



# St. Paul's National School

## Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Summer is here...honestly! Another year is over. It is amazing how quickly the years fly around and it is only by looking at how much the children have grown that I am made aware of the time passing. On the one hand it is hard to believe that we have been in our new school for a whole year and on the other hand it feels like we have been here for ever! We have had another action packed and enjoyable year with many memorable events and happy memories. In this newsletter we will share the biggest events from the last term but always remember that for each one printed we have a hundred smaller, but no less memorable, daily happenings and I want to thank all the teachers and staff for everything they do, and they do a huge amount, to make our children's school days special. Next year we will be welcoming another 90 Junior Infants, we will have 9 new children joining some of our older classes and we will be opening two classes for children with ASD. Our original 'babies' will be finally reaching sixth class! All in all a very exciting year ahead so enjoy the Summer, keep safe and we will see you all back here at 9am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of August. *Morag McGowan*

### All Ireland Champions!!

We are thrilled that the school choir led by Ms Hession and Ms Kieran won the All Ireland Community Games u/13 choir competition on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May in the Athlone IT. The choir competed for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the competition in the U/13 category along with 15 other choirs. They performed three songs, 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay, 'I will follow him' made famous by the movie Sister Act and 'Bring him home' from the musical Les Misérables. The choir performed for parents and families in the school hall the following week. Congratulations to all involved!!!



### International Art Exhibition

The following children won prizes for taking part in the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Children's Art Exhibition. They each received a certificate, Medal and goody bag. **Gold medal winners** - Jason Beggy, Kate Hayes, Radu Olaru, Annia White, Nicole Kavanagh, **Silver medal winners** - Roisín Tierney, Liam Fraser, Ava Gorman, Caoimhe Temple, Mia McGreevy, Andrea Styles, Finn Mooney, Tom Roddy, Evan Eiffe, Weronika Odoj, Sophia Wyer, Mia Cunningham, Kim Dietrich, Terry Crawley, Emily Foster, Yasmin Kaya & Ella McGoldrick. **Bronze Medal winners** - Katie Cotter, Caoimhe Connolly, Meg Johnson, Christy Brennan, Céilim Ryan, Charlotte Elwood, Cara O'Sullivan, Calum Mooney, Laiqa Saeed, Isabella Turner, Lauren Clancy, Abbie Coyne, Laura Kelly, Charlie Jackson, Sean Twyford, Erin Prendergast, Emily Nannery, Kieran Tyrrell McPartlan, Jake Anderson, Ruqaiya Saeed & Meg Kelly.

## All-Ireland Glory for St. Paul's U-11 Olympic Handballers

June 13<sup>th</sup> will long be remembered as a special day in St. Paul's, as our boys' team claimed the inaugural U-11 All-Ireland Olympic handball championship. After winning our first Meath county championship after defeating St. Paul's of Navan in a keenly contested final, the boy's attention turned to preparing for our All-Ireland semi-final against Galway Champions Oranmore. In a confident and measured performance our boys emerged victorious in the semi-final on a score line of 5-2. However the final was a much closer affair, as the Kildare champions, San Carlo from Leixlip provided strong opposition. So evenly matched were the two sides that even extra time could not separate them. Incredibly it took over 20 penalties to eventually find a winner, with our goalie Calum Conneely proving the hero with a well-placed penalty that secured the title for St. Paul's. The victory was very much a team effort. A special thank you goes to Ms Broderick, Ms Egan & Mr Burns for all their time and efforts in preparing the team. Well done to all!



## Sports

This year was a great year for sport in St. Paul's. The children trained hard in the beginning of the year for **athletics** and we brought home plenty of medals from the Athboy Cross Country Competition. Unfortunately due to the weather the relay competition didn't go ahead this year and had to be cancelled twice, but we have plenty of athletes who are really looking forward to next year. **Active week** took place from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. The children took part in a wet day, GAA day, fun day and an athletics day. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities and displayed some fantastic talent. Well done to all involved. St. Paul's competed in the recent **hurling** blitz organised by Ratoath GAA club. The boys enjoyed a great afternoon's hurling playing in five matches. We look forward to more clashes of the ash in September!

## Chess

Well done to the boys that were involved in our first competitive Chess league. The boys showed fantastic skill in their games against St. Mary's Ashbourne and Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín.

## Best Wishes

We wish Ms Egan, Ms Brady, Ms Begley and Mr O'Connor well as they finish with us and in particular to Ms Brady who is getting married during the summer and to Ms Begley who is expecting her first baby. We also remember Ms Hickey who is currently receiving another course of treatment. We ask you to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## Open Day

We had an Open day for 90 new infants and some older children transferring from other schools and their parents. We look forward to seeing them again in school on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

## Tennis

We had our annual tennis tournament with 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> class girls and boys. Ms Gogan was amazed to see how talented everybody was and how much they had improved.



## GAA

We thank Tara from the Ratoath GAA who has come in to the school each Thursday to coach the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> classes in Hurling.




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Our 2<sup>nd</sup> class children made their first Holy Communion on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. We thank the teachers Ms O'Toole, Ms Kennedy and Ms Egan for all the hard work in preparing the children for the big day. We also thank Ms Hession, Ms Gogan and Ms Kieran for leading the school choir over the three ceremonies. And finally we thank the Parents' Association for providing the party back at the school, it was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.

### Date for your diary

Please note next year's Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

### Cash for Clobber

Our recent clothing collection yielded €440 euro which will be put to very good use.

### 'Make A Wish Foundation'

Many of our 2012 Communion children made a contribution towards the 'Make a Wish Foundation' and presented a cheque for €900 to the charity.

### Sponsored Walk

On the 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May the children and their teachers walked around Ratoath. €5,214.76 was raised by the children and their families. We are very grateful for the generosity shown and this money will be put towards buying interactive whiteboards.

### Discovery Primary Science Award

This year St Paul's achieved their second 'Discover Primary Science Award of excellence in Science and Maths'. The theme this year was 'The Chemistry of Life'. Each class group completed a lesson or experiment based on this theme. The work was documented by the children and photographed. The three Second Class groups even got to go on a nature walk to Dalgan Park to spot the six signs of spring! We also had many guest speakers and workshops in school. A log book was created using lots of wonderful work from each class and this was submitted in April. At the beginning of May we found out that we had achieved the award! A big thank you must go to Ms Hickey who put in a huge amount of work preparing fun and exciting activities for each class! Well done to Ms Ní Chinnéide, Ms Crowe, Ms Hickey and Ms Egan who co-ordinated the project. Well done to all the teachers and pupils for their fantastic work!!

### **Congratulations to the following children who missed no days from school this term**

Aaron Bizzell, Matthew Braiden, Ciara Coroner, Jessica Cronin, Harry Dunne, Megan Fitzmaurice, Sarah Forde, Oscar Glynn, Charlie Hodgins, Tazim Ibrahim, Darragh Lyons, Ceilim Ryan, Cormac Tormey, Eve Winston, Sam Cronolly, Conor Daughton, Kyle Donohoe, Mia Foley, Saul Harris, Sofia Hearn, Erin Leeson, Sean O'Beara, Bobby Smith, Ethan Styles, Sean Twyford, Mia Colley Kenny, Ciaran Dardis, Conor Godkin, Daragh Grennan, Genna Keogh, Charlie McCue, Cara O'Sullivan, Mark Ward, Eline Lund, Aaron McGoldrick, Noah Reilly, Katie Smyth, Aisling Stratford, Oisín Cashman, Jack Clarke, Clara Doherty, Lauren Dolan, Ryan Dunne, Chris Duruanyawu, Joshua Lyons, Hannah Murphy, Eoin Read, Daragh Coatsworth, Luke Colgan, James Cullen, Morgan Foster, Sarah Fox, Lee Gallagher, Eoghan Grennan, Seán Harte, Hugh Kehoe, Corina Wade, Andrew Brady, Rachel Byrne, Zara Collins, Hannah Cronolly, Ava Gorman, Áine McCourt, Ella O'Reilly, Nicholas O'Rourke, Bronagh O'Sullivan, Sean Phelan, Andrea Styles, Lucas White, Ruairi Braiden, Amelia Campbell, Conor Harte, Wafiq Ibrahim, Eoin Kane, Adam Leeson, Erin Smith, David Stobie, Jack Tormey, Ryan Walsh, Hannah Bailey, Leo Bergin, Aoife Casey, Grace Lan Conway, Rachel Hue Conway, Eoin Drysdale, Niamh Gibson, Kate Hayes, Helen Jenkins, Daire McCourt, Robyn O'Callaghan, Ciara O'Connor, Michael Ohoka, Katie O'Neill, Danielius Simonavicius, Katie Cotter, Aoife Daniels, Blessing Duruanyawu, Mark Kearns, Jack O'Neill, Killian Stratford, Paul Tynan, Senan Byrne, Jodie Doherty, Ryan Foley, Matthew Godkin, Sean Goggin, Alex Hesse Mason, Elizabeth Martin, Dylan McCue, Adam Murphy, Harry Reilly, Vincent White, Cian Caffrey, Sam Carroll, Max Daly, Aimee Doherty, Lucas Longhi, Grace McNeill, Sean McNeill, Joshua Mulcahy, Lily Murray, Nathan O'Connor, Ryan Doherty, Josh Donohoe, Evun Grant, Emmet Murphy, Colleen Russell, Cian Byrne, Eve Drysdale, Matthew Hayes, Laura Jenkins, Emily Keeley, Regina McDonnell, Laoise Murphy, Leah Barniville, Christian Cahill, Adam Carolan, Ross Coatsworth, Kevin Dat Conway, Sarah Cullen, Karlin David, Sam Magee, Andrew Maguire, Mathieu Sevestre, Genevieve Sload, Abby Hesse Mason, Zara Kane, Max McGreevy, Daniel Ohoka, John Redmond, Luke Tynan, Mia Cunningham, Rachel Doherty, Cain Fagan, Jake Fox, Jack Gleeson, Adam Goggin, Luke Huynh Hurley, Tracy Kimbondo, Luca Milne, Emma Moore, Annia White, Isla David, Darragh Harte, Jack O'Connor, Conor Phelan, Cian Buckley, Meg Kelly, Emma McCamley, Riona Murphy, Alyssa Wall, Harry Bailey, Sam Bergin, Cillian Byrne, Evan Cotter, Conor Daly, Chloe Faherty, Freya Kavanagh, Luke Keegan, Conor Knowles, Sean McKeon, Zoe O'Callaghan, Royale Ohoka, Jack Ryan, Colm Sevestre.

### **Congratulations to the following children who missed only one day from school this year!**

Eve Winston, Eabha Brown, Kyle Donohoe, Erin Leeson, Daragh Grennan, Amy Kinsella, Eline Lund, Noah Reilly, Luke Colgan, Morgan Foster, Corina Wade, Zara Collins, Ava Gorman, Ella O'Reilly, Andrea Styles, Conor Harte, Kate Hayes, Mark Kearns, Ava Killalee Okeke, Christopher Haskins, Lily Murray, Benjamin Fraser, Josh Donohoe, Conor Wardick, Evan Cantwell, Matthew Hayes, Laura Jenkins, Ruqaiya Saeed, Kevin Dat Conway, Daragh Casey, Max McGreevy, Mia Cunningham, Tracy Kimbondo, Darragh Harte, Jack O'Connor, Jamie Reynolds.

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