



Newsletter
March 2021

Welcome to our March newsletter! I think everyone is breathing a huge sigh of relief as we wake up to the final day of remote learning. It certainly has been a long haul, but we have reached what we hope will be the last day of remote learning during our children's school days, a moment in history one might even say!

For our staff already back working with the junior end of the school, it gives us great pleasure to interact with our pupils and experience the joy and happiness of being back in the classroom. As I sit here in the school office typing this, I can hear the children laughing, chatting, and having fun in their classrooms. I am so grateful for that!

We are really looking forward to Monday and cannot wait for the remainder of the school to return. We have missed you over the last two weeks, and it is not the same without you.

While we know some children may have very mixed feelings about returning to school, we will be prioritising settling the children back into school and teaching the focus subjects as recommended by the Department of Education: The core subjects (English, Gaeilge and Maths), S.P.H.E (Social, Personal Health Education) and P.E (Physical Education). If your child is feeling overwhelmed, please let us know. We can help to support your child.

We have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks – the development of the school garden, the new polytunnel and ultimately getting the children back to where they belong! We have lots of school-based initiatives planned and we are looking forward to the next 11 weeks of in-school learning.

Welcome!

We welcome the Dani family to our school community. Marcell has joined Junior Infants, Dominik has joined 1st Class and Laszlo has joined 3rd class. We hope the Dani family will be very happy at St. Multose N.S.

Healthy Lunches

Please ensure that you provide your child with a healthy lunch. Have a chat with your child about what they would like in their lunchbox each day. Here is a helpful leaflet with some nice lunch ideas: [Healthy Lunchbox Leaflet](#) (click on the link).

Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day

While we cannot go to any St. Patrick's Day Parades this year, we are going to have some fun at school instead! Please wear green or dress up on Tuesday. We will have a parade around the school yard to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. If you have a talent, you can share it then too!

Polytunnel update

Last weekend, the site for the polytunnel was cleared and the container was moved into its permanent position. We are now ordering the materials and hopefully the tunnel will be built by the end of the month! Thank you to the Parents' Association and to the Polytunnel sub-committee for all their fundraising efforts, their work, their time and their dedication! Thank you to the wider parents' body for their generous contributions over the last few weeks. It is wonderful to have such a supportive and active parents' body! I know the polytunnel will be a hub of learning for our pupils and will provide them with a space that can be used whatever the weather. It will help educate our pupils on growing, eating and the importance of our soil, which will give them skills and knowledge they can take into adulthood.

Please wear a face mask

Please wear a face mask when you get out of your car to collect or drop off your child. Please do not congregate at the school gate and practise social distancing. Please keep your children in the car until 8:50a.m., the time at which the gates will be opened by the teacher.

Hockey Money

In March 2020 when the schools were closed, we had to cancel the afterschool hockey coaching sessions too. Coach Emma Kearney has reimbursed the school with the money paid for the sessions and this will be spent on P.E equipment for the school. If you have any issues with this, please let me know.

Reminders

- Please make sure you remember to send your child's lunch, a drink of water and coat with them to school every day.
- Please do not bring personal belongings into school e.g., trinkets, footballs, etc.
- Arrival time is 8:50a.m. – 9:10a.m. sharp.
- The school gates will be locked at 9:10 a.m. every morning.
- Parking is not permitted in the hall carpark in the mornings. 4th – 6th class pupils will walk down the hall avenue and line up once the gate has been opened.
- At home time, 4th – 6th class parents are permitted to park in the hall carpark. Please remain in your car.
- If you need to collect your child early or for an appointment, please notify the class teacher via email or phone call a day in advance where possible. A member of staff will bring your child to the front pedestrian gate at the

arranged time. You will be requested to sign your child out at the gate. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

- The school will provide your child with approved hand sanitiser. Please do not send in personal hand sanitisers with your child.
- If you would like your child to wear a face mask, it is permitted.
- If your child is absent, please make sure that you email the school explaining why (illness, urgent family reason, etc.). We need to keep this on file for our attendance records. If your child misses more than 20 days, the school is required to report this to Tusla.
- Please remember to send in your child's homework folder on Fridays.
- As requested by Dr. Ronan Glynn in his letter circulated to parents: "Please do not have play dates or organise after school activities which involve household mixing."

2nd and 3rd Class

We have had such a lovely return to school! it has been wonderful to see the children back together again and the sound of laughter in the classroom and on the yard. They have settled back so well. We did lots of active lessons- measuring objects outside, painting, building desks for Engineering Week, talking about Spring, our worries and what we are good at!

Ms Curtin





Junior Infants – 1st Class

What fun we have had since we arrived back at school! We celebrated World Book Day by dramatising 'The Gruffalo', we have celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge by learning the Jerusalem Dance as Gaeilge and we have been looking out for signs of Spring! We love being outdoors – running laps around the school and parachute games are a new favourite! We are having lots of fun playing Post Office in Aistear, writing postcards (wishful thinking!) and learning all about the different things you can do at the post office. Hopefully we will get to post our letters in Kinsale before we break up for Easter holidays.

Thank you for your cooperation!

A huge thank you for your cooperation and support with the Covid-19 School Response Plan. We need to remember that we are still in level 5 restrictions. It is a whole community effort to ensure that our school and community remains Covid-free! While the protocols implemented by the school may seem quite harsh, we have our school's best interest at heart. We really, really want to keep our school open and to ensure that it is a safe environment for all. We know we have your support in that. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th March – ASD Class application closing date

Tuesday 16th March – St. Multose School Parade (Wear Green!)

Wednesday 17th March – St. Patrick's Day – No School

Friday 26th March – Easter Holidays