

St Multose National School

Newsletter November 2019



Welcome back everyone after the midterm break. It has been yet another busy half term and we are looking forward with positivity towards the Christmas period. Thank you to all staff, pupils, and parents for your continued support and teamwork.

Parents, thank you to all those who attended the Parents' Association AGM. Again, the high numbers in attendance is a testament to how dedicated our parents are. The school could not function as well as it does without the co-operation and enthusiasm of all the parents in the school, especially those on the PA committee. Congratulations to the outgoing committee for the wonderful events they organised during the past year. At the meeting, it was highlighted that it was one of the most bountiful years recorded! A huge thank you to Maryannik Barry as she steps down from her role as secretary. We are still looking for someone to replace Maryannik. We also need class representatives for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 4th Class. Perhaps, you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to be involved in the PA committee. If so, please contact the office and we will communicate your interest to with the new committee.

The following parents are on the PA Committee:

- Ann Harte
- Naomi Bendon
- Kathryn Stevens-Dorman
- Sharon O'Mahony
- Linda Gash

Best wishes,
Jill

New Board of Management

We are very grateful to the people who volunteer their time to the school. The outgoing Board of Management have worked diligently and carefully behind the scenes to ensure the cogs of the school run smoothly. A sincere thank you to Robert Maxwell, Laura Walsh and Lorraine Kingston as they step down from the Board. A special mention for chairperson, John Stanley. John has served on our school Board of Management with the utmost dedication and commitment for 26 years! In the last two months, I have gotten to know John quite well, as he a regular face on the corridors in St. Multose NS. He will be dearly missed!

We are also very grateful to those who have put themselves forward for election. The new Board of Management have been elected and will commence their duties for a four-year term, starting on the 1st December.

The following have been elected:

Chairperson: Daniel Emerson

Patron's Representative: Reverend Peter Rutherford

Principal/Secretary: Jill Horan

Teacher Nominee: Nicola Curtin

Female Parent Nominee: Olga Lavelle

Male Parent Nominee: Michael O'Sullivan

The new members of the board have the responsibility to elect two additional community nominees, as directed by the Bishop. This will follow in due course.

Hallowe'en Disco

Many thanks to Gillian O'Callaghan, Helen Kenny and all the parents involved in organising and setting up the hall for the Hallowe'en Disco. It looked

spectacular! A special thanks to Shirley and Cathal Herbert for supplying the latest hits and ensuring the craic was 90! It was a major success and the children had an absolute ball. A total of €659 was raised.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be taking place tomorrow, 6th December from 9am – 12:30pm in the Parish Room. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to run this. The children will be given the opportunity to look at the books beforehand.

4th Class Swimming

Swimming is starting for 4th Class on Wednesday, 6th November. Swimming will continue for the next 7 weeks following this start date. Please ensure all children bring the following with them: swimming togs, towel, swim hat and goggles. It is important to note that this is a compulsory part of the P.E. curriculum (unless there are exceptional medical reasons).

Table Tennis

Table Tennis training is being offered by one of Munster's top coaches, Alan Hurley from 2.30pm to 3.30pm every Wednesday in St. Multose hall. This is starting on Wednesday, 13th November. If you are interested, please text your child's name to Alan Hurley on (087) 668 9775. It is €4 per session. We are still looking for volunteers to help supervise these sessions with Alan. Volunteers need to be Garda Vetted.

Hockey

Hockey coach, Emma Kearney has offered to take hockey training at our school on Mondays from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Hockey is being offered to children in 3rd class and upwards. If your child is interested in starting hockey, please let Sue in the office know. The cost will be €3 per training session. We

will be asking parents to pay termly. The starting date will be confirmed in due course and is subject to levels of interest from our pupils.

Hockey Match

Our school is scheduled to play a hockey match against Midleton in Ashton School on the 23rd November, at 11am. This is offered to children from 3rd – 6th class only. Please let Ms Kingston know if your child is available to play.

Science Week

On Thursday, 14th November at 1:30pm, the children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes are showcasing their science experiments. All parents and families are welcome to come in to try them out.

Science Day in Bandon Grammar

The 5th Class pupils had a wonderful time at Bandon Grammar's Science Day on Monday. They were very engaged and took notes on the experiments they observed. They represented the school very well and we are very proud of them. Thank you to Antoinette for helping out.



Kids Kitchen Takeover



St. Multose National School is delighted to be taking part in the Kids Kitchen Takeover. There are two parts to this:

Part one: On Monday 11th November, 2nd and 3rd class will be participating in the daytime 'Kitchen Takeover' School Tour. At 9am a bus will collect them and bring them to Horizon Farm where they will be working with local farmers and producers. They will be learning about where our food comes from and gain an appreciation and respect for our natural, local resources. Following on from that, they will be going to Ballinacurra House for a cooking demonstration. They will also be learning about healthy eating and the importance of food nutrition. They will then be heading to the Blue Haven for lunch, followed by a talk with the Bastion's Michelin Star chef, Paul McDonald at Kinsale Community College. Finally, they will arrive back at the school at 2:30pm for collection.

Part Two: That evening, our school will also be 'taking over' the Blue Haven Restaurant. The children will learn how an operating restaurant works and get involved under supervision in the set up and preparation for service. They will be involved in cooking the meals and serving the guests. We can only nominate ten pupils for this experience. We are offering this to children in 5th and 6th class. To participate, you and your child need to be available on Monday 11th November from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

If your child is available, please email the school office and let us know before tomorrow, Wednesday 6th November at 2:30pm. We only have a limit number of places available, so we will pull names out of a hat during assembly on Thursday morning. We will then email parents to confirm if your child has secured a place or not. We will need one garda vetted volunteer to supervise the children in and out of the kitchen.

As a part of the Kids Kitchen Takeover, we need to buy 50 tickets. The cost is €25 per ticket and includes a two course meal in the Blue Haven on Monday 11th November. Guests need to arrive for dinner at 6:30pm. The meal will be prepared and served by our pupils. Tickets are limited and will not be released until the ten children have been nominated. Once you receive a confirmation email from the school, you can book tickets for your family and friends. To book, please call the Blue Haven directly or email them on info@bluehavenkinsale.com. All proceeds go to Kinsale Youth Support Services. We will be sending out more details during the week.

School Garden

We are very grateful for parent and horticulturist Piluca Garcia's continued work on the school garden. Piluca kick-started our Garden Project over the midterm break. Fruit trees have been planted and the proposed outdoor classroom area has been cleared. Next on the agenda is to protect the fruit trees planted. If anyone is willing to help secure the trees with some stakes, please let Piluca know.

Twitter

We have a new school twitter account. Please follow us: @StMultoseNS It is linked to our school website and we will be posting regular updates here.

SNA Work Experience

We welcome Caroline Collins as she commences her SNA work experience with us on Tuesdays.

Homework Diary

Please ensure that you check and sign your child's homework diary daily. Sometimes teachers write notes into homework diaries and these messages may be missed.

Water

Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle with them to school every day.

Blankets of Hope

Last term, the 5th and 6th class turned their hands to knitting! Rather than focus on individual projects, we decided to work together as a group and make one class product. We chose to make a patch blanket for a very important cause. The Blankets of Hope is an award-winning initiative run by the Cork Cancer Care Centre. Each blanket is given to a person going through treatment for cancer. The Blankets of Hope is a volunteer-based service and have so far donated over 13,000 blankets in the Cork and County Regions. We at St. Multose NS are delighted to make this donation and hope that it brings some comfort to someone going through a very difficult time.



A note from the Parents' Association

The PA AGM which took place on 12th October was very well attended this year. As ever, there was lively discussion on new developments for the school and review of the numerous events throughout the year. The minutes will be available to view on the school website in the coming weeks. After two years, Maryannik Barray has stepped down as Secretary. Maryannik was incredibly proactive in the role and an absolute pleasure to work with. It was also the final AGM for outgoing Chairman of the School Board, Mr John Stanley. We took the opportunity on the night to acknowledge his tireless dedication to St Multose N.S and his many achievements on behalf of the school for the past 26 years. The PA also presented John with a Bluebook Voucher by way of thanks from the families at St Multose.

Halloween Disco

On behalf of the PA we want to thank you the parents for your continued involvement, enthusiasm and hard work and on recent events such as The Harvest Fair Halloween Disco, both of which were very, very successful. A huge thank you to Cathal and Shirley Herbert and Helen Kenny for making the Halloween Disco such a fantastic event and creating a fun family evening that the children absolutely adored. We would also like to thank outgoing PA committee member Gillian O Callaghan who once again, transformed the hall in a matter of hours into a spookily spectacular venue for the disco.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 6th November – 4th Class start swimming lessons.
- Wednesday 6th November - Book Fair.
- Monday 11th November – Kids Kitchen Take Over.
- Saturday 23rd November – Hockey Match vs Midleton.

- Thursday 19th December – Christmas Carol Service in St. Multose Church at 7pm.
- Friday 20th December – Christmas Holidays commence.
- Monday 6th January – Term two commences.