

St Multose National School

Newsletter October 2019



Our pupils have been very busy in their classrooms making scarecrows for the Harvest Fair. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to help us make them. We are looking forward to displaying them this week.

We are currently enrolling children for September 2020, and if you know of any families looking for school placement, please let them know.

The children in 6th class attended the Diocesan Service in St. Peter's Church, Bandon last Thursday. I am delighted to say that we have raised €145 for the Diocesan Project for Maize Production in Burundi in Partnership with the Bishop's Appeal and Christian Aid. Thank you very much for your kind and generous donations.

I was so proud of our choir members who performed at the Culture Night on Friday, 20th September. Not only did the pupils sing beautifully, they were also extremely well-behaved and represented our school with pride.

I am really looking forward to my first Harvest Fair – I have heard so many wonderful things about it!

Best wishes,
Jill

Fire Safety Talk

On Wednesday morning of this week, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class will have a talk about fire safety.

GMC Beats



'Garry the Rapper' is coming to our school this month to deliver a "Song-in-a-Day" workshop in creative song-writing, rapping, singing, recording, beat-making and music technology. He is coming for two days and will spend half a day in each classroom. The children will write, perform and record their own raps! We will have a demo of their finished work. Please see <https://gmcbeats.com/> for more details. This has been funded by an anonymous donation to the school. We are extremely grateful for such a kind and generous gesture.

Heritage Schools

Animal scientist, Niamh O'Flynn from Heritage Schools will be visiting our school on Friday 4th October. She will be talking about biodiversity and about her time working in wildlife parks, zoos and aquaria. This is funded by the Parents' Association.



Book Fair:

Our annual Book Fair will be held on Wednesday 6th November, 9am – 12.30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help on the morning, and if possible, please contact the office if you are available.

Light Pollution

Work Experience

We welcome past pupil and Transition Year student, Maryann Spencer back for her work experience placement. Maryann will spend this week shadowing class teachers in many aspects of their work.

World Mental Health Day

Thursday, 10th October is World Mental Health Day. To celebrate, 5th and 6th class will attend a workshop in Actons Hotel. This is run by Kinsale Youth Support Services.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings will take place on the 15th and 17th October in Ms. Nestor's classroom from 2.45p.m. There will be a signup sheet just inside the main door on the notice board from next Monday, 7th October. Support teachers will also be available on those dates. Please note that Ms. Hadden will take Homework Club on the 15th and 17th October. She will be available to meet with parents from 3:30pm onwards.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be taking photographs of pupils in class groups. There will also be an option to have an individual or sibling-group photo. This will be on Tuesday, 22nd October. Please ensure that your child(ren) are dressed smartly and wear their full school uniform. More details to follow.

Garda Vetting

Each visitor or volunteer needs to be Garda Vetted, specific to each individual school. This process is required for coming on school trips, tours etc. We would like to give our parents the option to get garda vetted with our school. We

will send out Garda Vetting Forms to all parents who are not garda vetted, or if their garda vetting has expired. Garda vetting is completely optional, however, as a child's primary educator, we encourage all parents to be a part of the school life. Please fill out the Garda Vetting Form and return it to the school with a copy of your ID. To save on printing and paper, we will email you the guidelines separately.

Chess



To help facilitate the high number of children participating in chess, Sue Spencer has kindly volunteered to help out. Without Sue, we would not be able to offer chess to the current high number of children. Please let Ms Hadden know if you are available to help out. An additional volunteer will only be needed in the case that Sue is unavailable. Knowledge of chess is not a requirement.

Head Lice

There is already a case of head lice in the school. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair weekly and informing the school immediately if you suspect your child has head lice, so that we can alert other parents. If you do detect head lice, please treat accordingly with medicated treatments and "nit combs". Ask pharmacists for advice as to what treatments would suit your child. Sometimes, one treatment is not enough and it can easily re-occur. There are numerous treatments one can use. The Headlice Experts are particularly good at identifying and eradicating head lice. Please note all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. In our school, Monday night is head lice checking night, please treat this as part of your child's homework.

A note from the Parents' Association



**We can't wait for the upcoming
Harvest Fair this Saturday,
5th October
3p.m. – 5p.m.**

Thank you to everyone that has offered to help to sell raffle tickets, especially those who gave of their time to sell raffle tickets in Supervalu, **** was raised in ticket sales over the two days.

Please return all ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets as soon as possible.

We are on a countdown now, so don't forget to begin creating pumpkins for display. While there won't be a Scarecrow Competition this year however, there is a prize for the most creative pumpkin carving.

As ever, there are number of ways that you contribute to the Harvest Fair. You can bake a cake for our cake stall and cafe. Books and toys/games (in perfect condition please) can be dropped to the school Library on Thursday or Friday morning of this week. Please don't forget the unwanted gifts stall. Other stalls of interest at the Fair will be 'loved but rarely worn dresses' and 'Sports equipment'.

One of our parents, Piluca Garcia is currently studying Horticulture and has created a wonderful plan for our school garden. She will have a stall dedicated to show-casing the school garden plans. Her stall will also have a drop-off point for any wildflower seeds or soft fruit trees such as gooseberry, raspberry, blackberry, and top fruit trees, like apples, plums, pears, cherries etc. She will also be looking for help in the future with compost, manure, weeding, planting

and much more. Please drop by to find out more!

If you haven't already volunteered to help and are available on Saturday, please contact the school office or a member of the P.A. as soon as possible.

Remember to spread the word and invite as many of your friends and neighbours as possible to make our Harvest Festival a great success.

Parents' Association AGM

The Parents' Association AGM will be held during the second week of November. This will be held in the school. The date will be confirmed shortly. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 1st October – School closed for staff in-service training.
- Friday 4th October – Niamh O'Flynn from Heritage Schools visiting the school.
- Saturday 5th October – Harvest Fair.
- Thursday 10th October - World Mental Health Day. 5th and 6th class workshop in Actons Hotel.
- Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October – Parent Teacher Meetings.
- Wednesday 16th October – GMC Beats – Day 1.
- Tuesday 22nd October – School photographs are being taken.
- Wednesday 23rd October - GMC Beats – Day 2.
- Friday 25th October – Midterm Break commences.
- Monday 4th November – Back to school.
- Wednesday 6th November - Book Fair.