



## June 2022

### **Sports Day**

Our School Sports Day will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting. If we do have to postpone, our back-up date will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Sports Day will begin at 12p.m. and will take place on the grass strip to the back of the school. We invite you to join us for this fun school event and bring along a picnic for afterwards. Also, it may be no harm for parents/guardians to get some training in and wear runners on the day!! The children will work in teams and they have already been told which team they are on. If you need to clarify, please ask your child's teacher. Each team has an assigned colour and your child is encouraged to wear something of that colour on the day. **We would ask for no photography during the event, please.**

Falcons – **Green**

Ospreys – White

Hawks – **Blue**

Eagles – **Red**

Kestrels – **Yellow**

Kites – **Black**

### **Active Week**

Active Week is scheduled to take place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June. Children should wear their tracksuit and runners daily. Events will include the 'Run around Ireland' challenge, a basketball league and lunchtime fun. Active Week will wind up with our school sports day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. All homework activities assigned during the week will be activity based.

## **Green Schools**

Six in a Row! Well done to all in St. Multose school community! We have earned our sixth green flag for Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. We will raise the flag in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone for the hard work!

## **School Tour**

Our school tour will take place on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. We are all travelling to Rosscarbery in West Cork. The Junior tour will be going to Smuggler's Cove, while the Senior tour will be taking part in water activities at the Lagoon. **Buses will leave school at 9a.m sharp.**

### Junior Tour:

Children will need the following in their school bags: a packed lunch, plenty of water, sun cream, sun hat and/or a raincoat.

### Senior Tour:

Children will need the following in their school bags: a packed lunch, plenty of water, sun cream, a towel, a full change of old and warm clothes, old footwear and a plastic bag for wet clothes. Children are also welcome to bring their own wetsuit.

Please ensure all items of clothing and other belongings are clearly labelled.

We will leave Rosscarbery about 12:30p.m. and arrive back at the school approximately an hour later. A reminder email will be sent closer to the time.

You will shortly receive an alert from Aladdin regarding cost of tour and payment.

## **Graduation Day**

Our End of Year Service will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 11:30a.m. in St Multose Church, Kinsale. **All welcome!** This service will be led by our 6<sup>th</sup> class graduating students. Rev. Peter and Robbie Carroll, Assistant Director of Music, Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral will also lead us in worship and celebration. This is a very special day for our 6<sup>th</sup> class and it is yet another school event which we are very grateful to be able to hold face to face this year. Staff and children will walk from school to St Multose Church on this day. Children have to be collected from the church afterwards. **No photography permitted in the church, please.**

## **Drumcondra Testing and End of Year Reports**

Standardised testing started last week. You will receive your child's Standardised STen Score in their end of year report (applicable from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class). Your child's report will be posted to you mid-June. An email will be sent to let you know when to expect it. To gain an

understanding of the results, please click on the following link: [What do my child's standardised test results mean?](#) As with other tests your child does in school, the score on a standardised test can be affected by how he/she feels on the test day or by worry or excitement about a home or school event. This means that each test score is an indication of your child's achievement. Remember that you play an important role in encouraging and supporting your child, regardless of test results. You may like to arrange to meet with your child's teacher if you have any concerns about his/ her scores.

### **Book lists**

Book lists for academic year 2022-2023 have now been finalised and sent to HSB books who will soon send us the unique online links for each class. Once we have the further updates and information, it will be circulated to you. You can purchase and pay for your books online and they will be delivered right to your front door.

### **School books, jerseys and resources**

We would ask for any school rental books, school resources and sports jerseys to be returned to the school before the end of term, please.

### **Uniform Order**

You will already have received a uniform order form. Please place order by **Friday 17th June, at the latest**. You will receive your order in the days before we return to school in August. Once you return the order form, you will receive a link via email to pay the bill through our online payment system 'Aladdin'.

The following items can be ordered through the school:

**Jumper:** This is a V-neck 100% acrylic knitted jumper. The knitted jumper is embroidered with the new school logo. While the price has increased, the quality is better, and the jumpers should last much longer.

The current light blue polo also has the new school logo embroidered on it.

A softshell jacket with the new school logo embroidered will also be available to order.

As you will already be aware, the new school uniform policy will be fully implemented in August 2022. All pupils will be **required to wear navy school trousers/skirt/pinafore**. The school does not supply this part of the uniform.

You can purchase standard navy school trousers/skirt/pinafores at retail outlets such as Marks and Spencers, Dunnes etc. Navy tights or navy socks must be worn with skirts/pinafores. Black footwear, please.

Plain navy tracksuit must be worn on PE days. Your child's PE day will be confirmed before their return in August.

### **Inchydoney Ukulele le Chéile Gathering**

Approximately, two hundred children and staff from Kilgarriffe NS, Clonakilty, Ballymoney NS, Enniskeane and Ballineen and St Multose NS gathered for the first time in Inchydoney, to play Ukulele le Chéile. This is all part of the Creative Clusters initiative that they have been involved in for the past two years. Although the children have performed for one another many times via Zoom, this was the first time they all met in person. The children participated in a giant 'jam session' using their newly acquired ukulele skills as well as demonstrating some material they have composed themselves about Climate Change. The Credit Union in Clonakilty kindly offered to surprise the children with ice-creams before they began work on creating sand sculptures illustrating how climate change is affecting our oceans. Local artist Rawney from the band, 'The Monks', performed for the children in the open-air amphitheatre, with kind permission from Inchydoney Lodge and Spa. Well done to Mrs Buttimer and the rest of the Creative Clusters team for organising a most enjoyable day. See also: <https://www.corkindependent.com/2022/05/17/are-uke-kidding-me/>

### **Thank you**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to those who gave of their time to help Ms Hadden with some digging and planting. Also, huge thanks to the parents who volunteered to act as team coaches and referees on the day of the soccer tournament. It is with your support that we are able to sign up and partake in these events which the children thoroughly enjoy.

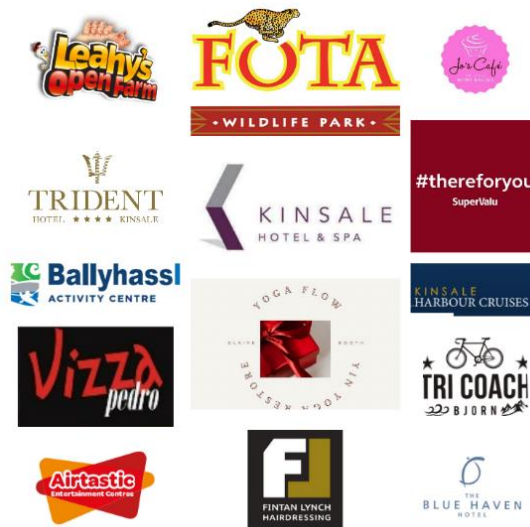
We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who supported our recent quiz night in Acton's Hotel. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets, donated prizes and attended on the night itself. I think you'll all agree it was a fun filled night from start to finish. Huge credit must go to Helen Kenny (Chairperson PA) and her hard-working committee who spent a great deal of time organising the quiz night. It was a resounding success. There was such positive feedback from the night. We look forward to having more face-to-face gatherings and events in the coming academic year.

### **A note from the PA**

#### **Table Quiz**

Thank you all for the incredible support at our annual Table Quiz & Raffle. It was a great social event and an important fund raiser for the school. Thanks to your generosity, the PA made approximately €1800. These monies will help fund equipment and resources for the school, such as goal posts, bus hire to the MTU, supplementing the cost of school tours, summer BBQ etc.

Thank you to all our sponsors: Actons Hotel, Koko Kinsale, Lemon Leaf Café, The Old Bank Townhouse, The Planet Adventure Entertainment Centre, Toto's Pizza, The Blue Haven, Fintan Lynch Hairdressing and...



### Strawberry Fayre

The annual Parish Strawberry Fayre will be held in the St Multose Community Hall on Saturday 18th June from 1pm until 4pm - poster attached.

This promises to be a fantastic day out; with games for the children, colouring competition, BBQ, afternoon tea, the usual stalls and strawberries of course!

This year the school has been allocated a specific stall for second hand Music/sports equipment and the new St Multose school uniform. If you have any unused musical instruments, sports equipment or school uniform **in good condition**, that you would like to donate/swap, please drop the items to the school on 16<sup>th</sup> June (school closed on the 17<sup>th</sup>) or contact your class representative. Storage is limited in the school building. Please do not leave items at the school gate or outside the school.

We are looking for four parent helpers to help supervise the games room and operate the school stalls on the day. Please let me know if you are available to help out, even half hour slots would be much appreciated.

The Strawberry Fayre committee is also running an art competition for the children of the school. Each class will create a strawberry themed piece of art during school time and these will be on display for all to see on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Winners will be announced on the day.

This is an important day for the Parish as it is our main fund-raising event of the year. Please come along and bring your friends!

Helen Kenny  
Chairperson, PA

**Well wishes and good luck!**

On a separate note, we will be very sad to see our wonderful secretary, Sue leave at the end of June. Sue has been an integral part of St Multose National School for the last six years. Her calm approach, infectious smile, good humour and friendship will be missed by all. We wish her the very best in her future plans. Don't be a stranger, Sue!

**Dates for your diary: June 2022**

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School closes at 12pm to facilitate staff training in the delivery of the Primary Language Curriculum
June Bank Holiday	Monday 6th June
ISSA Athletics	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June (relevant families have already been contacted)
School Sports Day	10 <sup>th</sup> June (Weather permitting) If postponed, Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Incoming students open hour	16 <sup>th</sup> June 1:45pm-2:45pm
No school – Staff training	17 <sup>th</sup> June
School Tour	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June Smugglers Cove and The Lagoon Activity Centre, Rosscarbery
Summer Holidays	Tuesday 28th June School finishes following End of Year Service

**Class allocations for 2022/2023**

Junior and Senior Infants: Ms Horan  
1st, 2nd and 3rd Class: To be confirmed  
4th and 5th Class: Ms Nestor  
6th Class: Ms Curtin  
Síológa – Mrs Buttimer and Ms Whitley  
SET: Ms Hadden and Ms Kingston

### **Holiday list for academic year 2022/2023**

School opens: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Autumn mid-term: 31st October - 4th November

Christmas holidays: Wednesday 21st December

School re-opens: Thursday 5th January 2023

St. Brigid's Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th February

Spring mid-term break: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17th February

St. Patrick's Day: 17th March – school closed

Easter holidays: Friday 31st March

School re-opens: Monday 17th April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

June Bank Holiday: Monday 5th June

Summer holidays: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – School finishes following the End of Year Service