



Principal's Report



Issue 1

September to October 2022





Dear Parents / Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome you to issue one of the Principal's report, it will hopefully give you a glimpse of the many activities that took place in St. Louis Community School since we returned to school at the end of August.

Our school population continues to grow, this year we welcomed 112 students into First year, along with eighteen students who transferred to us. We have also welcomed International students from various European countries and they will be studying with us for this academic year. We look forward to working with all of our students and hopefully this school year will be a happy and successful one for all in our school community.

Teaching and learning is the core business of St. Louis Community School and I am in the fortunate position to witness the great work that goes on in this school every day. We were delighted with our excellent Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied results and we are looking forward to the issuing of the Junior Cycle results later this month.

The last term ended with the announcement from the Department of Education that our school has been granted an extensive additional accommodation project, this is a great boost for our growing school.

With best wishes,

Ms. Regina Anderson

Principal

First Year Students

Our First years started their journey in St. Louis with a welcome ceremony, followed by comprehensive induction programme.

Thank you to Ms. Flanagan, Mr. Cleary, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Nagle and all the staff for making their first day so memorable.



First Year Welcome Ceremony





Drug and Alcohol Awareness Talks

The local Gardai and the Western Regional Task Force presented a drug and alcohol awareness talk to our TY and LCA students, ahead of the release of the Junior Cycle results.



New Equipment

Subject	Funds allocated
Engineering	€216,138.43
DCG	€15,572.00
Technology	€94,105.08
Construction	€147,206.37
Total €473,021.08	

I have been successful in my application to the Department of Education to purchase new equipment for the Construction, Technology, Engineering and DCG rooms.

The etenders process is complete, funds totalling €473,021.08 have been allocated, the contracts are signed and the first batch of equipment has been delivered.

Lunch Time Soccer

Supervised soccer takes place at lunch time Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A different day is assigned to each year group and the students are enjoying the opportunity to play sports at lunch time. Thanks to all the teachers for supervising the students at lunch time.





Evening Study

Supervised Evening Study takes place from 4.15 to 6.15pm, Monday to Thursday and from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Friday. There are a large number of students availing of this facility. Thank you to Ms. Andrea Maloney for coordinating Evening Study.

Homework Club.

The Homework club takes place from 4.00 to 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday. It is supervised by Ms. Mary Johnson and our team of Special Needs Assistants. Thank you to Ms. Christina Gormally for organising this club. The school is happy to provide fruit and water for the students and we are very grateful to the Kiltimagh branch of St. Vincent de Paul for their generous contribution towards the running of this club.

A Special Day

Congratulations to Ms. Lauren Conroy who was one of the guest speakers at the Knock Shrine National Novena in August.





LC 2022

Excellent results were achieved by the Leaving Certificate and the Leaving Certificate Applied students of 2022. The school rejoices in the academic success of all of our students.

I extend congratulations to all of our Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied students, their parents / guardians and the staff of St. Louis.



Maths Tutor

Maths Tutor, an online Maths resource, is available to students at the discounted price of €20. Studyclix is also available to students.

Lexia Programme

The school has made a significant investment in the Lexia programme, which is available to all students with specific literacy difficulties.

CAT 4 tests

The results of the CAT 4 tests will be issued to all first year students after we have analysed the results. Thank you to Ms. Kenny and the SEN team for administering the tests.

CAO Information Evening

Thank you to Ms. Ruane for organising a very informative information evening for the parents of 6th years students.

The Social Hub

Thanks to the hard work of Ms. Whelan and the team of Prefects, the Social Hub has been reopened at lunch time on Thursdays.

The students can enjoy a game of pool or various board games.

We are hoping to purchase a second hand X box very soon.



Social Hub







Child Protection

The school is fulfilling its Child Protection obligations, the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms. Regina Anderson and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is Mr. Grahame Cleary. Our recent Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection found that we were fully compliant in all areas of Child Protection.

The annual review of the Child Protection procedures was carried out by the Board of Management after consultation with the stakeholders.

Staff are reminded of their Child Protection obligation and students are reminded of the supports that are available to them.

Notice boards relating to Child Protection, forms of abuse etc are mounted on a number of the school corridors. The Principal has liaised with Tusla when deemed appropriate.

The school is also allocating the required number of hours to the teaching of SPHE and RSE at junior and senior level. A review of the RSE policy was carried out this year.

Astro Turf

Work is almost complete on the replacement of the carpet on the astro turf.





Internet Safety.

We were delighted to welcome Mr. Jeremy Pagden to deliver Internet safety talks to the entire school community, an online webinar was also organised for parents.

Thank you to Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Larkin for organising these talks.

Sport in St. Louis

Sport plays a very valuable and enjoyable role in the lives of our young people and our school. Thank you to all the teachers who give freely of their time to train our students, their dedication to the various sports is to be highly commended. Special thanks to Mr. Regan, Mr. O'Hara, Ms. Flanagan, Ms. Naughton, Ms. Hopkins, Mr. Kennelly, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Kilduff, Mr. Costello, Mr. Harrington, Ms. O'Boyle, Ms. Horan and Ms. Walsh.

This year we have also started a 1st year Rugby team, thanks to the dedication of one of our parents, Mr. Ben Miles, and some of our TY students.



Congratulations to Emma Clarke, Amy Breslin, Aisling Rabbit and Cara Higgins who represented Mayo as part of the Mayo team at the All Ireland Community Games recently, they got fantastic results.



Swimming Club



TY Leadership Module

TY students developing their critical thinking skills in their Leadership module, which is part of the NUIG Foundation Leadership for Life course.



Evening Classes

A number of Evening Classes have been organised this term. If you are interested in attending any of these classes, please contact Ms. Louise Kelly at adulthoodeducation@stlouiscs.com

- Bridge for Beginners
- Yoga
- Art
- Conversational Irish
- Level 5 and 6 Childcare courses
- Level 5 and 6 Special Needs Assistant courses
- Level 5 and 6 Bookkeeping and Payroll courses

Board of Management 2022-2025



Le Cheile Nominees	Sr. Mary O'Connor Ms. Mary Mullarkey Mr. Michael Brett
ETB Nominees	Ms. Mary Madden Mr. Pat Forde Ms. Bernie Rowland
Staff Nominees	Mr. Brian Joyce Ms. Christina Gormally
Parent Nominees	Mr. John Conlon Ms. Liesel Ward

The Board of Management is responsible for school governance subject to the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the Education Act, 1998.

A new Board of Management was appointed during the summer.

I express my thanks to the outgoing members of the previous BOM, in particular I want to acknowledge the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Pat Kilbane who gave 29 years of sterling service to St. Louis Community School.

Board of Management 2022-2025

The Board of Management held its first board meeting on 6th September 2022, the Agreed Report from the meeting is outlined below.

- Ms. Mary Mullarkey was elected as Chairperson.
- The Checklist for the Board of Management and Board meetings was completed.
- The Appendix to School Self-Evaluation Report, including the legislative and regulatory checklist will be completed by Ms. Mary Mullarkey and Ms. Regina Anderson at a later date.
- All correspondence was addressed.
- Mr. John Harrington was appointed to the position of DCG / Construction teacher.
- The Child Protection Oversight report and the Anti Bullying report was presented.
- An update was given on the pitch development and teaching and learning.
- The ICT Acceptable Usage policy was ratified by the board.
- A financial report was presented.

Chaplaincy Team

On the 11th of October the Board of Management had the pleasure of attending a prayer service organised by our Chaplaincy Team, and our Chaplain, Ms. O'Brien.

They also made a presentation to the board on their role in the school, and all members were gifted a bookmark and a bottle of holy water, It was a very special occasion. After the presentation, the Chaplaincy team got to enjoy Pizza.



Graphics

First Year students
enjoying their Graphics
class.





Anti-Bullying.

The school reviewed it's Anti-Bullying procedures in line with Department of Education Circulars.

Staff are regularly reminded of their anti-bullying obligations and students are regularly reminded of their right to feel happy and safe, and to report any form of bullying.

The school is also working with the FUSE project facilitated by Dublin City University and we have availed of their teaching resources.



Our TY and LCA students enjoyed a trip to the National Ploughing Championships.

Thank you to Mr. Dunleavy, Mr. Costello, Ms. Dunne and Mr. Concannon for accompanying the students.



National Ploughing Championships



Ecology Day Trip

3rd year Science and 6th year Biology students enjoyed an Ecology trip to Old Head.

Thank you to Ms. Ottewell for organising.





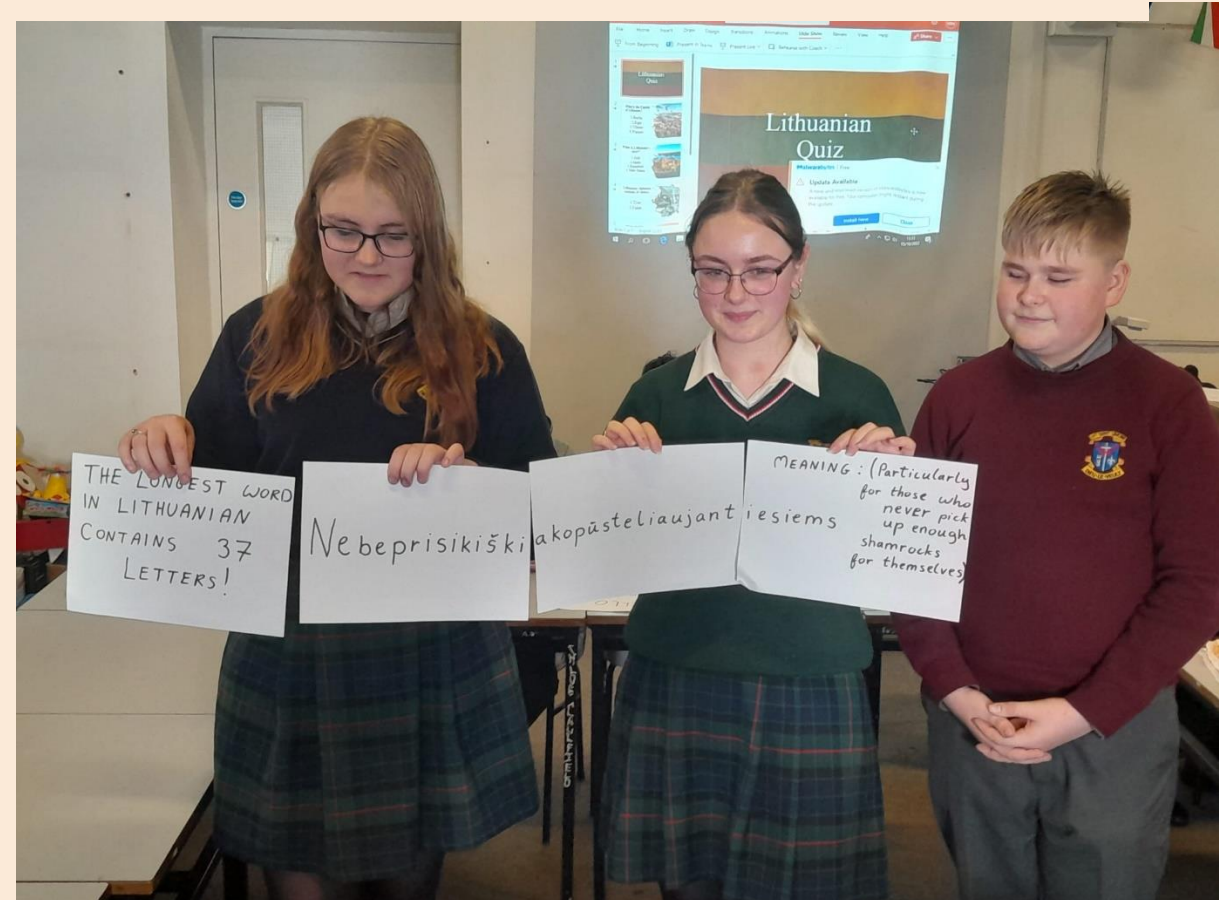
Study Skills

On Wednesday 19th October, our Junior students got the opportunity to avail of a study skills session with Dr. Sean Lally.

Thank you to Ms. Flanagan for organising this.

Language Cafe

Our Language Café is open every Wednesday at lunch time in room 4-228, special thanks to Ms. Monaghan and our International Committee for organising this initiative. Students get the opportunity to learn about the different cultures in our school community.



Language Cafe





Parent Teacher Meetings.

All meetings will take place in the new building, in the Louis Bautain hall and the classrooms upstairs.

School will finish at 3.45pm on the days of the meetings and the school buses will be notified of the earlier finish times.

- 16th November 2022 - 5th years and LCA 1
- 6th December 2022 - 1st years
- 12th January 2023 - 2nd years
- 1st February 2023 - Transition years

Year Group	Year Heads
1 st Year	Ms. Denise Nagle
2 nd Year	Ms. Aideen Ueno
3 rd Year	Ms. Ruth McNamara
TY	Mr. Murt Dunleavy
5 th Year	Ms. Nuala Whelan
6 th Year	Ms. Lynn Anderson
LCA	Mr. Declan Concannon

Year Heads 2022-2023

9th Cycle against Suicide Award

We are honoured to have received our 9th Cycle against Suicide award for our work in the area of positive mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you to Ms. Ruane and the Wellbeing team for all their hard work.





New TY Modules

This year we introduced two new TY modules.

The LIFT Programme (Leading Ireland's Future Together)

This leadership learning process provides students with the foundation to become leaders in their own lives by improving their listening skills, increasing their confidence and becoming more empathetic, understanding and positive.

Relationships and Sexuality Education

This programme is offered to all TY students and it aims to give our students opportunities to learn about relationships and sexuality in ways that help them to think and act in a moral, caring and responsible way. This module is offered to all TY students for eight weeks.

School Library

We are delighted to have been awarded funds from the Department of Education to develop a school library. Ms. Dunne, Ms. Regan, Ms. Durcan and Ms. Flanagan are currently working on this initiative. We are looking forward to having a comfortable reading facility for our students.

If you have any good quality books, suitable for teenagers, that you would like to donate to the school, we will graciously accept them.

TY Enterprise Projects

TY students have started working on their Enterprise projects and some great business ideas are being explored. Stephen, Nathan, Simon and Danielius are pictured after pitching their ideas to the Principal.



Congratulations Ivan

Congratulations to Ivan, who was awarded Student of the Month from the Claremorris Ultimate Kickboxing club

We have a total of three Ukrainian students in St. Louis. Talina and Ivan are in 3rd year and Alexei is in 1st year.

All three students are a great asset to our school.



Naughton Scholarship

Congratulations to Ms. Hana Ueno, from the Leaving Certificate class of 2021, who was recently awarded the prestigious Naughton Scholarship in recognition of her excellent Leaving Certificate results.

Hana was one of two student nationwide who achieved 9 H1's in her Leaving Certificate.

She attended the awards ceremony in Trinity College last week. The scholarship grants €20,000 to the student over the course of four years and €1,000. to her school.



Careers Talk

NUIG delivered a career talk to our Leaving Certificate students, thank you to Ms. Ruane and Ms. Kenny for organising.



School Tour.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organising Border Hopper school tour to Brussels, Holland and Germany for our 5th year students.

Thank you also to Ms. Ryan, Mr. Costello, Ms. Mahon, Ms. Haran, Ms. Murtagh and Ms. Cox for accompanying the students.

A great time was had by all.





Congratulations Mr. Kennelly

On behalf of the entire school community, I extend congratulations to Mr. Kennelly on his retirement from St. Louis, after a remarkable 34 years service to our school. He was a fantastic teacher and we all really miss him already!

