



St. Luke's Newsletter

February



Dates for your diary!

Mid-term break (For 1 week)

Monday 21st Feb 2022
to Friday 25th Feb 2022

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Principal's message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want to thank you all for your support over these past few months. It has been a challenging time for everyone. We acknowledge those whom we have lost in our community, and those who have been left deeply changed by the pandemic, for one reason or another.

We thank the staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty - as they always do here at St Luke's. We thank the staff and the Board of Management for their dedication and support. We really appreciate their efforts.

The children have been exceptional throughout, and there is a feeling now that things are getting back to some kind of normality. We really look forward to the days ahead.

With a renewed sense of hope we look forward to all of the fun and adventures that lie ahead.

Thanks again

Ms Bourke





Catholic Schools week

Here in St. Luke's we celebrated Catholic Schools Week from 24th-28th of January. This year our theme was 'Living Life to the Full'.

We coloured pictures, sang songs, completed activities and interviewed Grandparents to find ways to make sure that our school is a happy and loving place.

We made gratitude jars to remember all of the reasons we have to say 'thank you' and we planned how to keep our school environment clean.

All of these activities remind us, how we care for ourselves and others in our school community.



Active schools

This year St. Luke's National School is working towards our first Active Schools flag.

The aim of Active Schools is to promote exercise in a fun, positive and inclusive way. We are so lucky to have so many wonderful representatives to help us.

So far we have organised lots of events such as the Santa Dash and Feel Good Friday! Keep your eyes peeled for lots more to come!

Please follow our **Twitter account** to see all the wonderful events we organise!

@StLukesNS



Blanchardstown library

Joining and using the library is **completely free of charge** for adults and children.

Blanchardstown library is located at the Blanchardstown shopping centre across the road from the Cinema/Penny's entrance.

To open a library account is easy. Visit the library and bring:

1. Photo identity
2. Proof of your address





Student Council

A big welcome to all our new Student Council reps who were chosen in January!

The Student Council aims to provide students with a greater involvement in school matters. Two students from each class have been chosen from 1st class to 6th class. Infant classes are represented by the 5th and 6th class students.

The Student Council will meet at least once a month to discuss school matters or student concerns, issues or ideas with a number of teaching staff. Suggestions are discussed, prioritised and brought to the attention of school management. Students will also take part in helping out with school events during the year.

We look forward to working with our new reps and seeing what great ideas our students have.

Watch this space!



Free To Be Me Little Library Winners

On the 28th of January it was announced that St. Luke's NS were one of the winners of a Free To Be Me Little Libraries!

Check out the link to see: [Free To Be Me Little Libraries in 2022](#)

St. Luke's was awarded over 100 books generously funded by 'The Ireland Funds' which are now in the school library. These books are all from the Free To Be Me project, celebrating diversity, representation and inclusion for children and young people. Little Libraries aim to make an impact in schools by giving them resources to promote equity and visibility of diverse stories.

Our particular 'Little Library' we will be in the spotlight on the 4th of Feb on Children's Books Ireland's social media.

To celebrate **we will be holding a colouring competition** from the Free to Be Me resources sent to us. There will be one winner from each class level and their posters will be on display in the foyer.

Best of luck!

Cycle to School

Now that the weather is improving some children may begin to cycle to school.

If your child is cycling to school please ensure that they bring their own lock so that they can lock the bicycle to the bicycle rail.



Emergency Contact: Parents/Guardians Details

If you have **changed your telephone number** or **moved house** please remember to let us know as it is vital that we have emergency contact details for all children.

Also, if you are **not receiving text messages**, please contact our secretary, to rectify this.

