



St. Paul's N.S.

Easter Newsletter 2011



Great things have been happening in St. Paul's over the last term! If you have been watching our website you will have seen it all, if not, why not? www.stpaulsratoath.ie The website is updated regularly by the teachers, with help from our young reporters and photographers, and is well worth a visit. Make it your homepage and stay in touch with us!

A huge thank you, as always, to the teachers for all their hard work in caring for, and teaching, our children. Not to mention their huge commitment to providing all the extra activities, events and experiences that makes the children's time in St. Paul's so special.

Astronomy Ireland

We had a visit from Astronomy Ireland. Class by class we were told all about the wonders of the universe! The children learned a lot and shared their wisdom too!



Seachtain na Gaeilge

A number of events took place to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. Thanks to Ms. O'Connor for all her hard work in organising it. We had damhsa, ceol agus craic, a púc fada and some less traditional Irish activities like the Wellie Throwing Competition. Comhghairdeas agus buíochas don iarracht iontach i rith na seachtaine. Special thanks for the efforts on Lá Glas - the children (and teachers) looked great and we raised over €400 for Shave or Dye.



Tag Rugby

Tag rugby has just finished for this year. Our fourth class children even got to participate in a rugby blitz. It was the wettest, coldest day in March but they had great fun in the mud!

Our New School

The school is progressing nicely! The date for completion is the 28th August and the construction company is on target. This is very exciting and it will be a great day for us all but it does mean that we can't have our Summer Camp this year. It also means that we will not be able to confirm our start date next September until much later in the final term and even then it may change. Finally, we may need help in the run up to the opening and you may get strange texts via textaparent at the end of August... Please bear with us - it will be worth it in the end!

Cór Fhéile

The children in Mrs. Gogan's, Ms. Kieran's and Ms. O'Donnell's classes performed brilliantly in the Basketball Arena. It was the first time the school participated and it was a great experience for the children and a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform in front of a very appreciative audience.

School Garden



We are starting to plant out our vegetables in the garden and we are looking for parents to become involved in the project and give any help or expertise they might have. This year we are once again taking part in the Pride of Place garden competition. We have won in our category for the past two years. The children love getting stuck in but some expert help from Parents would be very welcome.

Food Dudes

We are looking forward to an exciting new programme after Easter. For the month of May the children will be getting fruit and vegetables every day to tempt them! More news will follow but thanks to Ms. O'Toole and Ms. Kennedy for organising this.



Ratoath and Rathbeggan Community Games

Congratulations to all the children who participated and to those who won prizes in hand writing and art in the local Community Games. Luke and Abbie went on to represent Meath in the County games.

Olympic Handball

Mr. Burns and a number of other teachers have been training the boys and girls under 10 and under 11 Olympic handball teams. They are having fun and representing the school very well. We are very proud of them.

Uniform ordering and Clothes Swap

The company who supply the uniforms and tracksuits will be in at the end of May to take orders as usual for next year. Before they come can I remind you that the Parents' Association has left the box in the school for unwanted uniforms or tracksuits. If you have any uniform items in good condition which you feel another child could use, you can drop them into the office at any time. If you need any uniforms or tracksuits feel free to come in and take what you need. Orders can be placed with the uniform company at any time - just download the order form from our website, phone or email the company or drop your order back into the office. The clothes are delivered to the school.

First Confession and Communion



First Confession took place on 10th March. The children were well prepared and very well behaved. We are all looking forward to the First Holy Communion on the 7th May. Our first class will be providing the music for our First Communion and, because we have two ceremonies, they will be getting the help of some of our Third Class and Fourth Class children.

Congratulations to all the children who missed no days from school this term.

Seán Harte, Jacob Mulcahy, Ella Byrne, Corina Wade, Adam Brady, Seán Mulvany, Ben Devine, Noah Reilly, Alex Kinsella, Ava Caffrey, Amy Kinsella, Eline Lund, Grace O'Brien, O'Keefe, Finn Boylan, Ryan Dunne, Ben Fitzpatrick, Jamie McHugh, Danielle Connolly, Clara Doherty, Faye Keating, Ruairí Braiden, Christy Brennan, Tomás Corbett, Josh Duffy, Conor Harte, Adam Leeson, David Stobie, Jack Tormey, Ryan Walshe, Abbie Boshell, Holly Byrne, Amelia Campbell, Erica Keating, Andrew Brady, Sonny Byrne, Dara Kavanagh, Lucas White, Hannah Cronnolly, Charlotte Hue Hurley, Aine McCourt, Mia McGreevy, Andrea Styles, Dáire McCourt, Eoin Drysdale, Leo Bergin, Seán Corbett, Thomas Dunne, Kate Hayes, Caoimhe Crowley, Grace Lan Conway, Rachel Hue Conway, Hannah Bailey, Zoe Preece, Callum Brady, Senan Byrne, Chris Haskins, Will Lanigan, Vincent White, Ciara Coleman, Jodie Doherty, Erin Prendergast, Gbemi Arubi, Cian Caffrey, Max Daly, Ben Frazier, Daniel Keating, Nathan O'Connor, Aaron Prendergast, Aimee Doherty, Ava Jane Enright, Jessica McMahon, Grace MacNeill, Aoife Rutherford, Eoghan Berry, Alex Fisher, Nathan Kelly, Ryan Coroner, Matthew Grall, Seán Kearins, Mark Kearns, Killian Strafford, Paul Tynan, Alannah Coyne, Emma Dunne, Ava Killalee Okeke, Caoimhe Connolly, Conor Phelan, Darragh Harte, Harry Haskins, Daniel Odoj, Leah O'Hannigan, Riona Murphy, Daragh Casey, Max McGreevy, Radu Olaru, John Redmond, Luke Tynan, Zara Kane, Dylan Devine, Jake Fox, Cain Fagan, Luke Huynh Hurley, Aaron Farrell, Christopher Joyce, Aoife Dardis, Kim Dietrich, Rachel Doherty, Lauren Kelly, Emma Moore, Hannah Roddy, Annia White, Sofia Wyer, Andrew Maguire, Kevin Dat Conway, Róisín Corbett, Ameera Saeed, Evan Cantwell, Matthew Hayes, Eve Drysdale, Laura Jenkins, Sophie Keating, Nicole Preece, Niamh Keenan, Garrett Coey, Ryan Doherty, Josh O'Donoghue, Adam Jackson, Nathan Scattergood, Conor Wardick, Emma Burke, Kerry McBride, Aoife Cosgrove, Harry Bailey, Sam Bergin, Cillian Byrne, Conor Daly, Cian O'Keefe, Jordan Preece, Jack Ryan, Colm Sevestre, Ben Wyer, Chloe Faherty, Freya Kavanagh, Zoe Walsh, Aaliah Saeed, Yasmin VanWegen.

The school would like to wish all pupils, parents and staff a very Happy Easter and a reminder that school re-opens on 3rd May.