



St. Paul's National School Christmas Newsletter



It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the year and another school term. 2011 has been a very exciting year and an incredibly busy one for the school. The children and staff are all well settled in our new school building and we now have 524 children enjoying the incredible facilities available. I would like to remind parents that the teachers and I remain available to you should you have any issue or concern regarding your child/children. The new building might make us less visible but we are the same people as before and just as interested in meeting you and speaking with you! If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the line, by note or by appointment through the office or feel free to call into the office should you need to speak with me. We are keeping our website continually updated with plenty of information for parents and the children on what is happening in the school. We now have a school notice board on the homepage for information on events in the general area. The staff of St. Paul's and I would like to wish you have a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. We will see you on the 9th of January!!!

Cash for Clobber

The Cash for Clobber collection was a great success again this year. Thank you to everybody who contributed. 176 bags were collected which raised €704 euro.

Pentel Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following children who won prizes for art in the Pentel International Art Competition: Rachel Hue Conway, Shauna Cantwell, Andrew Gamble, Daniel Barker, Matthew Hayes, Nicole Preece, Brian Moore, Ríona Murphy, Mia Cunningham, Cain Fagan, Annia White, Caitlin Carrigan, Justine Salimonova, Róisín Corbett and Harry Bailey.

Children in the Kitchen

This year, with the use of our new kitchen facilities, the children have been baking up a storm. So far, they have made queen cakes, drop scones, rice krispie buns and even pizza!! The children are really enjoying the experience. Watch this space... we could have gourmet chefs of the future on our hands!!!

Rugby Practice

1st & 2nd class children enjoyed rugby practice this season. A special thanks to Darren from Rugby Ireland who arrived each Tuesday for rugby training and for bringing the Heineken Cup to the school in early December.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated a shoe box, we collected 349 shoe boxes for the Team Hope Appeal.

Book Fair Week

This year's book week ran from 13th - 18th November and was a huge success, with thanks to parents, teachers, invited guests and of course the children. We raised over €4,000 in free books for our school. Please check out the website for more information and lots of really cool photos.

Chess

Some of the children from St. Paul's have taken a keen interest in Chess and have taken part in various competitions. Most recently Piotr Baczkowski, Conor Phelan, Matthew Buckley, Rachel Hue Conway and Adam Murphy were part of the team which came first in the Community games. Our own chess club is going from strength to strength.

Sport in St. Paul's

We have had a great few sporting months in St. Paul's. The children have been participating in a wide variety of sports including basketball, athletics, cross country running, rugby, Gaelic football and Olympic Handball. The athletics group trained every Wednesday at the Ratoath Athletics' track. The competition was on the 23rd of November in Bellewstown. Lillian Brady and Emma McCamley ran in the girls u/11 race. Harry Bailey and Jack O'Connor ran in the boys u/11 race. All children taking part ran so well and did St. Paul's proud. Well done to all those who took part. We now look forward to the start of the Olympic Handball season in the New Year. Exciting times ahead!!!!





Baby Joy!!

Congratulations to Mr Roe who became a father this month to a beautiful baby boy!!

Who's getting married??

Congratulations also to one of our senior infant teachers Orlaith Quaide who is getting married at the end of December.

Christmas Panto

The school is very grateful to the Parents' Association who arranged for two pantos to come to the school. Transition Year Students from Ratoath College presented Jack Frost to the junior & senior infants and to 1st class. Midland travelling panto performed Aladdin to 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th classes.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas fair on the 4th December was a great success and raised more than €8,000. Santa Claus was delighted to meet so many children from St. Paul's. A massive thank you to the Parents' Association for all their hard work and effort in making the day a great success. Well done to Colm Sevestre for his skill with the golf ball!

Christmas Shows

Each class performed their Christmas show in our new school hall to parents, grandparents and siblings galore. We were delighted to have the space for everyone who wanted to see the show. The school choir also performed brilliantly in the Venue last Friday.

Congratulations to all the children who missed no days this term

Jessica Cronin, Aaron Bizzell, Katie Breslin, Jack Finnegan, Tazim Ibrahim, Charlie Hodgins, Cormac Tormey, Megan Fitzmaurice, Ryan Brunton, Sam Cronolly, Conor Daughton, Kyle Donohoe, Saul Harris, Lorna Fisher, Mia Foley, Sofia Hearn, Erin Leeson, Vivian Nally, Oisín Pelly, Conor Shirley, Seán Twyford, Emilliana Baczkowski, Eabha Brown, Analena Stobie, Ruairí McKeown, James Kelly, Adam O'Connor, Caroline Byrne, Genna Keogh, Amy Murray, Cara O'Sullivan, Daniel Boucher, Liam Fraser, Alex Kinsella, Bobby Mulcahy, Seán Mulvaney, Robyn Ducie, Amy Kinsella, Aisling Stratford, Cian Allen, Tyler Arkesteijn, Ryan Dunne, Chris Duruangawu, Ben Fitzpatrick, Eoin Read, Clara Doherty, Lauren Dolan, Hannah Murphy, Laiqa Saeed, Jessica Buckley, Luke Colgan, Joshua Connolly, James Cullen, Jacob Mulcahy, Ben Simon, Lee Gallagher, Seán Harte, Ella Byrne, Abbie Coyne, Megan Langan, Corína Wade, Rachel Byrne, Zara Collins, Hannah Cronolly, Ava Gorman, Aoife Hyland, Aíne Mc Court, Mia McGreevy, Bronagh O'Sullivan, Andrea Styles, Andrew Brady, Liam Corbett, Dara Kavanagh, Lucas White, Christy Brennan, Tomás Corbett, Josh Duffy, Conor Harte, Wafiq Ibrahim, Eoin Kane, Adam Gleeson, Fionn Nolan, David Stobie, Jack Tormley, Ryan Walsh, Holly Byrne, Shauna Cantwell, Rachel-Hue Conway, Grace-Lan Conway, Niamh Gibson, Helen Jenkins, Robyn Callaghan, Ciara O'Connor, Katie O'Neill, Zoe Preece, Kirstie Ryan, Seán Corbett, Daire McCourt, Michael Ohoka, Paul Roche, Conor Yardley, Aoife Daniels, Ella Clancy, Paul Tynan, Killian Stratford, Jack O'Neill, Erin Byrne, Ava Killalee Okeke, Blessing Duruanyawu, Senan Byrne, Ryan Foley, Christopher Haskins, Dylan McCue, Adam Murphy, Harry Reilly, Vincent White, Ciara Coleman, Jodie Doherty, Karen Mavimpi, Sam Carroll, Max Daly, Ben Fraser, Lucas Longhi, Jessica McMahon, Joshua Mulcahy, Nathan O'Connor, Adam Sherry, Aimee Doherty, Ava-Jane Enright, Ryan Doherty, Josh Donohue, Conor Wardick, Aoife Cosgrove, Yasmin Kaya, Ella McGoldrick, Julia Read, Bogdan Baturov, Andrew Maguire, Mathieu Sevestre, Ameera Saeed, Demi Mooney, Róisín Corbett, Sarah Cullen, Sorcha McGroarty, Cian Byrne, Evan Cantwell, Regina McDonnell, Eve Drysdale, Sophie Keating, Ruqaiya Saeed, Cain Fagan, Jack Gleeson, Luke Huynh Hurley, Mia Cunningham, Aoife Dardis, Rachel Doherty, Varsha Joseph, Lauren Kelly, Emma Moore, Hannah Roddy, Annia White, Darragh Casey, Sam Coughlan, Max McGreevy, Daniel Ohoka, Radu Olaru, John Redmond, Luke Tynan, Tara Ferguson, Zara Kane, Daragh Harte, Jack O'Connor, Lillian Brady, Nicole Gallagher Breslin, Ríona Murphy, Harry Haskins, Frankie Read, Alexandra Ghiorghita, Emma McCamley, Harry Bailey, Cillian Byrne, Chloe Faherty, Freya Kavanagh, Conor Knowles, Zoe O'Callaghan, Royale Ohoka, Jordan Preece, Jack Ryan, Colm Sevestre.

Merry
Christmas