



Spring Newsletter 2021

New Every Morning by Susan Coolidge



*Every day is a fresh beginning.
Listen my soul to the glad refrain
And, Spite of old sorrows
And older sinning.
Troubles forecasted
And possible pain.
Take heart with the day and
Begin again*



Dear Parents

Our Spring Term has started a little different as you all know but I am delighted to inform you of some upgrades the children will see and benefit from on their return to school which we hope will be soon. On the bright side, every day is a day closer.

While everyone has been busy working from home, we have taken this opportunity to improve some areas. Thank you to Anto, Robin, Billy & Geoff for all their help with this.

Also take a look at the School Blog on the website <https://www.stpns.ie/blog> for examples of the amazing work the children have been doing while being homeschooled. It is really inspiring.

Rachel Harper

GP Hall

As the children may have informed you, the GP Hall floor was damaged and unusable. We now have a beautiful, totally re-sanded and varnished floor. Anto has also painted the whole hall and varnished our gym benches. The adjoining kitchen has also been deep cleaned and painted. The place looks fantastic, really bright, inviting and ready to be used.



Fire Equipment

We also took the time while the children were out to do a complete audit on our fire equipment. As a result we have upgraded extinguishers etc to the highest standard and are now placed outside all rooms (inc. the boiler room) with new signage etc. All staff will be receive further training on use of the equipment on return of school.



Deep clean

Anto, Richie & Avril have carried out a deep clean throughout the school including windows etc. Signs of Spring are definitely starting to appear around the grounds with all its new growth.



Family Activity Videos

(<https://www.stpns.ie/family-activity-videos>)

This is both a fun and educational tool. While we know the teachers are doing an amazing job throughout the school day, this is just a little something extra to keep the children entertained during the evenings and weekends. We would love as many of our school families to get involved. I know you have been bombarded with many suggestions from all angles, but this is something I think might be a bit of fun, while reminding us that we are all in this together. We have Susan Hayden, Ms Morrissey, Ms Harper & Ms Flynn reading stories & Ms Donohoe showing us how to make glitter jars. Richard Lowe has done a lovely historical walk around Greystones. We will have plenty more to follow including sewing, yoga, etc.



Recipe Showdown

(<https://www.stpns.ie/recipe-showdown>)

About the competition

Are you a keen baker or budding chef? If so, then this competition is for you! Recipe Showdown is a fun, interactive way for our students to become the teachers! The competition is open to all St Patrick's NS Greystones pupils

How to enter

Simply send us a short video of you cooking your favourite dish! The video along with your recipe will be published on the St Patrick's NS Greystones website along with all other entries.

When all the video's are up, our wonderful SNA's and Curate Rev. Rebecca Guildea of St Patrick's Church will make the difficult decision on whose recipes/videos they loved the most.

Prize's will be awarded for:

- most unusual ingredients
- best cooking demonstration
- most interesting recipe

Email the video & typed out recipe in the body of an email so it can be copy & pasted to recipeshowdown@gmail.com



Homeschool Recipes

(<https://www.stpns.ie/homeschool-recipes>)

Some of our budding young chefs have been sharing some of the dishes they like to make at home. There are some great tasty recipes that are definitely worth a viewing. I believe some have been tried and tested already by the school community with great results. We would love for the children to keep submitting their own personal favourites. Again, don't worry about perfection, we can edit where necessary.



Golden book

Due to current online schooling, we decided to celebrate the Golden Book achievements on the website. We are very proud of all the entrants which we will update on a weekly basis – check it out at <https://www.stpns.ie/post/golden-book-awards>

Staff News



Congratulations to Ms Roper on the arrival of baby Theo



Congratulations to Ms O'Neill on the arrival of baby Louis



We welcome to the team Michelle O'Connor, who is currently teaching 6th Class Ash



Wear red or pink on Friday 12th

We invite the children to join staff who will be wearing red or pink on Friday at their Zoom calls to mark Valentine's Day and celebrate the arrival of Spring



A few Celebration Dates coming up:

- ✚ Engineers Week 1st – 5th March
- ✚ World Book Day 4th March
Check out Scholastic with great access to authors & illustrators- who have events 1st – 5th March relating to World Book Day – you will need to register - <https://shop.scholastic.ie/scholastic-live-world-book-day>
- ✚ St Patrick Day 17th March
- ✚ Seachtain na Gaeilge 15th – 19th March (<https://snag.ie/en/>)

**School is closed for Midterm Break Wednesday 17th February -
Friday 19th February inclusive.**

Enjoy your midterm break, you all deserve it