

# *St. Multose National School*

## *Newsletter January 2020*



Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to school! We hope you had a joyful and peaceful break with family and friends. We are refreshed, ready and excited for a new term of learning in 2020.

We are holding our open day on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please encourage families to save the date!

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term!

### **Chess Competition**

We wish our chess teams the best of luck with the Ficheall Regional Tournament in Carrigaline Educate Together NS on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class Swimming**

Swimming has already started for 3<sup>rd</sup> Class this week (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January). 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).

### **Hockey**

The next hockey matches are scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January and for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Hockey coach, Emma Kearney will be starting hockey for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is €10 for the three weeks until midterm break. Hockey will be on Mondays from 2:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.

### **Trip to Charles Fort**

Ms Horan's class had a very enjoyable trip to Charles Fort for some festive Christmas games and a Christmas art workshop.



## **Pizza Lunch**

Thank you very much to all the parents involved in the Pizza Lunch. It was a real treat and the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly!



## **Credit Union Art Competition** **Winners**

Well done to our talented artists for winning prizes in the Credit Union Art Competition!



### **St. Vincent De Paul Food Appeal**

Thank you to everyone for their most generous donations. They were very well-received by St. Vincent De Paul.

### **Visit to St. Multose Church**

Thank you, Reverend Peter for giving us a tour of the church.

*'Catherine O'Brien was the lady that did three or four of the stained glass windows. St. Multose was a man who was likely to have come from Wales. There used to be pictures everywhere because lots of people could not read. They had an expression 'the oldies go to the wall'. There used to be people living at the top of the tower. They hid here to stay away from the enemies.'*

Written by a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Pupil in Ms Curtin's Class.



### **Amber Flag**

St. Multose N.S are in the process of working towards achieving the Amber Flag. In order to continue promoting the wellbeing of our pupils, we are asking you, the parents to engage in a new initiative. We would like to introduce 'Tech Free Time'. This is where your child/ren refrain from using mobile

phones/laptops/iPads etc. for a 24-hour period, each weekend.

We are a huge promoter of digital technology in our school and actively engage in its use across the curriculum, however, we too understand its negative effects, especially on the mental health of our pupils. We would appreciate your support and cooperation on this initiative.

### **'Only One You Path'**

We are asking everyone to start collecting large smooth stones. We hope to complete a colourful stone path in our school garden.



### **Dates for your diary:**

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Forensic Science Workshop.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Chess Tournament.
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class are going to see 'The Pirates of Penzance'.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Hockey Match.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Hockey starting.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Road Safety Talk with RSA.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Credit Union Table Quiz.
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Hockey Match.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Open Day.