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2017 Dates for your Diary

Confirmation - Friday 12th May at 11am

First Holy Communion: 20th May



St. Paul's National School

Summer 2016 Newsletter

It isn't just me, even the children are saying it this year was the fastest year ever! It has been non-stop excitement and entertainment all year, rarely a quiet moment but it has been great. It would be very difficult to pick out a high point, there were so many from the new infants joining us at the end of August to the sixth class graduation at the end of June - we have had a brilliant year. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards it. To the teachers and staff; Shane and Yvonne; to you our parents and particularly to the Parents' Association and their many volunteers; to our children...a huge thank you! If anyone would like to become more involved in the school please contact the PA - they are always looking for support and any help is welcome! I hope you have a lovely Summer. Best of luck too our sixth class boys and girls - they'll be missed! We look forward to seeing everyone else here on the 31st of August. *Ms. McGowan*

Variety Show

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes thoroughly entertained us all with their end of year variety show. All of the classes worked extremely hard, with their teachers, to ensure it was a show to remember. And it did just that, from our swimmers in 3rd, Goldilocks and her antics in 4th, the 5th class Triumph and Mary Poppins perfection in 6th along with our school choir it was a memorable school occasion for everybody. A huge thank you to everybody behind the scene who also worked to make it happen! Lots of pics for you to enjoy on page 2.

Classes of 2016 Graduate

We are all extremely sad to see this year's children graduate. They have matured over the last 8 years into fine young men and women who are ready to take the next step and move on to secondary school. We hope that their time spent with us has prepared them for this transition and wish them the very best of luck in the future. We celebrated their graduation in the school with family members this week. Thank you to our PA who provided tea and coffee after an emotional event! A special thank you to Mr Harte for the tremendous amount of work he put into the video presentation on the night!



Classes of 2016 Graduate



Variety Show 2016



Ms NíChinnéide's Class



Ms Broderick's Class



Ms Curtin's Class

Communion 2016

We were blessed with a glorious day for our Communion children to celebrate their special day. Thank you to Fr Gerry and to Fr Brendan who celebrated the masses and to Ms Hession and Ms Gogan for leading our fabulous choir throughout the morning. Our Parents' Association put in trojan work back at the school in hosting the parties afterwards for the children and their families.



Ms Prendiville's Class and some of the children in Ms Egan's Class enjoying the Newbridge Farm tour!



School Tours

We were very lucky with the weather for all our school tours. Junior Infants and Room 26 went to Newbridge Farm, Senior Infants and Room 25 went to the Zoo, 1st Classes to

Causey Farm, 2nd to Pine Forest, 3rd Classes to Funtastia Water Park,, 4th to W5 in Belfast, 5th to Crystal Maze in Cavan and our 6th Classes enjoyed their over night stay in Carlingford. Children from Room 25 and 26 (pictured below) also enjoyed a day out in Tayto Park compliments of Mr Ray Coyle!



Green School News

This year saw a new committee elected as we began work on our travel theme. We have had an extremely busy, fun and productive year. Karen our travel officer from Green Schools provided us with lots of valuable assistance. Children have participated in bike rodeo, bike maintenance and scooter skills workshops. The Senior Infants went on some lovely nature walks in May. Fit Feet Fridays are proving very successful and it is great to see so many pupils and parents choosing to travel green during the school run. We will be continuing this campaign next year and will be on a mission to discover our fittest and greenest class as we launch our Golden Boot campaign. We look forward to lots more fun initiatives and thank you for your continued support.



Coiste Gaelbhreach

Bhí bratach nua ag taisteál uainn i Scoil Naomh Phóil - An Gaelbhreach. Mar sin, bhuaileamar le chéile agus rinneamar Coiste Gaelbhreach nua. Seasann an Coiste Gaeilge ag na doirse gach lá ag comhrá le na paistí agus ag spreagúil iad chun Gaeilge a labhairt. Labhraíonn an Coiste ar an t-idirchum gach seachtaine. Bíonn siad ag caint faoin aimsir, nuacht agus leiríonn siad frása na seachtaine freisin. Chuireamar filteán Gaeilge le chéile agus bhí sé lán le obair a rinne na paistí ar scoil i rith na bliana. Tháinig Cigire Gaeilge (Andrea) go dtí an scoil agus d'fhéach sí ar an obair a rinneamar agus ar an bhfilteán freisin. Chonaic sí go raibh foclóir na páistí ag fás agus bhí siad ag úsáid a chuid Gaeilge níos mó agus níos mó. Bhí sí lán-sásta linn. Chuaigh Niamh, Elsa, Holly, Harry agus Andrea go dtí Baile Átha Cliath. Ansin bhí tionól speisialta againn agus bhronn Andrea an Bhratach Gaeilge dúinn. Go raibh maith agat do na múinteoirí- Ms O'Connor, Mr Mc Cahey agus Ms Ní Mhurchú. *Le Jodie Doherty*

Congratulations to Senan Byrne and Aimee Doherty who missed no days throughout their 8 years in St. Paul's. This is a huge achievement and is to be commended. Each child was presented with a gift to mark the achievement. Well done to both!



Garda Aisling gave a talk to our older children on cyber bullying and asked the children if they would like to enter an art competition on the topic. Rachel Hue Conway and Hannah Bailey's poster received 1st prize and girls received a goodie pack and a medal for their efforts



Pentel International Children's Art Exhibition Winners

Sam Carroll, Lauren Hu, Aimee Doherty, Ariana Shortt Doyle, Katie Cotter, Matthew Grall, Ella Clancy, Blessing Duranyawu, Ciara Gill, Rebecca Comiskey, Daisy Kehoe, Michael Murray, Éinín Murphy, Harry Bogan, Ella O'Reilly, Charlotte Hue Hurley, Naoise Tyrrell, Dara Kavanagh, Jacques Mooney, Eline Lund, Abi Colgan, Seán Mulvaney, Rylee O'Keefe, Jacob Brady, Ella Corboy, Mihai Alexandru-Nita, Finn Mooney, Ciara Coleman, Katie O'Neill, Zoe Preece, Thomas Dunne, Grace Lan Conway, Amelie Palmer, Darragh Larkin, Jack Finnegan, Reece Doherty, Harry Dunne, Mila Downey, Aiden Doyle, Kian Wall, Katie Doherty, Emily Pullen, Tarah Coyne, Christopher Cannon, Aaron Martin, Ava Doran, Nicole Byrne, Mya Quinn, Evan Tyrrell, Abi McLoughlin, Clodagh McHugh, Orla Duranyawu, Harry Carroll, Alexandra Cassidy, Elsa Jane Johnson, Jacob Mulcahy, Ava Fay, Isabella Ruhan, Laura Kelly, Ella Byrne, Rebecca Ryan & Ella Clarke.

Other News

- Members of the Fire Brigade visited 3rd and 4th classes in May to speak about safety in the home.
- Dr Molony spoke with parents and 6th Class children about growing up
- Swimming for Junior, Senior infants, First, Third and Rooms 25 & 26 for 6 weeks
- Thank you very much to Ratoath GAA Coach Niamh Corrigan who came to our school over an 8 week period to coach children from Junior Infants up to 2nd Classes
- Our Cash for Clobber collection resulted in a donation of 180 bags which earned the school €990
- The Department of Education sponsored an additional two days of Food Dudes where Melon & Sugar Snap peas; Apples & Carrots were provided to the children for tasting
- Focus Ireland were delighted to receive €355 euro courtesy of our Confirmation Children.
- The Fun Friends programme was delivered, over a 10 week programme, to our 1st classes and to Ms NíChinnéide's 2nd Class.
- M&M productions visited the school in April and treated children from 1st up to 6th to a production of 'The Railway Children'. Thank you to our Parents' Association who paid for this treat!

Baking in Ratoath College

On the 6th of April 2016 a number of children from the 5th and 6th classes went down to Ratoath Collage to bake cakes, cupcakes and other treats! Each child got a helper from TY (Transition Year) to help them. Everyone made lots of delicious treats and more nice stuff! After we finished baking we all put them out on a pink table cloth!! The teachers gave us spoons and cards to help us remember our special visit. Dean, Paul and Kirstie, Room 21



Furry Friends

Ms McGowan arranged to have chicken eggs delivered to the school. The eggs had to be kept under heat for a few days until they gradually started to hatch. Each class got to visit the chicks and say a little hello. As the chicks grew, the meeting room just wasn't big enough for them anymore!! Therefore, Ms. McGowan has kindly brought them home.



Garden Committee

This year we set up a garden committee from 3rd to 6th class. We developed a plan for each class to plant various things in the classroom. In May and June we then transferred these plants into the raised beds. We planted sunflowers, raspberry canes, herbs and potatoes. In June Peter from Meath County Council came to our school as part of the Pride of Place initiative. We received the level 3 Pride of Place certificate. He gave us a lot of advice on how to develop our garden for next year. He also showed us a device called a bat detector, and highlighted how important bees are in our environment.



Sponsored Walk/Run

On Friday 29th of April despite the forecast we managed to complete our sponsored walks and runs in Fairyhouse in fairly dry conditions. Children from Junior infants up to 4th class completed their walks on various different routes. 5th and 6th Classes went up to Fairyhouse Racecourse to do a run. Each child was given a bottle of water and an apple on completion. Thank you to our PA for the water and to Paul Hussey for his generous apple donation. We raised €3,934.34 and thanks to everybody who supported us!



Summer Sports Report

Once again we have a very busy and very successful sporting term in St. Paul's. This report will give you just a flavour of the range of sporting activity in which our boys and girls participate. Well done to all concerned and to all the teachers who give up their time to train the teams.

Olympic Handballers Hit the Headlines

All four of our teams participated in the semi-final stages of the Meath Olympic handball championships. While our U-11 girls' and boys' teams were narrowly defeated in their respective semi-finals, both teams bounced back to claim victory in their play-off match for third place. After a great semi-final victory over Skryne, the U-13 girls' team was defeated by a very strong Yellow Furze team in the county final. However, it is fitting that we leave the last word for our U-13 boys' team. After topping their group in the qualifying stages, they qualified for the final. Pitted against a strong Skryne team, the boys played with great determination and no little skill. After racing into a 4-0 half time lead, they had to withstand some Skryne pressure in the second half, but ran out comfortable winners on a final score line of 4-1.



St. Paul's Power to Leinster Glory

Played in Blanchardstown IT, the boys' and girls' U-13 teams represented Meath in the Leinster finals. Our girls were first into action. Playing with great determination and no little skill, they defeated the Dublin champions St Attracta's, Ballinteer by three goals to one. The final was a repeat of the Meath county final as the girls faced their local rivals Yellow Furze. The game was a very close affair, with our girls matching their talented opponents. While the girls were narrowly defeated, they can hold their heads high. The boys also faced Dublin opposition in the form of Rushe in the Leinster semi-final. The boys rushed into an early 3-0 lead, one which they held all the way to the end. In the final, they were pitted against Dublin champions St Peter's of Phibsborough. This was a thrilling contest. After racing into a 2-0 lead, our boys had to face a flurry of attacks from the opposition which yielded two goals. However, our boys responded brilliantly, scoring four goals in quick succession to claim a brilliant and well deserved victory on a score line of 6-4. It was a proud moment as the



boys were presented with their winning medals and our brilliant captain Finn Mooney accepted the Leinster trophy on behalf of St. Paul's.

Boys and Girls Basketball

It has been a great year for basketball in St. Paul's! We had our very first boys' basketball team and it is the second year for the girls' team. We entered into the Meath Mini-Basketball League and were up against some very talented schools. However, with hard work in training, determination and teamwork both teams made it to the final. On Tuesday 21st June, parents and staff came to watch as both the boys and the girls beat Coole N.S. in the final. Furthermore, there has been an ongoing school basketball tournament amongst 5th and 6th class boys and girls. Lots of fun was had by all!



Boys Footballers Blitz all before them to claim County Glory



Having won their regional qualifying group, our boys seven-a-side team qualified for the county finals day, played in Dunganny Centre of Excellence. In the group stages, the boys had good wins against Scoil Eanna, Navan and Baconstown N.S. They were then pitted against St. Oliver Plunkett N.S., Navan in the semi-final. Having played St. Oliver's in a number of well contested games earlier in the year, the boys knew they would be in for a battle. The boys started brilliantly, and by half time had amassed a comfortable lead which they held up to the final whistle. In the final, they met the infamous St. Mary's Ashbourne. The first half was extremely close with St. Mary's holding a slender lead at the half time whistle. However backed by the wind and playing some free flowing football, our boys stormed into the match in the second half and eventually won comfortably. This was a historic occasion of St. Paul's as it marked our first Cumann na mBunscol final win. While the victory was very much a team effort, we are very proud of our captain Tomás Corbett who will represent Meath in the half-time mini game during the upcoming All-Ireland football semi-final in Croke Park. Another of our players Seán Kearins was also selected to play at half-time in the recent Meath-Louth Leinster championship game.

Heroic Hurlers Finish Second in Meath Seven-a-Side Competition

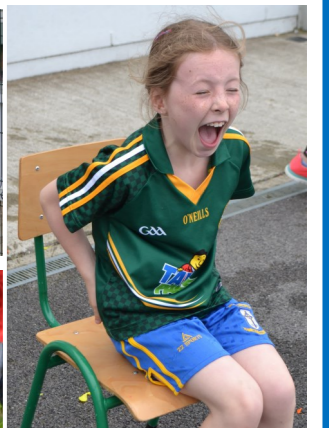
Not to be outdone by the boys' footballers, our boys' seven-a-side hurling team also qualified for the county finals day. Played on a round robin basis, our boys performed excellently, defeating Kilmessan and Dunderry in their first two games. These victories meant their final game against Kildalkey would decide who would win the competition outright. This was a titanic struggle between two strong and skilful teams. Our boys were unlucky to lose narrowly to a well drilled Kildalkey team. However, our boys should be very proud of their achievement of finishing second in Meath. Well done boys.



Our hurling and camogie teams also competed in the Cumann na mBunscol leagues. Both teams were highly competitive but were unfortunate not to qualify for the knock out stages. It is fantastic that St. Paul's is represented in all GAA team competitions and we commend the hurlers and camogie players, and their coaches, for the great strides they have made in recent years.

Cross Country in Fairyhouse

The Meath primary schools cross country took place in Fairyhouse Race course. There were twelve races in total for children from 1st up to 6th classes. There were medals for the first 3 across the line and team medals for the first 3 schools.



Active Week brought our year to a close with a bang. There were organised events over the three days. Athletics, wet day and Orienteering for the whole school with yoga for junior and senior Infants. Thank you to Ms Ward and Ms McCarthy for organising the activities. The children had a great time!