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# BULLETIN

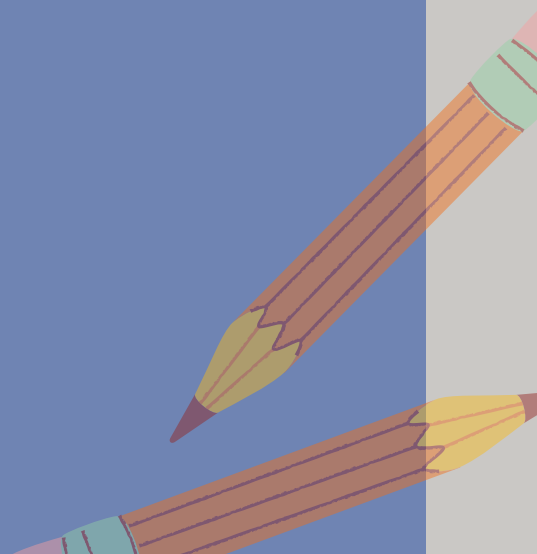
2024

## A message from the Principal

Welcome to our January bulletin. This month saw us getting involved in many things from International Week, the Laudate Festival, celebrating the feast of St Brigid, school trips, GAA etc.

The children have been working hard on our weekly targets for assembly and these have been celebrated and displayed in the hallway. We also enjoyed some wonderful displays of work at assembly. The weather is starting to improve and there is a sense of excitement for the Spring season. Our Green School Committee have been busy, as usual, working on a planting scheme for the new term. We hope you all enjoy the midterm next week.

Johanne Dunne





St Francis of Assisi Primary  
School Belmayne

# DATES TO REMEMBER

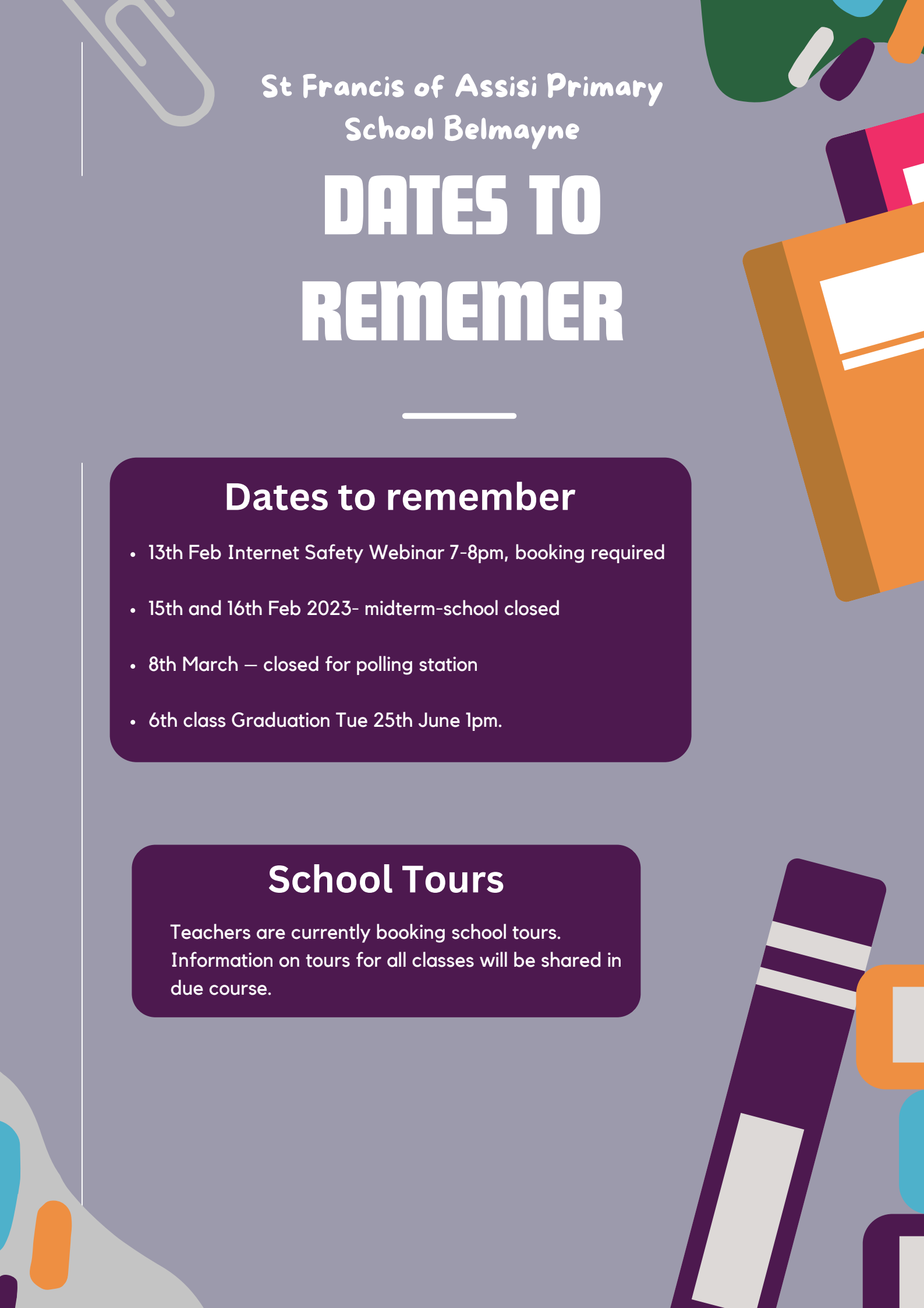
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## Dates to remember

- 13th Feb Internet Safety Webinar 7-8pm, booking required
- 15th and 16th Feb 2023- midterm-school closed
- 8th March — closed for polling station
- 6th class Graduation Tue 25th June 1pm.

## School Tours

Teachers are currently booking school tours.  
Information on tours for all classes will be shared in  
due course.



# AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE PROPOSALS WANTED!



At St Francis of Assisi Primary School we are in the process of sourcing an afterschool provider for the coming academic year. We are a busy developed primary school based in Belmayne, Dublin 13. We currently have 435 children and will have a new intake of Junior infant children in September.

This will be the first time we will have an afterschool provider. Approximately 130 parents have indicated interest in an afterschool provider. We have a wonderful new school but we have space limitations due our student population. Therefore, flexibility and understanding on the part of any service in our school is necessary as the needs of the school continue to grow and change.

If this is something that you wish to discuss further, we are now accepting proposals.

The **selection criteria** that we will utilise are listed below:

- 1.Choice of activities available for the children
- 2.Cost for parents and percentage returned to the school
- 3.Staff and qualifications
- 4.Combination of part-time and full-time places
- 5.Ease of communication
- 6.Relevant insurances and policies in place
- 7.An inclusive service that is in keeping with the values of the school

Please submit your proposal via email to [principal@sfaps.net](mailto:principal@sfaps.net).

**We will accept proposals  
up until Friday 8th March  
2024 at 5pm.**

**Contact Us :**



[principal@sfaps.net](mailto:principal@sfaps.net)



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# International Week and Culture Day



## CELEBRATION OF CULTURES.

A huge thank you and well done to all involved in what was a wonderful celebration of cultures in our school this month. The children in each class learned about a different country and completed some wonderful projects. These were on display during Culture Day which took place on Jan 27th. We had many parents who helped with the various activities and brought along food. Thank you to the PTA who organised the various activities, food fair, dancing, face painting and much more.



# School Self Evaluation (SSE) Update

Wellness Practices- As part of the School Self Evaluation (SSE) process the school is working on our Wellness Practices. We have surveyed the parents, students, teachers and SNAs. From this data, we are beginning a new practice where every class focuses on a wellness practice chosen from a menu of options for 5 minutes a day.



Northside Partnership which is located on Bunratty drive has shared information with the school about the range of services that they provide. These include various parenting courses, baby massage, workshops around supporting children with additional needs and much more. These courses are all free of charge. Leaflets have been left at the main reception.



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Senior infants room 4

The children really enjoyed celebration week in room 4. They learned the samba, salsa and Brazilian dancing.

All Senior Infants in Room 3 and 4 also had a zoom call with Jenny in Spain as we were learning about Spain that week too.

During Aistear, the boys in the Brilliant Butterfly group made the famous Gaudi Church in Barcelona as part of their construction.





# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHOIR

JANUARY 2023



## LAUDATE FESTIVAL

We participated in the Laudate Festival in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on the 30th of January. The church was full of children from many other schools, and we made a beautiful sound. Hopefully everyone will hear some of the songs we learned when we sing them at the communions or confirmations over the next few years.





# GREEN SCHOOLS



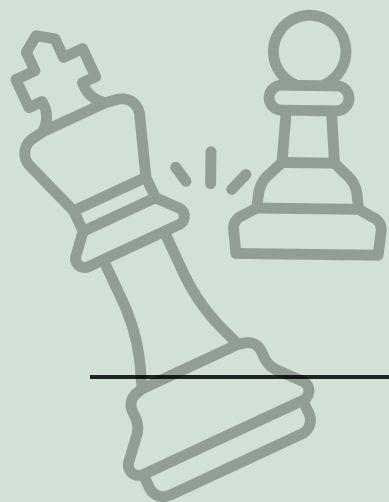
Check out our  
Brussel sprouts  
growing in the  
polytunnels

## New Planting Plan

The Green School Committee has created a new planting plan for the upcoming months. St. Anne's Park have given us new soil for the beds in our polytunnels. Patrick Hunt from Heritage Schools is coming in on the 27th and 28th February to give gardening workshops to the students.

The flag we are working on now is the Global Citizenship: Energy Flag. Our chairperson Leo Kennedy came to discuss the upcoming installation of solar panels in our school with the Green School Committee. This will help our school reduce our electricity bills and help to create green renewable energy.





# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2024

We have a wide variety of After School activities on offer for students to choose from. Contact the relevant teacher for more information.  
See the timetable below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Drama club</b> - Katie Marum 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm – 3:30pm <a href="mailto:katie.marum@sfaps.net">katie.marum@sfaps.net</a>	<b>Art club</b> - Clodagh Small 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm – 3:30pm <a href="mailto:clodagh.small@sfaps.net">clodagh.small@sfaps.net</a>	<b>Irish dancing</b> – Yvonne Junior 1:30pm - 2:30pm Senior 2:30pm – 3:30pm <a href="mailto:carolan@hdancem@gmail.com">carolan@hdancem@gmail.com</a>	<b>Chess club Improvers - Advanced</b> - Ciarán Murphy 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:ciaranmurphychess@gmail.com">ciaranmurphychess@gmail.com</a>	<b>Basketball</b> - Audrey/ Killester basketball club Junior 1:30pm - 2:30pm Senior 2:30pm – 3:30pm <a href="mailto:killesterbasketballs@sfaps@gmail.com">killesterbasketballs@sfaps@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sports &amp; Activities club</b> - Derek Andrews 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:derek.Andrews@sfaps.net">derek.Andrews@sfaps.net</a>	<b>Basketball Junior &amp; Senior</b> - Audrey/ Killester basketball club Junior Infants – 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:killesterbasketballs@sfaps@gmail.com">killesterbasketballs@sfaps@gmail.com</a>	<b>Junior Lego club</b> - Seamus Finnerty Junior Infants – 2 <sup>nd</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:s.finnerty@sfaps.net">s.finnerty@sfaps.net</a>	<b>Junior Rainbow Yoga club</b> - Deirdre Hanley Junior infants – 4 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm – 3:30pm <a href="mailto:deirdre.hanley@sfaps.net">deirdre.hanley@sfaps.net</a>	<b>Chess club Beginners</b> - Ciarán Murphy Junior infants - 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:ciaranmurphychess@gmail.com">ciaranmurphychess@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Games club</b> – Stephen Mulligan 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:stephen.mulligan@sfaps.net">stephen.mulligan@sfaps.net</a>	<b>Senior Lego club</b> - Patrick Conroy 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:p.conroy@sfaps.net">p.conroy@sfaps.net</a>	<b>Junior Science club</b> - Aideen Filan Junior infants - 1 <sup>st</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:aideen.filan@sfaps.net">aideen.filan@sfaps.net</a>	
	<b>Music Club</b> – Maria Doolan 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:maria.doolan@sfaps.net">maria.doolan@sfaps.net</a>		<b>Senior Science club</b> - Aoife Colohan 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> class 2:30pm - 3:30pm <a href="mailto:scienceclubs@sfaps@gmail.com">scienceclubs@sfaps@gmail.com</a>	



# What's on our walls?





# PTA UPDATE



## PTA Update

### Uniform Sale

The PTA are going to run a uniform sale on Friday 23rd Feb at 8.50am. Uniforms that are in good condition can be dropped to the school office from Monday 19th Feb to Wednesday 21st Feb. All proceeds will go towards the Summer Fair.

