

# Fourth Class News

## St. Paul's Election 2011

With the General Election looming, Ms. Crowe's 4<sup>th</sup> class decided that this was a perfect opportunity to organise our very own virtual election within St. Paul's. The class was divided into five parties with some very unusual names! We had the Jammie Dodgers, Super Sweets, Team Thunder, Team Tiger and W.H.E.R.E?



**Jammie Dodgers**



**Super Sweets**

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Team Thunder



Team Tiger

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### W.H.E.R.E?

Next on the agenda was to decide on the policies which each party intended to pursue. The children were asked to choose issues which they felt would be of concern to the children of St. Paul's. Some examples included a no uniform policy, treat Friday back, extra golden time activities, more yard time, taking turns on the big yard, no written homework, more school supplies for art and PE, making sure the children of St. Paul's stay healthy and fit and ensuring our environment is cared for.

With each party's policies in place there was nothing for it but to hit the campaign trail! Each candidate painted an election portrait and the children worked in groups to create posters on the computer to highlight their particular party.



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Just a sample of some of the great work which graced the corridors of Block B!!

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February the children did a presentation for the children from the other 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes. A lot of time and effort went into writing these speeches and each and every child had a part to play. The audience posed some tough questions and made some very valid points about issues which had been highlighted!



Speeches in progress

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Finally the "Big Day" arrived and the St. Paul's electorate finally got a chance to cast their vote. A polling station was set up in the corridor of Block B and the children took it in turns to man the stations, checking off children when they came to vote and stamping ballot papers.

When all the votes were cast the children proceeded to count and allocate points based on preference given. It was an exciting and tense time for all our hard-working "Paul-i-ticians!!!"

Our winning party was announced on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

***Congratulations to Team W.H.E.R.E?!!!***

Sean, Chloe, Cillian, Zoe O'C, Harry and Sam now have the pleasure of entering into negotiations with Ms. McGowan to see how some of their policies may be implemented in the future!



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