St. Multose NATIONAL SCHOOL

**Newsletter 2nd November 2026**

## Thank you …

Harvest Fair

A huge thank you to ***everyone*** who helped make the Harvest Fair such a success. With your support, we raised €4,092.45 — a much-needed boost to the school. Special thanks to everyone who sold raffle tickets, organised stalls, donated items, baked, worked on the day and helped to clean up afterwards. I was blown away by the entrepreneurial spirit amongst our pupils. They are a credit to you, their parents. What a celebration of their creativity! We really appreciate your hard work.

Climate Action Week

Thank you to Hannah Daly, professor of Sustainable Energy at University College Cork (one of our parents) for coming to speak with the children in the various classrooms for ***Climate Action Week***. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and learned lots of new information.

Thank you to Ms Curtin for organising us all to focus on these issues.

Also, thank you to Sarah, Maria and Ms Curtin for getting involved with a composting initiative with Cork County Council and attending a five-workshop course to support this work and help us avail of associated funding. We hope to compost our handtowels and reduce our bin weight! A wonderful initiative.

New I.T. all round

A massive thank you to the Board of Management for organising, and the Parents' Association for part-funding seven new laptops, new colour printer (our previous one was slowly disintegrating) and upgrading the internet across the school. This is a massive support to the ongoing teaching, learning and administration in our school. This is very much appreciated.

## Upcoming …

**TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Please bring your prepared shoebox to school by **Friday 6th November.** Include something for each of these categories: Something to **W**ear, something to **W**ash, something to **W**ow and something to **W**rite with. Add €6 to the envelope and attach the label on the outside of the box (See leaflet previously sent home for details or print again from the website). Everything must be new or in excellent condition, please.

**Swimming Classes**

Junior, Seniors, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class will begin swimming this coming Tuesday, 3rd November and continue for six weeks until 8th December. Children will need a swimsuit, goggles, swim hat and towel. They will leave school by bus at 12noon and return to school at 1.30/1.40pm at the latest. They will eat their BiaÓg lunch before they go.

**Christmas Card packs**

We are *not* going to have our usual Book Fair this year.

Instead, the children are going to design their own Christmas Cards. These will be professionally printed by Rhino; families can buy these packs of cards, and the money will go towards the school. **€10 for 10 cards**

**Dublin City Trip**

We are looking forward to our trip to Dublin. Thankfully, we will avoid the strike. Ms Buttimer, Ms Nestor, Sarah and Maria will go on the trip with the children. Thank you to them for giving up their time. The children do not need to wear their uniform as it will be a long day travelling and they need to be comfortable. They may bring a pillow for the bus. As outlined in an email, BiaÓg will supply snacks and the children are to bring a packed lunchbox with breakfast and lunch. We will stop at Junction 14 on the way home about 6pm; children need to bring some cash to buy their dinner. The trip costs €20 and the associated bill has been sent via Aladdin.

Ms Hadden will be available in school to do a project about Dáil Éireann and Children's Rights with the few children who do not wish to go on the trip.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

Due to continued Industrial Action, there will be no Parent Teacher Meetings outside of school hours as per the directive from the various unions. Hopefully by the end of this week or next, we will have a clearer view if this will be resolved and we will be able to advise parents further.

**Reading Dogs Ireland**

We are delighted to say that after Christmas, we will be having regular visits to our school; Hobie, the dog will be our new classroom helper. Along with Sandra his handler, he will sit with reluctant readers and support them in their reading journey. We are so excited!

**Parents' Association**

At the AGM, a new committee formed for the coming year.

Chairperson – Sandra Stevens-Dorman
Treasurer – Helga Bryan
Secretary – Emma Hogan
Síológa Class Rep – Loretta Daugeliene
Junior Room Class Rep – Graeme Richmond
Middle Room Class Rep – Helga Bryan
Senior Room Class Rep – Tori Crosbie

Extra parents: Wesley O'Brien & Ayame Richmond

**Work Experience**

This week we welcome back one of our past pupils Eve Smyth, as part of her Transition Year Work Experience.

**Other Current School Activities**

Climate Literacy Workshops - Senior Room
Blast funded by Creative Ireland – Flax Workshops with Kathy Kirwan – Middle Room
SEAI Workshops (16th November) – Juniors, Middle and Senior Rooms
Green Schools are working towards accreditation
Upcoming visit from Credit Union – Senior Room

**Donation wanted please!**



We are looking for **a Kallax Storage Unit** (IKEA). Ideally, we could get one unit with four spaces only. If you happen to be getting rid of one from home, we would love it!

We are also looking for **books for our school library**, requested by the children. We need complete box sets of books by Roald Dahl, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, My Story (historical fiction), David Walliams, Murder most Unladylike. If you have any of these at home you don't need or if you'd like to buy a set for the school, please get in touch.

**Updated Policies**

The following policies have been updated by the staff and ratified by the Board of Management and have been shared with parents on Aladdin.

a) Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment
b) Bí Cineálta Policy
c) Administration of medication
d) Acceptable Usage Policy
e) Reduced Day Policy
f) Playground Policy
g) Job-share Policy
h) Hot School Meals

**National Primary School Survey**

At a recent Board of Management Meeting, the Primary School Survey 2026 results were discussed. 14/40 families responded. 100% of respondents were in favour of our school continuing as an English speaking and co-educational school. 28% of respondents were in favour of the current patronage. Maintaining current ethos sits within the 'margin of error'. It was deemed by the BOM that there was not enough of a response rate to warrant patronage change.

**Upcoming dates for your diaries:**

Friday, 6th November: Last date for **TEAM HOPE Shoeboxes** to be delivered to school.

Wednesday, 11th November: **Senior Room travel to Dublin to go to the Ombudsman for Children's Office and Dáil Éireann**

Monday, 14th December, 7pm: **School Carol Service** in St Multose Church

**Thursday 17th December, 1.15pm**: A performance of the musical ***Murder at Mystery Manor***, by the children in the senior room. All parents will be warmly welcome! **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.**
Tuesday, 22nd December: End of term 12.30.

**Apologies for this change, it clashes with my own children's play and I haven't mastered bilocation just yet! I think I've spoken to the parents the change was effecting, hopefully you can all come.*
*Carolyn* 😊

**Community notes**

22nd December, 7pm – St Multose Church – Nine lessons and Carols

23rd December, 7pm – St Multose Church - Blue Christmas Service