

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- The School calendar for 2024/2025 was agreed by the Board of Management. This is available on our school website.
- Parent/ teacher meetings took place on 20th March. Thank you to all who attended. Please telephone the school to arrange a meeting if you have not yet met with your child's teacher.
- €10,885 has been fundraised over the past 2 years for Outdoor Gym Equipment. Thank you to Ms. Heffernan for sourcing equipment within this budget. It is hoped that we can add to these outdoor resources over time, with perhaps a swinging basket etc. with further fundraising.
- Plans are being made for the GAISCE Adventure trip and Awards ceremony for all school leavers who took part in the Bronze Gaisce President's Awards. These will take place in June.
- Further workshops, sensory storyteller, rapper, salsa dancer, photography workshops and other events continued to take place under the Creative Schools' Initiative. Creative Schools' Activities Week took place during the week of 6-10th May.
- Swimming lessons for this school year concluded on 24th April. Moving forward and considering the age cohort of our junior classes, it is agreed that all classes be included in swimming lessons annually with parental consent and involvement if necessary. Review of the Physical Education policy necessary to reflect this change in practice.
- €267.07 was raised for the Trocaire Lenten campaign (St. Peter's class led this charity initiative) and €762.35 was raised for the Irish Cancer society by St. Benedict's class on 21st March with a bake sale. Thank you to all involved.
- QQI certificates were distributed to relevant past pupils and Junior Cycle Profiles of Achievement were distributed to all relevant pupils on 21st March. Well done to all on their achievements.
- Weekly sport trips continued for pupils including 2 trips bringing pupils to Co. Tipperary for sporting events. Thank you to all involved.
- Active Schools Week took place last week, 13-17th May- activities included tag rugby, uni-hoc, basketball, hiking (Hell Fire Club hikes), golf, (Golf Ireland led these activities), rowing (Rowing Ireland staff coordinated these activities), soccer and yoga. Thank you to all staff for their involvement and to Mr Jones and Ms Heffernan for organising all activities.
- Our school is registered to take part in the Olympics Schools Challenge 'Dare to Believe Road to Paris Schools Programme'.
- Officials from the NCCA visited the school on Wednesday 6th March and met with some of the Management Team as part of the consultation regarding the draft Senior Cycle L1/ L2 guidelines, specifically Literacy and Numeracy.
- The School Self Evaluation summary document on Wellbeing – Targets and Actions were approved and ratified by the Board of Management. Thank you to all involved and to Assistant Principal II, Mrs Farnan for leading this work.
- The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management. These are available on the school website (www.stmichaelsholyangels.com) for all to access-
- Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment
- The Health, Safety and Welfare Policy
- Substance Use Policy
- Healthy Eating Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- The Student Council are inviting everyone to 'Wear Bright Colours' (non uniform day) for Pieta House this Friday 24th May. It is hoped that monies raised will be added to funds raised at our half-term disco in February. Money will be collected by the Student Council on Friday morning. A donation of €2 is suggested.
- Students attended and enjoyed a cycling and bicycle maintenance course in Eamon Ceannt Park, Crumlin on Wednesday 15th May.
- A whole school project is underway whereby all pupils will decorate a triangular piece of bunting which will be put together for a class bunting and will be displayed in the classroom. Further

triangular buntings can be added or removed as pupils move class, leave school or arrive in the school. The bunting from each class will be displayed as a whole school bunting for significant school community events E.g. Graduation, Sports Day etc.

- Sports Day will take place on Thursday, 20th June. Further details to follow.
- Well done to all pupils who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, 11th May. Thank you to members of the choir who came along to sing for our pupils on this day.
- School Leavers Graduation and celebrations will take place on Thursday, 13th June