

Community Games 2016 Art, Model Making & Handwriting

Congratulations to the following children who entered this years Community Games Art, Model and Handwriting competitions. Congratulations to the winners. **Art Girls U/12:** Hannah Bailey (1st) Ava Cooley (3rd) & Shauna Cantwell (4th) **Art Boys U/12:** Conor Yardley (4th) **Handwriting Girls U/12** Shauna Cantwell (1st) Kate Hayes (2nd) Hannah Bailey (3rd) Danielle Connolly (4th) **Handwriting Boys U/12** Leo Bergin (1st), Conor Yardley (2nd) Danielius Simonavicius (4th)



Congratulations to the following children who have missed no days this term

Ms Egan's Class: Nicole Doherty, Michael Murray, Sophia Sherry, Daniel Connolly, Ciara Gill, Oscar Hennessy, Pierce Ryan, Leon Dempsey, Tommy Lynch, Daisy Kehoe & Karl Leydon **Ms Prendiville's Class:** Doireann O'Sullivan, Sarah Murphy, Amy Leeson, Seán Moloney, Emily Malone, Finn McCabe & Lauren Doran. **Ms Mullen's Class:** Bébhinn Ryan, Amelia Couch, Grace Smyth, Elyza Wong, Jacob Brady, Séan Ward, Ava Smith, Max Stone & Cian Brown. **Ms Cowley's Class:** Ryan Tinnelly, Isobel Daly, Kate Fitzpatrick, Jamie Fitzgerald, Grace O'Gorman, Emily Meehan, Andrew Doyle, Robyn Reilly, Tadhg Keenan & Ehren Harris **Ms Begley's Class:** Mark Daughton, Olivia Ryan, Kian Bruton, Amber Lyons, Oisín O'Riordain, Lauren Murray, Alfie Hussey, Ava O'Reilly, Katie O'Gorman, Harry Kearins & Evie Wardick. **Ms Crosbie's Class:** Katie Lundy, Ben Hayes, Sebastian Palmer, Lily Flood, Aoibheann McNamara & Lauren Gallagher **Ms Ruane's Class:** Harry Hesse Mason, Rachel Murphy, Erin Fay, Lucy Reynolds, Niamh Flynn, Tiernan Fahey Clancy, Daniel Smyth & Marie Phelan **Ms Brennan's Class:** Ava Hennessy, Isabelle Twyford, Louise Byrne, Rhys Bracken, Eva Carroll, Sadie Prior, Brógan Ryan, Ruairí Pelly, Finn Clarke, Darragh Griffin-McEnroe, Harvey Cahill & Amber Lane **Ms McMahon's Class:** Rachael Hyland, Aaron Keating, Orla Duruanyawu, Alice Kinsella, Deividas Matijosaitis, Josh Kiely, Grace Gallagher, Karoline Meagher & Jenna Willoughby **Ms NíChinnéide's Class:** Ava Prendergast, Saoirse Carrigan, Ruby Coatsworth, Evan Sherry, Caroline Leavy, Oran Corboy, Harry Bogan, Katie Grogan, Éinin Murphy, Darragh Doody, Lucy O'Reilly, Callum Willoughby & Aria Kinsella **Ms Broderick's Class:** Aiden Clarke, Pearse Conway, Eva Murray, Katie Keenan, Joshua Gill, Lauren McKenna, Aaron Martin, Molly Murray, Max O'Reilly, Seán Coleman & Mia Grattan. **Ms Curtin's Class:** Lara O'Sulleabhain, Mary-Kate Prior, Katie Doherty, Dylan Wright, Cillian Malone, Megan Murray, Emily Pullen, Gavin Daly, Isabella Khreiss, Aidan Doyle, Robert Hayes & Niamh Colgan. **Mr McCahey's Class:** Charlie Hodgins, Jack Finnegan, Jonathan Kaya, Mila Downey, Cormac Tormey, Megan Fitzmaurice, Jessica Cronin, Amy Murray, Ruby Daly, Tazim Ibrahim, Sarah Forde, Zara Lynch, James O'Kane, Ceilim Ryan & Eve Winston. **Ms Price's Class:** Conor Daughton, Saul Harris, Charlie Jackson, Shauna Killion, Erin Leeson, Oisín Pelly, Lorna Fisher, Ella Clarke, Mia Foley, Rebecca Ryan, Éabha Brown, Sam Cronolly, Abby Lynch, Analena Stobie & Bobby Smith. **Ms Kennedy's Class:** Geena Keogh, Cara O'Sullivan, Grace Kelly, Charlie McCue, Amy Murray, Elsa Johnson, Kate Raftery & James Kelly. **Mr Harte's Class:** Liam Fraser, Katie Smyth, Adam Brady, Aisling Stratford, Finn Carey O'Neill, Aoibhe Caffrey, Alex Kinsella, Taigh Walsh, Noah Reilly, Isabella Turner & Sophie Cameron. **Ms Bates' Class:** Lily Nannery, Ella Byrne, Megan Langan, Luke Colgan, Jacob Mulcahy, Corina Wade, Saoirse Lynch, Ben Simon, Hugh Kehoe & Lee Gallagher. **Ms Dennehy's Class:** Jack Clarke, Emily O'Callaghan, Chris Duruanyawu, Tyler Arkesteijn, Darragh Larkin & Eoin Read. **Ms Burke's Class:** Mia McGreevy, Katie Murphy, Andrew Brady, Sonny Byrne, Liam Corbett, Aoife Hyland, Nicholas O'Rourke, Seán Phelan, Ella O'Reilly, Hannah Cronolly, Bronagh O'Sullivan & Lucas White. **Ms Moore's Class:** Valentina Antonescu, Adam Leeson, David Stobie, Meg Johnson, Tomás Corbett, Erin Smith, Leyla Kaya & Alan Kearns. **Mr Burns' Class:** Caoimhe Crowley, Rachel Hue Conway, Gavin Doyle, Seán Corbett, Kate Hayes, Niamh Gibson, Grace Lan Conway, Michael Ohoka, Hannah Bailey & Dean Arkesteijn. **Ms Smyth's Class:** Adam Cameron, Ryan Coroner, Laurie Johnson, Erin Byrne, Josh Doherty, Blessing Duruanyawu, Nathan Kelly, Caoimhe Connolly, Killian Stratford & Emma Dunne. **Ms O'Sullivan's Class:** Matthew Godkin, Grace Hennessy, Elizabeth Martin, Vincent White, Jodie Doherty, Harry Reilly, Finn Mooney, Callum Brady, Alex Hesse Mason & Senan Byrne. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Aaron Prendergast, Lily Murray, Adam Sherry, Benjamin Fraser, Aimee Doherty, Cian Caffrey, Karen Mavimpi, Andy Marshall & Jessica McMahon. **Ms Talty's Class:** Noah Williams, Sophia Read & Killian Murphy. **Ms O'Connor's Class:** Conor Dickenson & Lee Cadwell



St. Paul's National School

Easter Newsletter 2016

This term has been extremely busy and very exciting right up to the very end. Yesterday we all enjoyed a wonderful celebration to mark the anniversary of the 1916 rising. Thank you to Ms. O'Toole for all her hard work in bringing it all together. Congratulations to everyone involved in this event and in all the many activities; the teachers who train and mentor the students and the students for their whole-hearted participation. Thank you also to you, the parents, for your ongoing support. A huge thank you to Joyce Conlan for pushing for the crossing at the pedestrian gate. It coincided perfectly with our Travel Flag and we encourage everyone to go out, get fit and walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible. The staff of St. Paul's and I would like to wish you a very happy Easter. We will see you on the 4th of April! *Morag McGowan*



The Easter bunny brought chocolate and the good weather on his visit to the school this week! He and his helpers visited all the classes and hid enough eggs in the school grounds for all the children to find. The Easter bunny doesn't visit every school so we would like to thank him and his helpers for taking the time out to give all our children such a treat!



Art Exhibition

We hosted an art exhibition of the children's work over two days in February where parents were invited to view, with an opportunity to purchase, their child's picture framed. It is always very exciting for the children to see their own creations on show and for the parents to capture some cherished memories. Thank you to the many parents who supported the exhibition and to our Parents' Association for providing tea and coffee at the evening event.



Food Dudes

We continue to promote healthy eating in the school and continue to award children with certificates for eating fruit and vegetables. We had an additional food dudes day in January, sponsored by the Department of Education, and Skills where blueberries and courgettes were delivered for each child in the school to sample.

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 3rd March. Children were given a book token to the value of €1.50 to go towards the purchase of a book in supporting book shops!

First Confession

Our 2nd Class children received their first confession on the 10th March. They look forward to their special day on Saturday May 14th.

Junior Infant Open Days

We will be holding our new Junior Infant induction days on the 8th and the 9th of June. Our uniform people will also be here for your convenience for fittings and uniform orders.

Cash for Clobber

Thank you for supporting our recent cash for clobber event which raised €720 for the school.

Dates for your Diary

School will close on Tuesday 26th April at 1.40pm for all children to facilitate a staff meeting.

Children return after the Summer Holidays on Wednesday 31st August.

Internet Safety

On February 9th we recognised Internet Safety Day. The internet can be a very scary place and our children need to be reminded of its dangers and how to protect themselves when on it. The virtual world can bring our children into places and situations that we would never allow them enter in the real world. Therefore, it needs to be tightly controlled and monitored.



Fit Feet Fridays

In conjunction with our preparations for our 4th Green flag, our Green Schools Committee launched an initiative 'Fit Feet Fridays' on the 5th February to encourage children to travel to school, if possible, in a sustainable, green way. This initiative runs each Friday and lots of children (and their parents!) have got involved and have walked, cycled, scooted, car pooled and/or park 'n' stride their way to school. The Green-Schools Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the programme.

Congratulations to our junior and senior teams who participated in the 2016 Credit Union Primary School quiz in St. Declan's in Ashbourne earlier this year. Both teams did very well to come 2nd in their category. The Junior Team included Áine McCourt, Dara Kavanagh, Shauna Cantwell and Helen Jenkins while the Senior Team included Adam Murphy, Josh Mulcahy, Ella Clancy and Adam Leeson. Thank you to Mr Burns for organising and preparing the teams for the event.



6th Class Bake Sale

On the 5th of February 2015, the students from 6th Class did an amazing job making cakes and treats for the school's Bake Sale. On Thursday night everyone was busy baking lots of yummy treats such as Rice Krispie buns, cupcakes, brownies, cookies and so many more delicious treats. Each Sixth Class took turns going



down to the hall to serve all the other classes. Some people made really fancy cakes, which we raffled off. There was also a "guess how many marshmallows in the bag" competition. At 1:40pm parents from Junior and Senior Infant Classes got to come to the hall with their children. All the leftover food went to the Nursing Home in Ratoath and they were delighted! Overall the 6th Class children made €1,330 which will be going towards our school tours to the Dáil and on an overnight adventure trip! A lot of effort went towards the Bake Sale and it was a very enjoyable and fun day!



Written by Aoife Daniels

Friends for Life Programme

This is a very worthwhile positive mental health programme which helps students to deal with worry, stress and change. It is currently being rolled out in our 6th Classes and in Ms Curtin's 2nd class. The teachers involved have received training and are qualified to teach the Friends for Life Programme. It is a 10 week programme with each session lasting an hour and a half. It has received a very positive response and it is hoped that all children in the school will have the opportunity to receive the programme at some stage throughout their primary school days.

Rainbows

We have just completed another Rainbows programme which aims to support the young people in our school who are affected by loss because of bereavement, separation or divorce. Thank you to the staff members who have worked with the children over the 12 weeks.



Daffodil Day

We raised €1540.00 on the 11th March to support the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day. Thank you for your support.

Cór Fhéile

Our school choir, Ms NiChinnéide's 2nd Class and all three of our 6th Classes participated in this year's Cor Fhéile in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. They all performed beautifully and their behaviour was exceptionally good. They should be very proud of themselves! Thank you to all the teachers involved in preparing the children for this event. Pictured below is Ms. NiChinnéide's 2nd Class.



Green School Expo 2016

On Thursday 25th February the Green School Committee attended the very first Green School Expo in the RDS. We had a very early start as all of our eager committee members and teachers had to be in school at 8.15am. The exhibition included lots of information stands, workshops, environmental talks and fun activities. The one common theme was the focus on promoting the benefits of "green living" for our environment and for us. The event was extremely well organised and everyone had a great day. We came away with lots of tips to help us in our work towards our travel flag. Ms. O'Doherty, Ms. Egan and Ms. McCarthy would like to commend all of the children who attended for their exemplary behaviour. They did St. Paul's proud!



We need your help!

Our Parents' Association do tremendous work over the year to help provide you & your child with additional enjoyable memorable experiences throughout your child's primary school years. Without volunteers they would not be able to host the Confirmation and Communion parties which have become an event parents and the children concerned look forward to. The PA are seeking volunteers to help with this year's Confirmation and Communion parties. If you can spare any time at all to help either in the preparation of the hall or helping out at the party then please contact the office. Your help would be very much appreciated!

Confirmation 22nd April 3pm

Communion 14th May

Ms. Broderick 10am

Ms. Curtin 11.30am

Ms. NiChinnéide 1pm



Boys' and Girls' Soccer Teams



Easter Sports' Report



Some of our 5th Class Children at the Rugby Blitz day



Huge congratulations to Aimee Doherty who won the Scottish National Indoor u13 1500m Championship last Saturday which took place at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, Aimee also broke the championship record by over 12 seconds in a time of 4mins 58.59s. Well done Aimee!!



Mini 7's Boys Gaelic Team

It has been a very busy and successful sporting term in St. Paul's. Our boys and girls have been competing in a wide range of sports and have enjoyed great success. Our Olympic handballers have been competing in the Meath league. Our four teams have all successfully qualified for the semi-final stage of the competition which will take place in Gormanstown College on April 15th. With the top two teams qualifying for the Leinster finals, the boys and girls are training hard and we wish them all the best in the latter stages of the competition.

Our boys mini sevens Gaelic footballers recently took part in the local area blitz. Played in difficult conditions, our boys defeated Rathbegan in the first game. With only one team qualifying for the next round, the final game of the day was a winner takes all tie against Dunboyne. Trailing by two points heading into the latter stages of the game, our boys never gave up and were rewarded with a late winning goal. *The boys have now qualified for the county final day which will be played on Tuesday, April 5th in the Meath Centre of Excellence at Dunganny.* Our girls mini sevens Gaelic footballers will be in action soon in their local area blitz and we wish them the best of luck in their quest to qualify for the finals day.

This term has also seen the introduction of basketball coaching sessions for the boys and girls of fifth and sixth classes. The sessions have proven to be a big hit. Unfortunately the weather has put paid to some planned events, most notably the cross country event scheduled for Fairyhouse. Our boys and girls will look forward to getting their chance to compete in the rescheduled event after the Easter break. Our boys and girls competed very successfully in the annual Meath FAI five a side soccer tournament in Navan and the boys reached the semi final stages of the tournament, and the hurling and camogie county leagues that are due to start after the Easter break. Thank you to all of the teachers to give up so much of their time to coach the children.

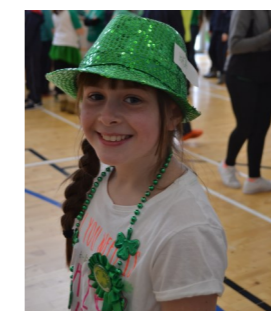
Thank you to Seamus Caffrey for bringing in the Sam Maguire Cup. You can see Ms O'Sullivan's class were delighted to get their hands on it!



Mini 7's Boys Team

Seachtain na Gaeilge

As ever we had a very busy week in St. Paul's during Seachtain na Gaeilge. The páistí were involved in a variety of activities such as spoon playing, ceol, scéalaíocht, damhsa, puc fada, quizzes, traditional brush dancing and lots of other cluichí. The week was rounded off Dé hAoine on Lá Glas with a ceilí mór and a whole school assembly. It has been lovely to see the children getting involved in celebrating our language and culture through song, dance, games and poetry. Many thanks to Ms. O'Connor for organising the week and all of the teachers who shared their time and talent so willingly to make the week possible. Go raibh maith agaibh in particular to the páistí from the Irish Committee, they have been very busy encouraging their peers to use their Gaeilge and in helping to decorate the school for Seachtain na Gaeilge, maith sibh! We continue to work on getting our Gaelbhatach and look forward to the day our flag will be presented to us. Hopefully all of the páistí will continue to use their Gaeilge as often as they can both in school agus sa bhaile.



Proclamation Day—15th March 2016

The school celebrated proclamation day in memory of the 1916 rising. Members of our Parents' Association, Board of Management, Local TDs and Father Gerry were invited to celebrate with us. Ms McGowan began the proceedings with a short speech followed by the 1916 Proclamation being read out by staff members, a member of our PA and a student. A number of children read out our own St. Paul's Proclamation. Every child in the school wrote their own proclamation and parts of all of these were put together to make a special St. Paul's Proclamation. This now is proudly on display along with the 1916 Proclamation and the National flag in the lobby! We were entertained by Irish and Contemporary dance routines and each class performed an Irish song. We finished the ceremony off by all going outside where Dylan Fitzpatrick and Emily Malone, our eldest boy and youngest girl, carried the Irish flag up to the flag poles. Ms. McGowan then proudly raised the flag to a reception of cheers and delight!! Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special and memorable day!



POBLACHT NA H EIREANN

ON MARCH 15TH 2016 WE, THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PAUL'S, STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT NATION CELEBRATING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RISING.

We should stand proud because of all that we have achieved since gaining independence. It is now our turn to continue the brave works of others and ensure we create a better Ireland for future generations in the hope that they will live a prosperous life.

In Ireland we should have happiness, love and peace. In St. Paul's that means we should always have Kind Hands, Kind Words, Kind Feet.

We should find a way for more employment throughout the country so that everyone can afford to live and feed their families. The government should bring in policies to prevent or reduce homelessness and poverty. All the people in Ireland should have a nice home, healthy food and clean water.

The people of Ireland should get medicine if they are sick. All children should have equal access to education in a safe and happy place.

Every person deserves to be treated equally regardless of their race, gender, age, disability or religion. Everybody should be able to believe in their own God. We think that people should be able to marry who they want. We should always be kind and have respect for everyone. We want to live in a country where everyone is treated the same.

It is the responsibility of every Irish person to be proud of the traditions and cultures of our country. Our language and culture is what makes us unique among the nations of the world. We should encourage our citizens to speak our national language (Gaeilge), to play our traditional instruments and to thrive in our national sports.

Every person in Ireland should care for their environment. We must reduce our pollution and waste in order to ensure we leave Ratoath, and the rest of Ireland, a better place for future generations.

In 2016 we think that each person living in Ireland should have the right to live in peace without war or violence. Today we are not calling others to fight with weapons for their rights but all the people of Ireland should instead work as a team and co-operate so that Ireland is a great place in which to live. An Ireland of hope, love and prosperity; An island of safety and peace; A united people that remember the past; A healthy and happy country; A country of educated, knowledgeable and equal citizens that embrace change.

Make this the greatest Ireland there ever was, for the next generation. For everyone!