



St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

Newsletter November 2021

Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants 2022/23. Go to the "Enrolments" section of our website at stannesns.weebly.com to find our Annual Admission Statement, Admission Policy and Enrolment Forms. Alternatively, enrolment forms can be collected from Jenny in the school office.

Voluntary Contribution

The Board of Management acknowledge the fantastic generosity of the families of St Anne's in contributing financially to the school. Each year we ask for a Voluntary Contribution of €70 per family. Last year, over €7500 was raised from the Voluntary Contribution. This essential funding always goes towards the purchasing of additional teaching resources, which enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. The Voluntary Contribution can be paid by cash or cheque to the school office or by epayments. A text message with a link will be sent out in the next day or two.

Dress Up for Hallowe'en Day

Well done to all who dressed up for Hallowe'en and brought in money for the upkeep of the defibrillator. Altogether €304.50 was raised.

Concern Debating Competition 2021/22

The Concern Debating League is in full swing again. 6th class have been busy preparing and researching arguments for the first motion "Tik Tok has done more harm than good for young people's confidence." St. Anne's opposed the motion and faced Murrintown NS in the first round. Hannah Sinnott, Katie Martin and Róisín Doyle displayed fantastic debating skills and were the triumphant team on the day. In the next round of the competition, St. Anne's will face Barntown NS. and oppose the motion, "Sustainable cities should have free, regular public transport available to everyone." We wish 6th class the very best of luck.

Lunch Time Leagues

Both the boys' and girls' Lunchtime Leagues were completed recently. Thanks to Mr. Murphy, Ms Barry and Ms. Power for organising the leagues. Below are two match reports on the finals.

Mayo v Dublin (written by Grace Byrne, Lilly Purcell and Anna May Martin 5th)

A huge well done to both Mayo and Dublin for making the final. Both teams fought to the end but it was Mayo who came out on top. The final score was Mayo 3-10 3-4 Dublin. Scorers on the day for Mayo were Charlie Fogarty with 1-5, Mj Keary 2-0, Eoin Barry 0-3, Caoimhe Doyle 0-1 and Tadhg Doyle 0-1. Rhys George 2-0, Cormac Cunningham 0-4 and Róisín Doyle 1-0 scored for Dublin. The teams on the day were as follows:-

Mayo: Eoin Barry (Capt), Caoimhe Doyle, Mark McDonagh, Tadhg Doyle, Henry Stafford, Charlie Fogarty, Callum Kennedy, A.J. Kehoe, M.J. Keary, Kyle Curtis.

Dublin: Róisín Doyle (Capt), Rhys George, Hannah Sinnott, Cormac Cunningham, Evan O'Connor, Ethan Robinson, Aiden Power, Logan Milliken, Dean Cahill, Tadhg Drumm, Anthony Rankin George.

Wexford v Dublin (written by Danielle Cooney O'Neill 6th)

On 9th of November, Dublin and Wexford, the two Lunchtime League Finalists, battled it out to see who would be victorious. The first point, only two minutes into the game, was scored by Wexford. This was followed one minute later by a goal from team captain Mia. Although Wexford led, Dublin had some amazing tackles. Both teams displayed excellent teamwork. The next score was another Wexford goal. Dublin then had an opportunity to score a goal, but the shot came back off the post

and they had to settle for a point. Just approaching half time Wexford goaled again. The second half continued in the same manner, with an outstanding effort from both sides. During the game there were three goalkeepers, Dublin team captain Lucy and for Wexford Erin and Tara. All made amazing blocks and kick outs. At the final whistle, the score was 6-5 to 2-2 in favour of Wexford. Both teams were great and the crowd cheered them on throughout. Wexford Captain and Vice Captain, Mia and Freya, accepted the cup from Ms. Barry. Mr. Ormonde thought that Dublin player Sarah deserved "Player of the Match".

Active Schools/Health-Promoting News

We hope to kick start activity in November with our **Active Movement Breaks** which will go on until the 4th of December. We hope these 5 to 10 min activity breaks will bring exercise, movement, concentration and focus into the school day for every child. They are Covid compliant and will preferably take part outdoors. Activities can be anything from walking and running to dancing. We will then use various exercises to regain the mindfulness and stillness in the classroom afterwards. We hope to begin the **MIND ME MIND YOU** programme this year in conjunction with our Health-promoting Flag. In these uncertain times, we hope that our primary schools' programme sets out to build emotional and social resilience in young students in a safe and meaningful manner.

Readathon

There is a real buzz around reading in the school over the past few weeks. The children are taking on the MSReadathon challenge and supporting an incredible cause at the same time. The school has already raised **€2000** for MS and the children have read hundreds of books. There are two weeks to go so we encourage the children to keep reading as much as they can.

Book Fair

The Celtic Travelling Book Fair arrived to the school last Thursday for one week and brought the best of children's books. It has been a great opportunity to create a school-wide reading focus. Every book sold at our book fair will help earn rewards that we can spend on free books and resources for the classrooms and library.

Healthy Lunches

Just a reminder that we have a **Healthy Lunch Policy** in the school, which can be viewed, on our website stannesns.weebly.com. Friday is "Treat Day" when one treat is allowed.

Supervision & Car Parking

Once again, a gentle reminder to collect your children from the church gate on time.

We would ask parents to co-operate with the following in the interest of all the pupils' safety;

- Enter the Church carpark through the centre gate and exit through the gate nearest the school.
- Park into spaces rather than pulling up and stopping.
- Don't park in the designated area reserved for bus parking.
- Exercise extreme caution when reversing/turning in the carpark.
- Collect your children from the school/church gate and give regular reminders to them in relation to walking safely through the Church carpark.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 26th of November- School closes at 12pm to facilitate Teacher In-service in Primary Language Curriculum
- Monday 6th of December- School closed as per calendar
- Wednesday 22nd of December- School closes for Christmas Holidays @ **12pm**

