities/chy4-annual-certificate.pdf> Any queries, or if you require the original form with wet signature, please do not hesitate to revert.

Active Schools Week – 10th – 14th May

This year we will be holding our Active Schools Week from the 10th – 14th May. We are going to be thinking about the upcoming Olympic Games in Tokyo and we will be taking up the Olympic Schools Challenge where we endeavour to clock up our kilometres to get all the way to Tokyo by walking, running, gardening, playing games, doing yoga and lots more. Check our 'Dare to Believe Olympic Challenge' from Dare to Believe on Vimeo. This video is available for your viewing at <https://vimeo.com/534625247>

Please wear a face mask

Please wear a face mask when you get out of your car to collect or drop off your child. Please do not congregate at the school gate and practise social distancing. Please keep your children in the car until 8:50a.m., the time at which the gates will be opened by the teacher.

Reminders

- Please make sure you remember to send your child's lunch, a drink of water and coat with them to school every day.
- Please do not bring unnecessary personal belongings into school e.g., trinkets, footballs, etc.
- Arrival time is 8:50a.m. – 9:10a.m. sharp.
- The school gates will be locked at 9:10 a.m. every morning. Any late arrivals will need to phone the office to be let in.
- If you need to collect your child early or for an appointment, please notify the class teacher via email or phone call a day in advance where possible. A member of staff will bring your child to the front pedestrian gate at the arranged time. You will be requested to sign your child out at the gate.
- The school will provide your child with approved hand sanitiser. Please do not send in personal hand sanitisers with your child.
- If your child is absent, please make sure that you email the school explaining why (illness, urgent family reason, etc.). We need to keep this on file for our attendance records. If your child misses more than 20 days, the school is required to report this to Tusla.
- Before your child returns from any absences or if your child is sent home early due to sickness, you will need to fill in the 'Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form' We have sent numerous hardcopies home with your child so that they can bring it in with them after any absences.
- Please remember to send in your child's homework folder on Fridays.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

A huge thank you for your continued cooperation and support with the Covid-19 School Response Plan. Unfortunately, schools cannot have external teachers in during level 5 restrictions, so we have had to pause our Ukulele lessons, GAA coaching and any other external teachers coming in for another while yet. We are currently planning covid-friendly celebrations for our pupils, and we do hope to

bring all our pupils on a school tour, especially our 6th class. We have provisionally booked some school tours, but for now, we will have to wait and see what June looks like.

Dates for your diary

- ◆ Thursday 29th April - Virtual Table Quiz by the Parents' Association.
- ◆ Thursday 24th June – School Tour Day for everyone (provisional bookings made).
- ◆ Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday.
- ◆ Monday 10th – Friday 14th May - Active School Week.

