



Meet our Garden Committee

Field Trips

3rd, 4th and 5th Classes went on field trips this term. The weather wasn't good for the 4th class trip to the Hill of Tara but that didn't dampen the spirits of the children. The 5th Classes had a beautiful sunny day for their trip to Balrath Woods and our 3rd Class children enjoyed the excursion to Fairyhouse Racecourse.

In addition to all the learning, in house and out of school activities we also celebrated **World Down Syndrome Day** on the 20th March by supporting their 'lots of socks' campaign by wearing brightly coloured odd socks to create awareness. The meaning behind wearing odd socks is that We are all different, we are all human, We are all the same! We also celebrated **World Happiness Day!** Below—Ameera Saeed, Andrew Maguire and Chloe Whelan handing out badges to remind us to SMILE!



During Seachtain Na Gaeilge the school began working on our Irish Flag. The 'Gaelbhhratach' has begun. We are putting huge effort into using more Gaeilge ar scoil. We hope to encourage all paistí, múinteoirí and indeed you, the tuismitheoirí to get on board and use your Gaeilge!

Open Day for new incoming Junior Infants

We will be inviting parents and our new incoming Junior Infants into the school for an introductory meeting on the 25th & 26th May. We will write out to parents shortly to advise which day to come in. Our uniform people will be here for fittings and uniform orders are also taken over these two days.



Our Green School's Poster Winners



Congratulations to all the children who missed no days this term

Ms Egan's Class: Siobhéal Hartford, Isobel Daly, Grace O'Gorman, Ross Peppard, Rachel McKenna, Lucy McCormack, Ehren Harris & Tadhg Keenan. **Ms Prendville's Class:** Olivia Ryan, Jamie Winston, Sorsha Lumley & Mark Daughton. **Ms Kelly's Class:** Aoife Kinsella, Lily Flood, Sam Brady & Kean Moran. **Ms Cowley's Class:** Brendan Twyford, Nathan Roycroft, Abi McLoughlin, Alice Kinsella & Rachael Hyland. **Ms Kieran's Class:** Ruairí Pelly, Louise Byrne, Eva Carroll, Brógan Ryan, Amber Lane & Seán Somers. **Aoife NiChinnéide's Class:** Seán O'Sullivan, Robyn Mulcahy, Alannah Ducie, Alicja Szymaniak, Zuzanna Weglowska, Daniel Smyth, Ava Doran, James Goggin & Marie Phelan. **Ms Crosbie's Class:** Robert Hayes, Mary-Kate Prior, Lauren Mavimpi Kimbono, Katie Doherty, Dylan Wright, Gavin Daly, Evan Sload & Emily Pullen. **Ms Ruane's Class:** Aiden Clarke, Adam Ducie, Max O'Reilly, Molly Murray, Tom McCormack, Aoife O'Beara, Joshua Gill, Lauren McKenna, Isabel Byrne, Caoimhe Kelleher, Seán Coleman & Dennis Orlau. **Ms McMahon's Class:** Oran Corboy, Saoirse Carrigan, Laura Kinsella, Evan Sherry, Ross McNally, Sophia Collins, Ava Prendergast, Aria Kinsella, Éinin Murphy, Aoibhínn Gibson & Lucy O'Reilly. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Rebecca Ryan, Saul Harris, Mia Foley, Lorna Fisher, Conor Daughton, Analena Stobie, Éabha Brown, Emilliana Baczkowski, Erin Leeson & Seán Twyford. **Ms Broderick's Class:** James O'Kane, Cormac Tormey, Tazim Ibrahim, Amy Murray, Ruby Daly, Reece Doherty & Eve Winston. **Ms Bates' Class:** Daragh Grennan, James Kelly, Grace Kelly, Amy Murray, Ella Goggin & Molly Kearns. **Mr McCahey's Class:** Darragh Larkin, Lauren Dolan, Tyler Arkesteijn, Danielle Connolly, Joshua Lyons, Ben Fitzpatrick, Chris Duruanyawu, Isabelle Brady, Caitlin Carrigan, Kahlan Hlyand, Hannah Murphy, Eoin Read & Daelan Rodden. **Ms NiMhurchú's Class:** Corina Wade, Sarah Berns, Lily Nannery, Jacob Mulcahy, James Cullen, Laura Kelly, Lee Gallagher & Hugh Kehoe. **Ms Murphy's Class:** Bobby Mulcahy, Eoghan Keary, Aoibhe Caffrey, Kiran Joseph, Daniel Boucher, Amy Kinsella, Alex Kinsella, Taigh Walsh, Eline Lund & Noah Reilly. **Ms O'Sullivan's Class:** Andrew Brady, Aoife Hyland, Seán Phelan, Ella O'Reilly & Ava Gorman. **Ms Burke's Class:** Kate Hayes, Niamh Gibson, Dean Arkesteijn, Rachel Hue Conway, Grace Lan Conway & Zoe Preece. **Ms Dennehy's Class:** Wafiq Ibrahim, Kevin Sommerfield Walsh, David Stobie, Jack Tormey, Adam Leeson, Conor Harte, Erin Smith, Ryan Walsh & Alan Kearns. **Ms Curtin's Class:** Cian Crosby, Harry Reilly, Elizabeth Martin, Caithlin O'Connor, Senan Byrne, Christopher Haskins, Alannah Cashman, Ryan Foley & Ciara Coleman. **Ms Talty's Class:** Aaron Prendergast, Aimee Doherty, Max Daly, Lucas Longhi & Nathan O'Connor. **Mr Burns Class:** Seán Kearns, Mark Kearns, Ava Killalee, Alex Fisher, Aoife Daniels, Emma Dunne, Laurie Johnson, Nathan Kelly & Blessing Duruanyawu. **Ms Smyth's Class:** Laoise Murphy, Ruqaiya Saeed, Emily Keeley & Matthew Hayes. **Mr Harte's Class:** Christian Cahill, Shaun Donnelly, Karlin David, Finn Turner & Mathieu Sevestre. **Ms McCarthy's Class:** Cian Temple, Conor Wardick, Adam Jackson & Georgina O'Driscoll. **Ms Price's Class:** Alex Cahill



St. Paul's National School

Easter Newsletter 2015

This term, like every term, has been extremely busy and very exciting! Congratulations to everyone involved in the various activities; some we have been doing for years and some, like our student council and the table quiz we are starting to develop! Thank you to the teachers who train and mentor the students. Thank you also to you, the parents, for your ongoing support. We continue to update our website on a regular basis and I encourage you to visit this site. The staff of St. Paul's and I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you all on the 13th of April!

Morag McGowan

Easter Bunny visits St. Paul's



We had our first ever student council elected recently with lots of canvassing which led to a student vote and a committee formed. All of the children excelled themselves and did a fantastic job putting their ideas together and presenting them to their peers.

Our Amazing Parents' Association

We are very lucky to have an amazing Parents' Association who, without their wonderful contribution, we would not have our now renowned Confirmation and Communion parties. The PA are seeking volunteers to help with this years Confirmation and Communion parties either with the preparation in setting up the hall or on the day itself. So if you have a few hours to spare either on the 23rd/24th April or the 8th/9th May then please contact the office.

Confirmation 24th April	11.00am
Communion 9th May times	Mr Duffy 10am
	Ms Bates: 11.30am
	Ms Broderick 1pm

Sports Report



It has been another action packed sporting term in St. Paul's! Our Olympic handball mini leagues have once again proved to be very successful with all the children of 4th, 5th and 6th classes participating. Currently, the U-13 and U-11 handball teams are training hard each lunch time for their upcoming tournament which will take place in Gormanstown College



after the Easter holidays. Not to be outdone, our boys and girls soccer teams recently took part in the FAI five-a-side tournament in Navan. Both teams represented the school with great distinction and all teams came close to qualifying for the knock out stages. The girls were particularly unlucky not to qualify for the knock out stages, losing out on goal difference.



In terms of GAA, the school have had a very busy term. The ever popular mini sevens competitions have just recently finished. We competed very well in the boys and girls football competitions, while the hurlers were very unlucky to lose out to Dunboyne in the hurling decider. For the very first time, we have entered a camogie team in the schools' competition and the girls will take to the field in the red and navy of St. Paul's after the Easter break. Best of luck girls! With the ground hardening, the hurling league will also spring into action in



the coming weeks. The boys will hope to build on their great performance last year, when they reached the county final. Finally, the boys and girls of 4th and 5th class are currently training after school each Monday in Ratoath GAA pitch. These are busy times indeed in St. Paul's! Finally, we would like to thank all the teachers that are coaching the various sports in St. Paul's and indeed the children who are a pleasure to work with.



A huge congratulations to all of our Athletes who represented St. Paul's in the Meath Primary Schools annual Cross Country Championships, held recently in Fairyhouse Racecourse. Each athlete ran exceptionally well and the increased fitness level of all our pupils was very evident on the day. St Paul's had five winners out of twelve races and everyone noticed a marked improvement from last year's results. All of the extra-curricular activities taking place in school, plus our marathon challenge, are really shaping our stars of the future!



Our Active Committee

Cór Fhéile

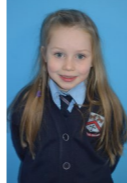
Mr Duffy's 2nd Class, all of our 4th Classes and all our 5th Classes and the School choir led by Ms Daly, Mr McCahey and Ms Gogan participated in the Cór Fhéile event in the Basketball Arena in Tallaght on the 6th March. The Children sang beautifully and were a credit to their parents and to the school.



Congratulations to Adam Murphy who represented the school so well at the recent Spelling Bee for Meath competition.



Congratulations to Abi McLoughlin the winner of the prestigious Foreign Minister's Award in the 45th Pentel International Children's Art Exhibition for her picture "Autumn is here".



St. Paul's Teams did very well at table quiz

For the 1st time St. Paul's participated in a quiz organised by the Ashbourne Credit Union. We submitted two teams. Our Junior team—Michael Ohoka, Seán Corbett, Tomás Corbett & Chris Haskins and our Senior team Adam Murphy, Ella Clancy, Evan Cantwell and Eve Drysdale. The Junior team came fourth and our Senior team came 1st. The senior team were successful in the next stage of the competition which brought them to the Pillo hotel in Ashbourne and they won this stage with an impressive score. As a result they have qualified for the national finals which will be held in the RDS on the 12th April. We wish them the best of luck in the final!

Community Games 2015 Art, Model making & Handwriting

Some of our children took part in the Community Games 2015 Art, Model Making & Handwriting competitions. Many of these children were successful. Congratulations to the following: **Art Girls U/8**—Zuzanne Weglowska (Certificate), **Art Boys U/8** Cameron Jordan (Certificate), **Art Girls U/10**—Aoibhe Caffrey (1st Lucy O'Reilly (Certificate), Ava Cooley (Highly Commended Certificate) **Art Girls U/12**—Shauna Cantwell (3rd Place) **Model Making Girls U/10**—Amelie Palmer (Certificate) **Handwriting Boys U/10**—Charlie McCue (1st) Harry Carroll (3rd) Gerard Leavy (4th Place) **Handwriting Girls U/10**—Danielle Connolly (1st), Elsa Jane Johnson (2nd), Caitlin Corrigan (3rd) Ella Goggin (4th) **Handwriting Girls U/12**—Shauna Cantwell (1st), Grace Dan Conway (2nd), Rachel Hue Conway (3rd)



Art Winners



Handwriting Winners



Thank you to our PA who funded a visit from Tayto Parks Wildlife on Wheels over a two day period where children from 1st class up were given a talk and then given an opportunity to interact with some of the animals.



Noah's Ark—artwork created by Room 26



Coiste na Gaeilge



For the second year in a row our 6th Class children hosted a bake sale to help fund a field trip, this time to Leinster House. The bake sale raised €1200 and the children are grateful to everyone who contributed, cakes, buns & biscuits and to their teachers who helped them on the day.