

# St. Finian's Newsletter

Tuesday, January 16, 2024



## STEM Grant Success

In early December we applied for a grant to provide Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities for the children in our school. We were one of only 12 schools in Louth to be awarded the STEM grant. We were awarded €9,575 towards providing STEM activities for our children. This will include buying resources, provide training for teachers and children and taking part in Challenges. Our focus will be on developing skills using Lego and robotics. We are really looking forward to these new exciting experiences!

## Reminder - Parish Sacramental meetings for Parents

The parish is inviting parents of children who will be receiving sacraments this school year to come along and talk about preparations for the sacraments. The meetings will be held in the Market House, Dunleer at 8pm, on Thursday 18th January for second class and Thursday 25th January for 5/6 class. Parents from both schools in the parish are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Referendums – Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>

Two referendums will take place on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. The school will be used as a polling station and therefore the children will be off on this day. Please mark this date on your calendars

## Fifth and Sixth Class go to the musicals.

The students of Scoil Uí Mhuirí will be presenting their musical "Music through the Decades" next week. Fifth and Sixth class pupils have been invited to attend next Monday's performance. They are looking forward to it and I am sure they will enjoy it.

## Catholic Schools' Week – Grandparents' Day

We will be having Grandparents' Day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. All grandparents are invited to come and visit that day @11am. We will be baking with 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class on the Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and making St. Brigid's Crosses with 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Class on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>. We welcome volunteer on either of these two day, grandparents or parents! If anyone has access to rushes please send them into school before this time.

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## Well Being Seminar for Staff

As Well Being is our focus for SSE (School Self Evaluation) for the next 3 years the staff will be attending a Well Being Seminar in Walshestown NS next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January @ 1:30pm. As a result, all children will go home at 1pm on Friday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have a query, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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