



St. Paul's National School Easter Newsletter 2012



This term has been extremely busy and very exciting! Congratulations to everyone involved in the various activities; the teachers who train and mentor the students and the students for their enjoyment and participation. Thank you also to you, the parents, for your ongoing support in so many ways. We continue to update our website on a regular basis with information relating to the school and I would encourage you to use this site. We plan to begin emailing messages/important notes to parents in the near future. With this in mind please advise us of your email address (you can submit as many email addresses as you wish) by emailing the school on stpaulsratoath@eircom.net The staff of St. Paul's and I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. We will see you on the 16th of April!

Morag McGowan

Gaelic Football Fingal League

The boys junior Gaelic football team have been competing for the very first time in the Fingal league. The boys have performed excellently and have been very competitive in every game that they have played. They got off to a perfect start with two wins in their first two games against St. Ciaran's, Hartstown and St. Phillip's, Mountview. Although they have suffered two very narrow defeats recently to St. Molaga's, Balbriggan and Rolestown NS, the boys still entertain hopes of qualifying for the knock out stages with one league game remaining after the Easter break. Well done to all the boys and all the teachers involved for the huge commitment and effort they have put into their training.

Official opening

The Garda Band came to the school on the 3rd February to perform for the children at their official opening 'party' which had been promised by Ms McGowan. Thank you Ms McGowan!!!

Cór Fhéile

Ms Prendiville's, Ms Gogan's, Mr Roe's classes and our school choir lead by Ms Hession & Ms Kieran participated in the Cór Fhéile event in the National Basketball Arena on the 9th March. The children performed beautifully at the event and were a credit to their parents, family and to the school!!!

Internet Safety

Our 4th & 5th class students were provided with an internet safety talk which was a very useful exercise. Thank you to Garda Aisling for organising it.

Art Exhibition

The school hosted an art exhibition at the school on March 8th/9th. The children produced some stunning art and we had the art work professionally framed and catalogued for display in the school hall.

Swimming

Swimming for JI, SI and 1st class children will commence on Thursday 26th April.

Coin Trail

We are delighted to report that our recent coin trail yielded €2035 which will be divided equally between the charities 'Homes for Haiti' & 'Shave or Dye'.

Rugby

4th and 5th class children have just finished their 6 week rugby lessons. Thank you to Darren for coming to the school each Tuesday.

Success for our Olympic Handballers

This year has been our most successful year to date on the Olympic Handball courts. In the regional qualifiers, proudly hosted in our state of the art hall, our U-10 boys and our U-11 girls and boys all secured qualification for the knock out stage. Indeed, with a little bit of luck our U-10 girls team would also have qualified as they were extremely unlucky to miss out after losing to Skryne in extra time. Both the under 10 and under 11 boys went on to win their tournaments while the under 11 girls came in 3rd in the final. Well done to all the children and teachers involved.



Congratulations to Mr Harte who became a daddy again, his son 'Daniel' was born in January. We are also delighted to report that Mrs Ward gave birth to a beautiful baby girl 'Lillian' earlier this month and congratulations must also go to Mr Burns who this month also became a daddy to beautiful baby girl 'Doireann'. We were also very sorry to say goodbye to Mr Wallace but would like to welcome Ms Brady who has replaced him and Mr O'Connor who is standing in for Mrs Ward. Welcome to St. Paul's!!

Well done to Geena Keogh who won 1st place in the regional finals of the INTO/EBS handwriting competition!

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ms O'Connor did a fantastic job hosting our Seachtain na Gaeilge which took place from 12th - 16th March. A variety of activities took place at the school with the páistí. We finished the week on Friday with a Lá Glas & a visit from Setanta the wolf hound. It was a great week!

First Confession and Communion



Second Class children make their First Confession on 7th March. The children were well prepared and very well behaved. We are all looking forward to the First Holy Communion on the 28th April. There will be three masses on the day. We are very grateful to our school choir led by Ms Hession & Ms Gogan who will be performing at the ceremonies.

St Patrick's Day

We would like to thank the parents' association who organised the school's participation in the St. Patrick's day parade with an Olympic games/Euro 2012 themed float. A great time was had by all despite the weather.

Cross Country

22 children took part in the Meath Schools' Cross Country in Athboy on Friday the 16th of March. All the children taking part ran really well and did St. Paul's proud. In the girls 400m race, Aoife Rutherford won the silver medal and Amy Doherty won the bronze medal. In the 400m team event the 1st and 2nd class girls won silver. In the 600m boys race Luca Milne won silver. Well done to all the children involved.

Congratulations to all the children who missed no days this term

Aaron Bizzell, Matthew Braiden, Megan Fitzmaurice, Ava McManus, Ceilim Ryan, Eve Winston, Eabha Brown, James Burke, Conor Daughton, Kelcey Duffy Kelly, Saul Harris, Vivian Nally, Oisín Pelly, Conor Shirley, Sean Twyford, Daragh Grennan, Elsa Jane Johnson, Grace Kelly, Geena Keogh, Charlie McCue, Jonathan McDonnell, Adam O'Connor, Cara O'Sullivan, Kate Raftery, Daniel Boucher, Adam Brady, Lauren Clancy, Abi Colgan, Amy Kinsella, Eline Lund, Noah Reilly, Aisling Stratford, Isabella Turner, Isabelle Brady, Lauren Dolan, Ryan Dunne, Chris Duruanyawu, Ben Fitzpatrick, Darragh Larkin, Sara Paval, Ava Fay, Morgan Foster, Lee Gallagher, Eoghan Grennan, Andrew Brady, Rachel Byrne, Hannah Cronolly, Mia McGreevy, Pierce McManus, Jacques Mooney, Katie Murphy, Ella O'Reilly, Bronagh O'Sullivan, Lucas White, Valentina Antonescu, Ruairi Braiden, Christy Brennan, Holly Byrne, Tomas Corbett, Alicia Cunningham, Rebecca Fennessy Manley, Wafiq Ibrahim, Meg Johnson, Eoin Kane, Alan Kearns, Adam Leeson, Fionn Nolan, Jack Tormey, Ryan Walsh, Hannah Bailey, Sean Corbett, Niamh Gibson, Lauren Grattan, Kate Hayes, Ciara O'Connor, Michael Ohoka, Katie O'Neill, Margarita Baturova, Adam Cameron, Ella Clancy, Aoife Daniels, Emma Dunne, Blessing Duruanyawu, Laurie Johnson, Mark Kearns, Nathan Kelly, Ava Killalee Okeke, Andrei Paval, Killian Stratford, Paul Tynan, Calum Brady, Senan Byrne, Chris Haskins, Dylan McCue, Harry Reilly, Rohan Wardick, Vincent White, Ciara Coleman, Jodie Doherty, Grace Hennessy, Elizabeth Martin, Samuel Carroll, Max Daly, Aimee Doherty, Benjamin Fraser, Daniel Keating, Lucas Longhi, Andy Marshall, Mintaras Matijosaitis, Jessica McMahon, Seán McNeill, Lily Murray, Nathan O'Connor, Aoife Rutherford, Abdullah Saeed, Garrett Coey, Josh Donohoe, Yasmin Kaya, Colleen Russell, Tomas Sarapas, Nathan Scattergood, Conor Wardick, Christian Cahill, Kevin Dat Conway, Roisin Corbett, Claudia McKeon, Mathieu Sevestre, Genevieve Sload, Finn Turner, Cian Byrne, Scott Cadwell, Evan Cantwell, Eve Drysdale, Matthew Hayes, Laura Jenkins, Regina McDonnell, Liam Reynolds, Ruqaiya Saeed, Kim Dietrich, Rachel Doherty, Cain Fagan, Jake Fox, Luke Huynh Hurley, Lauren Kelly, Tracy Kimbondo, Luca Milne, Emma Moore, Sophia Wyer, Varsha Joseph, Samantha Brady, Daragh Casey, Hannah Dowling, Zara Kane, Adam McCabe, Max McGreevy, Emily Nannery, Daniel Ohoka, Radu Olaru, John Redmond, Sophie Scattergood, Lillian Brady, Aoife Cunningham, Luke Edwards, Harry Haskins, Emma McCamley, Leah O'Hannigan, Jordan Peppard, Harry Bailey, Cillian Byrne, Conor Daly, Chloe Faherty, James Hennessy, Luke Keegan, Zoe O'Callaghan, Royale Okoka, Jamie Reynolds, Jack Ryan, Colm Sevestre, Yasmin VanWegan, Ben Wyer.

**Happy
Easter**