



St. Senan's N.S.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

All parents of children in St. Senan's school are members of the Parent Association. We currently have an active PA who play a vital role in the running of St. Senan's school community. They are reaching out to parents who wish to get involved in areas such as fundraising initiatives/attend meetings/provide support/be added to the PA group. To get involved or to keep up to date with the relevant information, please contact Jennifer McPhillips on 087- 9762611. The next PA meeting will take place on Wednesday, 7th February at 9am in the Parents' Room. All new members welcome!

The Members Draw continues every month. We are welcoming new members to join and for details on how to join the draw, please contact a member of the PA.

The Parents' Association will hold their annual Valentine's Bake Sale on Tuesday 13th February. Please send in some money with your child on the day so they can purchase some treats. If you wish to get involved/help out, you can contact a member of the PA or Siobhán (HSCL: 087-7063527).

Together
We Can!

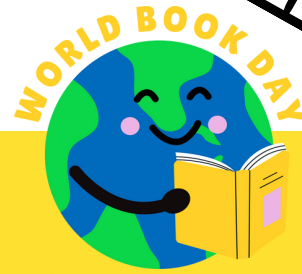


IMPORTANT DATES:

- ☑ **Bingo:** Thursday 1st February @7:30pm
- ☑ **Attendance Drive:** Beginning Tuesday 6th February until Friday 1st of March
- ☑ **School Closure:** St. Bridget's Day Bank Holiday Monday 5th February
- ☑ **PA Meeting:** Wednesday 7th February @9am in the Parents' Room
- ☑ **Marion Keane Tournament:** Wednesday 7th February @9:45 - 12:45pm Shannon Leisure Centre
- ☑ **First Confession:** Monday 12th February @ 7pm Mary Immaculate Church (Choir to be in attendance)
- ☑ **Valentine's Bake Sale:** Tuesday 13th February
- ☑ **Midterm-Break:** School closes Wednesday 14th February @2:30pm and reopens Monday 19th February @8:50am
- ☑ **Indoor Hurling Competition:** Tues Feb 20th, Shannon Leisure Centre time @ 10-12
- ☑ **Swimming:** 2nd Class commencing on 5th March, 12th March, 19th March & 9th April. 1:30-2:15pm
- ☑ **Bingo:** Thursday 7th March @7:30pm
- ☑ **World Book Day:** Thursday 7th March
- ☑ **School closure:** Friday 8th March - Referendum Day
- ☑ **First Communion:** Saturday 11th May @11am
Confirmation: Friday 24th May @11am

THE LUNCH BAG

The Lunch Bag app options can change from time to time so please take this time to update your child's choices. Even better, give them the choice to choose their own food options as it has come to our attention that there are a number of children not eating the hot lunches. This leads to a staggering amount of waste! If your child has opted out of the hot lunches **PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE** and the order can be cancelled. Otherwise, please take the time to go through the menu with your child & allow them to pick foods they like.



World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday, 7th of March 2024. The children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We look forward to seeing all the various characters from the books we love on the yard that day. We love reading here in St. Senan's & this celebration of books is following on from our successful DEAR time during the month of February.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day was celebrated on Friday 26th of January as part of Catholic Schools Week 2024. We were delighted to welcome so many grandparents into the school & join us for some refreshments after mass. The talented children sang songs and danced for the special visitors. We'd like to thank the parents who helped organise the tea/coffee station and also to those who baked for the occasion and helped set up. Buíochas libh go léir!



AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING

Training has resumed on Tuesdays from 2.30 – 3.15pm for pupils from 2nd to 6th class. We are delighted to be entering into a local Basketball Tournament, the Marion Keane Tournament, which takes on place on Feb. 7th @10am in Shannon Leisure Centre. Thanks to the staff members Múinteoir Jayme, Bella & Louise who are coaching the team.

Soccer training has also commenced under the guidance of staff members Múinteoir Brian, Múinteoir Barry & Ian and a team will be put forward to attend the popular upcoming FAI tournament.



PADDY CARRIG TOURNAMENT 2024

Paddy Carrig Tournament rescheduled for early in March (Tuesday 5th, evening of Thursday 7th tbc)

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON (HSCL)



A coffee morning was held in conjunction with the LCETB, and tutor Mary Flanagan, to establish the needs and wants of the parent body regarding courses. A wish list was put together following consultation with a group of parents & Mary will endeavour to fulfil the wishes of the group. Keep an eye out for announcements of courses in the coming weeks. If you have a particular course in mind & want it to be added to the list please let me know. If you have a query, need support or wish to make an appointment with me, I can be contacted on 087-7063527 or siobhan@stsenansns.com.

ACTIVE HOMEWORK

Well done to all who took part in January's Active Homework Challenge. Thanks to Clare Sports Partnership for sending us on weekly challenges including Zumba, Taekwon-Do as well as exercises to complete each day. It was lovely to see the children having fun and trying out new activities.

Comhghairdeas mór to the pupils and parents that completed the 5km Illaunmanagh Park Run on Saturday mornings. Maith sibh go léir! 🙌🙌



SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

We are delighted to have Olga (Hanna's Mom) joining us to teach the children from 3rd to 6th some Ukrainian and Russian as part of the Department of Education Say Yes to Languages programme. The children learned about the different symbols and alphabets in both Ukrainian and Russian and how different they are to English and Irish. It gives the children an excellent opportunity to learn about other cultures and languages, and to converse with some of the new children in our school. The teachers are also picking up some useful words and phrases!



PILATES WITH EIMER

The children are enjoying their weekly pilates sessions with Eimer. Some feedback from the children in 5th & 6th classes:

- "I feel energised after it which helps me concentrate more"
- "I think the stretching is good, especially after hard training sessions during the week"
- "The stretches make me feel relaxed".

Say Yes To Languages

1. odin	8. vosem'	15. pyatnadsat'
2. dva	9. devyat'	16. shestnadsat'
3. tri	10. desyot'	17. semnadsat'
4. chetyre	11. odinnadsat'	18. vosemnadsat'
5. pyat'	12. dvenadsat'	19. devyatsnadsat'
6. shest'	13. trnadsat'	20. dvadsat'
7. sem'	14. chetyradsat'	21. dvatsat' odin

Ukrainian alphabet

Ao	Ba	Be	By	By	Dla	En
Ge	He	Je	Ke	Le	Me	Ne
Oe	Pe	Se	Te	Ue	Ve	Ye
Za	Zb	Zc	Zd	Ze	Zf	Zg

Personal pronouns

I	you	he	she	it	we	you	they
Ja	ty	on	ona	vo	my	vy	oni



SACRAMENTS

Dates for First Communion and Confirmation have been confirmed (see front page). The children in 2nd Class are also preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which takes place on Monday 12th February at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Church. The choir are also required to be in attendance on the evening.



NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

We are now accepting enrolments for September 2024. Please ensure you have submitted the form if you have a child due to start school in September. Ensure friends and families are aware we are accepting enrolments. Closing date is February 23rd. Forms can be downloaded from www.stsenans.weebly.com or by emailing contact@stsenansns.com.



ATTENDANCE DRIVE

During the month of February we will host our Attendance Drive again - HERO month.

The aim of this is to get students and parents/guardians to recognise and acknowledge the importance of school attendance and encourage families to attend every day. We will focus on class attendance rates and have prizes for the classrooms with the most improved/best attendance statistics.

Our overall school attendance rate for February 2023 was 90.3% so we aim to improve this figure. We are striving to improve whole school attendance and lessen the amount of absent days.

If your child is absent you must contact the class teacher or school secretary to inform them of the reason for absence.

We look forward to your support with this initiative.



Spring

In Ireland, 1 February marks the beginning of spring and the celebration of Lá Fhéile Bríde St Brigid's Day.



ATTENTION PLEASE!

6th Class St. Patrick's Comprehensive School Students - closing date for picking subject options is Thursday 8th February @4pm



An Choill Bheag - 5th Class Workshops

An Choill Bheag is a long-term educational programme, an initiative of LEAF Ireland. Choill Bheag is a small, dense, biodiverse native woodland habitat on the school grounds. Choill Bheags are outdoor living classrooms, with space created for seating for classes to spend time learning outside. 5th Class are very lucky to have the opportunity to work with and participate in the initiative An Choill Bheag. Niamh visited the school last week where the children investigated the local landscape, planned and prepared for planting trees in a few weeks. The children discovered more about soils, plants, rocks and trees, got their hands dirty digging and collecting soil samples and looking in detail at various living things using magnifying glasses. Here are two students thoughts on the workshop:

“Recently our class has had the privilege of An Choill Bheag project initiative. I think it is a great way to appreciate our environment. On the first day we started by doing soil testing. After that we identified different types of plants and looked closely at them with hand lenses. I think it is fascinating how detailed things are up close. Our school is very fortunate to have such beautiful surroundings and loads of room to plant trees. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity.” by Bridget.

“We are very privileged to be part of An Choill Bheag. I think it is a great way to help the environment. It is great to know how much people care about nature and our surroundings. We are delighted to be the class chosen for the project. On day 1 we were soil testing. First, we dug up a square of soil and got a jar. Next, we got the dirt, rolled it up and crumbled it up. Then, we put it into the jar and added water. After that, we had to wait for it to settle. It was very cool. Overall, I really enjoyed going out and learning about all these different plants.” by Kayla.

