



St. Paul's National School

Easter Newsletter 2014

Welcome to our Easter Newsletter! I hope you enjoy reading about all the events of this term. Don't forget our website for other interesting reports and photos. We also have all the school information, the Parents' zone and a noticeboard for community events on www.stpaulsratoath.ie. A huge thank you to the teachers and staff for their continued hard work in offering so many opportunities to our children. I would also like to thank the Parents' Association. For the past eight years each committee has worked tirelessly to have pedestrian crossings and road markings put outside the school. Finally this year with the help of Councillor Niamh McGowan, who put them in touch with the right people, they have succeeded! The markings should go down during the holidays so we look forward to seeing them! Enjoy the break! *Morag McGowan*

World Autism Day

The 2nd of April was World Autism Day and to celebrate one of our Parents kindly arranged tickets for Ms. Cowley and Ms. Price's classes to be brought to the Pirates Village in Swords. The Children had a great time and it was a very memorable occasion for all!



Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Ms O'Connor did a fantastic job organising our Seachtain Na Gaeilge which took place from 10th - 14th March. A variety of activities took place at the school with the páistí including bodhrán lessons from Ms Smyth and spoon playing by Ms Broderick. Each class had a 'Damhsa' and a 'Cluichí' session and the week was finished off with a Lá Glás on Friday where each class performed something in Irish at assembly.



Meath Championship Wins for Our Girls U/11 and U/13 Teams

St. Paul's had four teams, two girls and two boys participate in the Olympic Handball Meath Championships on the 27th March. All teams played brilliantly and the Girls were crowned Champions U/11 and U/13. They both progress to the Leinster Finals. The boys were unlucky with the U/13 boys coming 2nd! There is always next year! Thank you to all the teachers involved for all their hard work and encouragement throughout the year!!



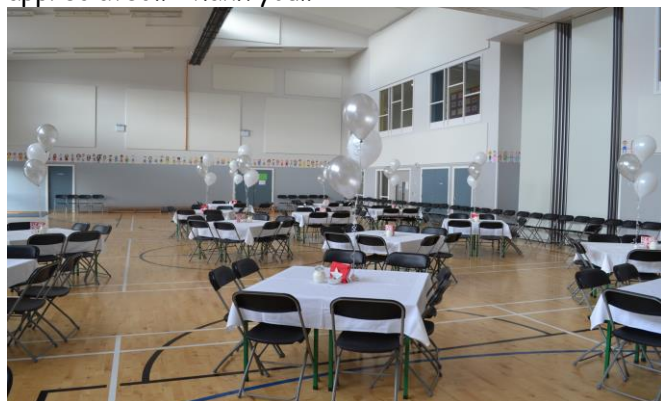
U/11 Girls Olympic Handball Meath Champions



U/13 Girls Olympic Handball Meath Champions

Thank you to Our Amazing Parents' Association!

We are very lucky to have an extremely active Parents' Association who work tirelessly for the benefit of our children and for the school. Our PA fund special one off events such as the travelling History Museum which was held in the school over three days in January and the trip to the Santa Village in Ratoath College. This small group of people organise and run many events for the school such as the Christmas Fair, the Communion Ceremony and more recently the Confirmation Ceremony. We thank them most sincerely for all their hard work and commitment to the school. However, these events are coming under increasing pressure as the PA Committee alone cannot continue to manage the numbers these events attract. They need your help! In particular, volunteers are needed to help with the school receptions after the Communion on the 17th May and the graduation in June. If you can offer some time to either event, please contact the office or email stpaulsratoathpa@gmail.com. It will be your child's turn soon! It would be very much appreciated!! Thank you!!



2014 Confirmation Reception



Our Green Schools Poster Winners

We continue to remember Ms. Hickey and keep her in our prayers. Our Confirmation children were delighted to see her when she surprised them with a visit to the party held in the school after the ceremony.

Easter Bunny Visits St. Paul's

Our Parents' Association arranged for a very special visitor to come to our school this week! Please check our website for more pics!



Ms Bates 2nd Class

Art Exhibition

In February we transformed our school hall into a colourful Art Exhibition. Our children produced some amazing pictures which were framed and displayed over two days for parents to see. We thank our Parents' Association who volunteered their time to serve tea and coffee at the event.



Thank you to Kilsaran who sponsored our School Garden! Watch this space for more developments!! If you would like to get involved with our garden please contact the office.



6th Class Bake Sale

Our 6th Classes arranged a bake sale on the 28th February to raise funds to help pay for their history tour. They received an incredible array of yummy cakes big and small which yielded an incredible €1428 euro which not only paid for their history tour but will also help towards the overnight tour in Tanagh later in June.



Spelling Bee

We were delighted to host the Co. Meath Spelling Bee competition in conjunction with Eason this year. Sophie Scattergood from Ms Daly's 6th Class displayed very impressive spelling along with 38 other spellers who took part on the day.



St. Paul's Spelling Bee Finalists

Cór Fhéile

Ms Prendiville's S.I. Class, Ms Broderick's 3rd Class, Ms Kinsella, Ms O'Sullivan and Ms Curtin's 5th classes along with the school choir performed beautifully at this annual event held in the Basketball Arena in Tallaght. Well done to the Teachers and Children!

Cross Country in Fairyhouse

The children recently took part in the Meath Cross Country Event in Fairyhouse on the 14th of March. We all had a wonderful day and some great results. Matthew Buckley in 6th Class won his race in the 1000m as well as Aoife Rutherford and Aimee Doherty placed 1st and 2nd in the 800m. The girls of 3rd and 4th came overall second on the day and 1st and 2nd Class girls were overall 3rd. We are delighted with all the success so far this term both within and outside the school. An Athletic term filled with success and enjoyment. Well done to all!



5th Class Trip to Balrath Woods and Hill of Tara



Coin Trail

In January the children completed a coin trail in aid of the Jack Kavanagh Trust and the Philippines typhoon and collected €1824.

Confirmation

We had a beautiful Confirmation ceremony a couple of weeks ago and our Second Class children made their First Confession. The children were well prepared and very well behaved. We are all looking forward to the First Holy Communion on the 17th of May.

Fun Run

Well done to Mrs Ward and Ms O'Toole who had all the 6th Class children (and some of the staff!) working on their fitness for the past few months. It culminated in a run around Fairyhouse (for children, staff and some parents) the other day. It was great fun and hopefully the children will keep up their exercise. Thank you to Fitzpatrick's coach hire who provided the bus for free and to the parents who gave lifts and support.

Community Games Art and Handwriting Competition Results

Congratulations to medal winner Shauna Cantwell who came 1st place in the Girls Art U/10 competition and to certificate winners Hannah Bailey, Meg Johnson, Ava Nolan, Ryan Coroner, Sean Kearins, Laurie Johnson and Andrei Paval.

Congratulations To Mrs Gogan who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy Liam in February.

Congratulations to all the children who missed no days this term

Ms. Talty's Class: Calum Boucher, Melissa Connolly, Daniel Foster, Josh Kiely, Alice Kinsella, Clodagh McHugh, Daragh Nolan, Éabha O'Brien, Harry Ryan, Brendan Twyford, Jenna Willoughby **Ms. Dennehy's Class:** Ewa Bialek, Ava Doran, Robyn Mulcahy, Rachel Murphy, Séan O'Sullivan, Abigail Paval, Lucy Reynolds, Alicja Szymaniak **Ms. Kelly's Class:** Finn Clarke, Sophie Cooke, Ava Duffy, Darragh Griffin-McEnroe, Sadie Prior, Gabriele Sutkeviciute **Ms. Prendiville's Class:** Gavin Daly, Katie Doherty, Robert Hayes, Lauren Mavimpi Kimbondo, Liam Larkin, Mary-Kate Prior, Emily Pullen, Evan Sload, **Ms. McMahan's Class:** Isabel Byrne, Laura Carolan, Joshua Gill, Mia Grattan, Caoimhe Kelleher, Tom McCormack, Lauren McKenna, Molly Murray, Eva Murray, Max O'Reilly, Vasilica Paval, Dylan Taylor **Ms. NiChinnéide's Class:** Harry Bogan, Max Brady, Saoirse Carrigan, Oran Corboy, Aoibhinn Gibson, Katie Grogan, Laura Kinsella, Aria Kinsella, Dylan Langan, Ross McNally, Éinín Murphy, Lucy O'Reilly, Ava Prendergast, Evan Sherry **Ms. Crosbie's Class:** Éabha Brown, Conor Daughton, Kyle Donohoe, Mia Foley, Saul Harris, Sofia Hearns, Charlie Jackson, Erin Leeson, Oisín Pelly, Rebecca Ryan, Conor Shirley, Bobby Smith, Analena Stobie, Ethan Styles, Seán Twyford **Ms. NíMhurchú's Class:** Aaron Bizzell, Ruby Daly, Megan Fitzmaurice, Sarah Forde Tazim Ibrahim, Jonathan Kaya, Darragh Lyons, Amy Murray, Cormac Tormey **Ms. O'Connor's Class:** Harry Carroll, Elsa Johnson, Molly Kearns, James Kelly, Grace Kelly, Jonathan McDonnell, Adam O'Connor, Cara O'Sullivan, Kate Raftery **Mr McCahey's Class:** Ella Byrne, Daragh Coatsworth, James Cullen, Katie Duffy, Morgan Foster, Sarah Fox, Lee Gallagher, Laura Kelly, Megan Langan, Jacob Mulcahy, Lily Nannery, Isabella Ruhan, Corína Wade **Ms. Smyth's Class:** Alex Kinsella, Noah Reilly **Ms. Bates Class:** Caitlin Carrigan, Lauren Dolan, Ryan Dunne, Chris Duruanyawu, Ben Fitzpatrick, Darragh Larkin, Sara Paval, Eoin Read, Laiqa Saeed **Mr Kelly's Class:** Andrew Brady, Ava Gorman, Dara Kavanagh, Mia McGreevy, Ella O'Reilly, Bronagh O'Sullivan, Seán Phelan, Lucas White **Ms. Broderick's Class:** Hannah Bailey, Rachel Hue Conway, Grace Lan Conway, Seán Corbett, Caoimhe Crowley, Gavin Doyle, Niamh Gibson, Kate Hayes, Ciara O'Connor, Katie O'Neill, Michael Ohoka **Ms. Murphy's Class:** Tomás Corbett, Josh Duffy, Wafiq Ibrahim, Meg Johnson, Alan Kearns, Adam Leeson, Fionn Nolan, Erin Smith, Jack Tormey **Ms. McCarthy's Class:** Erin Byrne, Ella Clancy, Katie Cotter, Aoife Daniels, Emma Dunne, Blessing Duruanyawu, Laurie Johnson, Mark Kearns, Nathan Kelly, Ava Killalee Okeke, Andrei Paval, Conor Tierney **Ms. McCann's Class:** Max Daly, Aimee Doherty, Lucas Longhi, Karen Mavimpi, Jessica McMahan, Aaron Prendergast, Adam Sherry **Ms. Burke's Class:** Senan Byrne, Alannah Cashman, Ciara Coleman, Ryan Foley, Matthew Godkin, Christopher Haskins, Grace Hennessy, Will Lanigan, Elizabeth Martin, Adam Murphy, Caithlin O'Connor, Samuel Paval, Harry Reilly, Rohan Wardick, Vincent White **Ms. Curtin's Class:** Josh Donohoe, Dylan Fox, Sam Pidgeon, Nathan Scattergood, Conor Wardick **Ms. O'Sullivan's Class:** Bogdan Baturov, Kevin Dat Conway, Róisín Corbett, Sarah Cullen, Claudia McKeon, Genevieve Sload, Chloe Whelan **Ms. Kinsella's Class:** Matthew Hayes, Laoise Murphy, Ruqaiya Saeed **Ms. Daly's Class:** Seán Delaney, Evan Eiffe, Max McGreevy, Daniel Ohoka, Radu Olaru **Mr Harte's Class:** Conor Phelan **Ms. Kieran's Class:** Rachel Doherty, Luke Huynh Hurley **Ms. Price's Class:** Alex Cahill

During the Easter holidays the road markings and the pedestrian crossing are due to go down outside the main entrance of the school. I have spoken with the children and reminded them of the safe cross code. With the excitement of the first day back and seeing the markings for the first time the children are likely to forget. If your child travels to school on their own please remind them that the pedestrian crossing does not give them right of way, they cannot run across the road, they need to use their safe cross code. Thank you.