St. Michael's School Newsletter, Spring, 2016.

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We have recently-opened a twitter account in St. Michael's. Just visit us on twitter @hsclstm for all the latest updates from the Home School Liaison office. This is a quick and easy way to stay informed!

Mid-Term Study

This year's Mid-Term break covers the week 15th – 19th February. Supervised study will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (15th, 16th and 17th) from 10.00am – 1.00pm. All students are welcome to avail of this free service. Please encourage your daughter to attend. Students need not wear the school uniform.

Parents' Classes:

(i) Book Club (ii) Crafts

(i) The Parents' Book Club goes from strength to strength. Recent readings have included: Breakfast at Tiffany's (Truman Capote); Go Set a Watchman (Harper Lee); Fahrenheit 451 (Ray Bradbury). All are welcome (including grandparents). Mondays, 9.30 – 10.30 am.

(ii) A new 10 week Crafts class begins in St. Michael's on Tuesday next, 9th February – to include Jewellery-making and Mosaics (Tutor: Mrs Comiskey). All parents and grandparents are most welcome. This class is held in the Parents' Room, 9.30 – 11.30.

Parents and Grandparents of FIRST YEAR students

All First-Year parents and grandparents are invited to attend a special 'getting-to-know-you' function upstairs in our Sports Hall Facility on Friday, 12th February, 2016 at 11.30 am. Here you will have an opportunity to mingle with some of your daughter's teachers, the Principal and Deputy - Principal, our school counsellor, etc. It will also be a great chance for you to see what St. Michael's is really like.

After-School-Study

After-School-Study continues to be held in our school each day until 5:30pm. and on Saturdays from 10:00 - 1:00pm. These supervised sessions are entirely free of charge and light refreshments are served. This provides a great chance for every pupil to maximise her potential by studying in a perfectly quiet and relaxed environment.

Parents' Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Parents' Association will take place on Monday, 7th March, 2016 at 7.30pm. We are very keen to have as many parents as possible involved in this Association. This is where you have an opportunity to influence how your daughter's school functions. We're often inclined to leave it up to the next person. Don't. Become involved yourself. You'll find a warm welcome awaits you.

'We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.' (Keonig)

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First-Year-Parent-Teacher Meeting

The First Year Parent-Teacher Meeting takes place on Wednesday, 24th February, 2016, 4.15 - 6.45pm. This is your daughter's first Parent-Teacher Meeting in St. Michael's and, consequently, it is very important.

Sixth-Year Parent-Teacher Meeting

Our second Parent-Teacher Meeting for Sixth Year students (post 'mock' examinations) takes place on Tuesday, 8th March, 2016, 4.15 – 6.45pm. It is important that parents attend this meeting – your daughter's final one in the school.

Literacy Week 2016

Our school Literacy Week begins this year on Monday, 29th February. This year events will include:

- Spelling Bee
- Literacy Board games and Quiz
- Word of the Day
- Five-Word Stories (Whole School)
- Drama Workshop (Fifth Year and LCA)
- DEAR
- Surprise Events

Alternative Book Club

An alternative Parents' Book Club, focusing for now on 1916, takes place in Coláiste Eoin JCSP Library, Cappagh Road, on Tuesdays, 11.00 - 12.00. All parents and grandparents are welcome.

Psychology Advice Clinic

Are you concerned about yourself, a child or another family member, and would you like some advice? Speak to one of the team of psychologists in the Psychology Advice Clinic on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month from 9.30 – 12.30 in **Wellmount Health Centre.** Contact: 01 856 7700 between 8.30 & 9.00 on the morning of the clinic to register.

School Library – Assistance Required

We need help to allow our library work to its greatest potential and consequently invite parents (or grandparents) who may be able to spare some time to make contact with the school if you think you could help. (You could phone or call in to myself.) Help at lunchtime and immediately after school in the afternoons would be appreciated.

Emmanuel

The school choir and four soloists from St. Michael's will appear in 'Emmanuel' in the Helix, DCU, on Wednesday, 2nd March. Tickets for the show are available from the Helix Box Office, ph. 01 700 7000. The girls would appreciate your support.

Colm McElroy, Home School Community Liaison Coordinator, 5th February 2016.