



We had two field trips in recent weeks. Our 3rd Classes were invited by Horse Racing Ireland to Fairyhouse Racecourse and 5th Classes went on a field trip to Kilmainham Gaol. Some of our third class children are pictured above along with Ms Swanton's 5th Class.

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

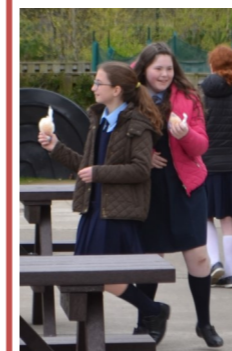
Ms Cowley's Class: Liam Theron, Max McGrath, Lily Mae Fahey Clancy, Holly Dowling, Oscar Twyford and Ellie O'Gorman
Ms Ruane's Class: Adam Walsh, Matthew Meagher, Ellen Daughton, Caroline Woods, Harriet Prendergast and Luke O'Neill
Ms Mullen's Class: Lydia Jordan, Maya Moran, Riley Galvin, Kelly Grattan, Joe Tormey, Bobby Cannon, Ollie O'Brien, Finn Higgins, Kyle Kane, Eliza Prior, Niamh Daniels, Isabel Winston, Joe Thompson and Ellie O'Leary.
Ms O'Doherty/Ms NíMhuirí's Class: Oscar Hennessy, Emma Ginley, Ciara Gill, Conor Gibson, Liam Wade, Sophia Sherry, Megan Lane, Louis Connolly, Seóna Cunningham, Nicole Doherty, Aleks Suhanovs & Pierce Ryan.
Ms Bagnall's Class: Luke Twyford, Cian Brown, Grace Smyth, Lee O'Connor, Eila Corboy, Serena Conway, Jamie Campbell, Ava Smith, Nadia O'Connor, Isabelle Thompson, Seán Ward & Hannah McCue
Ms Hession's Class: Aoibheann O'Connor, Stephen O'Brien, Isla Willoughby, Millie Colley Kenny, Amy Leeson, Dylan McMahon, Sarah Murphy, Zac Stafford, Isabelle Hetherington, Louis O'Connell Cowley, Finn McCabe, Lauren Doran, Shane Hickey & Doireann O'Sullivan.
Ms Moore's Class: Ryan Tinnelly, Siobhéal Hartford, Emily Meehan, Jamie Fitzgerald, Rachel McKenna, Noah Murphy, Essa Josey, Elena Kinsella, Ross Peppard, Emily O'Connell Cowley, Ehren Harris, Darragh Brunton, Robyn Reilly & Amber Wyer
Ms Brennan's Class: Amber Lyons, Sorsha Lumley, Vivienne Jenkins, Oisín O'Riordan, Mark Daughton, Evie Wardick, Luke Gaffney & Katie O'Gorman.
Mr Smith's Class: Nathan Connolly, Gracie Cronin, Ben Hayes, Chloe Murphy, John Fitzgerald, Harry Lyons, Rian Jennings, Kean Moran, Aoibheann McNamara, Ruby Lily Gaines, Dylan Doyle, Thomas Cooley, Luke Raftery, Lauren Gallagher, Alexandru Petrisor & Conor Dickenson.
Ms NíChinnéide's Class: Michael Ward, Ava Duffy, Lauren Kenny, Emma McTiernan, Ruairi Pelly, Ava Hennessy, Amber Lane, Louise Byrne, Sophie Cooke, Finn Clarke, Harvey Cahill, Brendan Meagher, Millie Corcoran & Sonia Gieros-Tchorz
Mrs Hamilton's Class: Harry Hesse Mason, Martin Joyce Hall, Robyn Mulcahy, Erin Fay, Seán O'Sullivan, Ava Doran & Marie Phelan.
Ms Egan's Class: Brendan Twyford, Daniel Foster, Abi McLoughlin, Grace Gallagher, Harry Ryan, Orla Duruanyawu, Alice Kinsella, Jenna Willoughby, Josh Kiley, Ava Clancy, Seán Brown, Clodagh McHugh, Eábha O'Brien & Karolina Meagher.
Ms Moriarty's Class: Max O'Reilly, Dennis Olaru, Erin McNamara, Joshua Gill, Lauren McKenna, Tom McCormack, Aiden Clarke, Mia Grattan, Eoghan Shirley & Pearse Conway.
Ms Smyth's Class: Oran Corboy, Alex Knowles, Vincent McGuinn, Callum Willoughby, Laura Kinsella, Caroline Leavy, Aria Kinsella, Harry Bogan, Lucy O'Reilly, Katie Grogan & Eínín Murphy.
Ms Kennedy's Class: Molly Moran, Isabella Khreiss, Lauren Mavimpi Kimbondo, Katie Doherty, Megan Murray, Emily Pullen, Daniel Greene, Gavin Daly & Robert Hayes.
Mr Harte's Class: Cara O'Sullivan, Ella Goggin, Amy Murray, Ava Cooley, Kate Raftery, Adam O'Connor, Sophie Barker, Caroline Byrne, Charlie McCue & Conor Godkin.
Ms Bates' Class: Sarah Forde, Katie Gallagher-Breslin, Eve Winston, Aaron Bizzell, Harry Dunne, Cormac Tormey, Ava McManus, Jessica Cronin, Charlie Hodgins, Rebecca Collins, Amy Murray & Matthew Braiden.
Mr Burns' Class: Conor Daughton, Conor Shirley, Mia Foley, Seán O'Beara, Rebecca Ryan, Erin Leeson, Seán Twyford & Saul Harris.
Ms Burke's Class: Saoirse Lynch, Jacob Mulcahy, Corina Wade, Katie Duffy, Aaron Kane, Lily Nannery, Grace McTiernan, Morgan Foster, Lee Gallagher, Sarah Berns & Ella Byrne.
Ms Swanton's Class: Caitlin Carrigan, Jack Clarke, Tyler Arkesteijn, Chris Duruanyawu, Lauren Dolan, Eoin Read, Amelia Palmer & Jamie McHugh.
Ms Broderick's Class: Noah Reilly, Katie Smyth, Eline Lund, Megan Xu-Ran Piao, Taigh Walsh, Kiran Joseph, Alex Kinsella & Lauren Clancy.
Ms Dennehy's Class: Seán Phelan, Pierce McManus, Lucas White, Rachel Byrne, Sonny Byrne & Ella O'Reilly.
Ms O'Sullivan's Class: Seán Corbett, Kate Hayes, Niamh Gibson & Helen Jenkins.
Mr Duffy's Class: Jack Tormey, Holly Byrne, Ryan Walsh, Tomás Corbett, Amelia Campbell, Valentina Antonescu, Alan Kearns, Erin Smith & Adam Leeson.
Ms Talty's Class: Sophia Read & Jacob McCarthy
Ms O'Connor: Charlie Cunningham & Troy Farrell.



St. Paul's National School Easter Newsletter 2017

Welcome to our Easter Newsletter! I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting events of this very busy term. Don't forget to check out our website for even more interesting reports and photos. A huge thank you to the teachers and staff for all their hard work in offering so many opportunities to our children. Thank you also to you, the parents, for your ongoing support. 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 24th of April!

Morag McGowan



Easter Bunny Visit

Thank you to the Easter Bunny and friends who visited our school again this year. The children love to see the Easter Bunny and we are very grateful to our Parents' Association for arranging his visit each year. We look forward to his return next year! Happy Easter!!



Internet Safety Day

World Internet Safety Day took place on the 7th February. A seminar was arranged for children from 2nd–6th classes and Parents were invited into the school on the evening of the 28th February.

We are all surrounded with the internet on a day to day basis. It is vitally important that we protect our children and instil some rules for their general well being. Below we have offered some guidelines which we suggest as tips for Parents:

1. Agree with your child on rules for internet use

Try to reach an agreement with your child on when and where they can access the internet, how long they should spend online and what types of sites and activities are suitable (the wifi in your house could be turned off at certain times of the day). While children are very capable in the use of the internet, emotionally they are unable to deal with some of its content.

2. Know your child's internet use

There are many means of accessing the internet - **smart phones, tablets, laptops, PCs and gaming devices** being the most common. It is important to understand how children use the internet and know what they like to do online. Internet browsing history can give an indication as to what websites your child may have accessed.

3. Remind your child of the dangers of disclosing personal information online

All information posted is public and permanent. Personal information and photos posted to online spaces are subject to all kinds of unauthorised use, which is potentially very dangerous for your child.

4. Talk about the risks associated with meeting online friends

We strongly believe that children of primary school age should not be communicating online with unknown persons and should be made aware of the risks posed by people assuming false online identities.

5. Report online material you may consider illegal to the appropriate authorities

It is important that we all take responsibility for the web and report matters which we believe could be illegal to www.hotline.ie

Cash for Clobber

Our recent cash for clobber collection netted the school €935.00. Thank you!



6th Class Bake Sale

Our three 6th classes held a massive bake sale on the 9th February. Thanks to all for the yummy baking provided, €1,176.14 was raised which will be used to cover the cost of a 6th class field trip to Leinster House with the remainder going towards the 6th Class children's school tour in June.



Credit Union Quiz

Well done to our two teams who represented St. Paul's in the Ashbourne Credit Union Quiz this year.



We were delighted to host daffodil day to collect funds for the Irish Cancer Society on the 24th March. The student council set up shop in the school grounds and €1,557.00 was collected to support this very worthy cause. Thank you!



Farmer Niall's Visit to Senior Infants

Ms Bagnall invited a local farmer, Farmer Niall, to visit her class. He brought three baby lambs with him who, although a little nervous to start with, became very relaxed when they saw how gentle the children were. Thank you to Farmer Niall for taking the time out to visit the school.



Spelling Bee

The Meath County Spelling Bee competition took place on Thursday 30th March here in St. Paul's. Well done to Jack Tormey who represented St. Paul's brilliantly on the day.

We were sorry to see Shane our Caretaker leave us to pursue other interests and wish him well. Congratulations to Ms Bates who got married recently and who will return after Easter.

Dates for your Diary

School will close on Tuesday 30th May at 1.40pm for all children to facilitate a staff meeting.

School is closed on Tuesday 6th June.

Dates for 6th Classes

Confirmation—Friday 12th May @11am

6th Class End of year show—Thursday 15th June

6th Class Graduation - Wednesday 28th June

Junior Infant Open Days

We will be holding our new Junior Infant induction days on the 13th and the 14th of June.

Uniform Fitting Days

Our uniform people will be in on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June for fittings and uniform orders.

New School Year

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

We need your help!

We are very lucky to have an exceptional Parents' Association who work together to help provide you and your child with additional memorable experiences throughout each school year. This dedicated group of people depend heavily on volunteers to help them in managing events such as our up and coming Confirmation and Communion parties which are held in the school after the church ceremony. 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 Friday 12th May @11am

Communion Saturday 20th May

Ms NiChinnéide's Class: 10am

Ms Hamilton's Class: 11.30am

Ms Egan's Class : 1pm



Green School Scooter Day

Cor Fheile

This year Ms NiChinnéide took her class along to Cor Fheile to participate along with other schools in the Country. The children were fantastic and sang three songs— Count on Me (Bruno Mars) Abair Leat and Can't stop the feeling (Justin Timberland).



Community Games Art and Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to all the children who entered the Community Games Art and Handwriting Competitions and to the following winners:

Art Girls U/12—Sophie Cameron (4th) Megan Xu-Ran Piao (Cert) Lucy O'Reilly (Cert) **Boys U/12** Alex Kinsella (4th) **Girls U/14**—Abi Colgan (4th)

Handwriting Girls U/10 Saoirse Carrigan (2nd), **Boys U/10**: Dylan Langan (1st) Brandon Tighe (3rd) **Girls U/12**: Elsa Johnson (1st) Danielle Connolly (2nd) Isabelle Somers (3rd) Sarah Forde (4th) **Boys U/12** Max Brady (1st) Callum Willoughby (2nd) Oran Corboy (3rd) Matthew Braiden (4th)



Friends for Life

We continue to run the Friends for Life programme in the school. This term 1st and 5th classes benefited along with Ms Moriarty's 3rd Class from the 10 week programme. Fun friends is a school based positive mental health programme which helps students to develop effective strategies to deal with worry, stress and change. The teachers delivering the programme are fully trained by the National Educational Psychological Service.



Meet our Garden Committee



Bhí seachtain íontach againn in the lead up to St. Patrick's day with lots of activities taking place for Seachtain na Gaeilge. There was plenty craic agus ceol i rith na seachtaine and it was lovely to hear the páistí using their Gaeilge throughout the week.

Children in Junior and Senior Infants and Rooms 25 and 26 enjoyed some ceol tradisiúnta played by some of our talented múinteoirí. The páistí from 1st and 2nd classes were treated to a visit from an Irish Author Treasa Ní Ailpín who read a scéal and kindly gave the school a bronntanas of three books she has written. A huge quiz took place in the halla for the páistí ó rang a trí go dtí rang a sé which generated great excitement and resulted in a tie for first place for three teams! All classes joined in a ceilí mór and the children had an opportunity to practise their damhsa.

The week was rounded off nicely on lá glas where each class gave a wonderful performance as Gaeilge at assembly to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Many thanks to all of the múinteoirí for their help throughout the week and a special go raibh maith agaibh to the páistí from the Coiste Gaeilge who produced some lovely artwork and who have been very busy encouraging all of the páistí scoile to use their Gaeilge more often



New Ball Pool for the School



This year we purchased a ball pool (without the balls!) which turned out very expensive to fill. So we are very grateful to our sponsors **Donnelly's Builders Providers, Cleggs, Clean Scape, Paul Mulcahy Electric and Platinum Physique** who between them sponsored the 10,000 balls required to fill it. A special thanks must go to Joyce Conlan and Suzanne Mulcahy who were instrumental in campaigning for sponsorship. It is a great asset to the school.

Rainbows

Thank you to our Rainbows Co-ordinator Ms McMahon and to all the fully trained personnel who continue to provide this much valued programme in our school to children who have suffered a loss be it bereavement, separation or divorce.



Let's help 'Build that Wall' for Ratoath GAA

As many of you know Ratoath GAA are right in the middle of a massive fundraising campaign to help finance some additional, super facilities for the club and their players. The goal is to provide a multi-use games area, an outdoor fenced area with a ball wall and also some flood lit astro pitches. Representatives from the GAA came to the school to explain all about the campaign and the art competition initiative and each child was provided with a template. All the art work returned was on display in the club house on St Patrick's Day and there were some prizes given to some lucky winners. In St. Paul's we are very grateful for the support we receive from the GAA so in order to help the GAA in this venture, we in St. Paul's, organised a coin trail on the 10th March and we also marked the occasion that day with a GAA led assembly and an option to wear a GAA jersey or Ratoath GAA colours. €1,350.97 was raised on the day.

Handball

It was a very successful day for St. Paul's handball teams in Gormanstown on Monday the 3rd of April. All four of our teams had reached the Meath finals. The first matches were the semi-finals and yet again all four teams won, meaning that for the first time ever there was a St. Paul's team in each final. The first of the four finals was the under 11 girls. The match took place between St. Paul's and Skryne. St. Paul's got the dream start with an early goal but Skryne fought back by beating the girls 3-1. The next match was the under 11 boys' final and St. Paul's were playing Yellow Furze. Again St. Paul's scored first but this time they were able to hold onto the lead and the match finished 3-1 to St. Paul's. Next to play were the under 13 girls. The girls were up against Yellow Furze. It was always going to be a tough one for them and ended 6-3 in favour of Yellow Furze. The last game of the day was between St. Paul's and Skryne. The match was very tense and Skryne drew first blood. St. Paul's came from 3 down to draw level. The match went to extra time and in the end St. Paul's managed to snatch victory by the narrowest of margins; 7-6. All these impressive results mean that the four teams will be competing in the Leinster finals. A special word of thanks has to go to all the coaches for taking their time to train us and for getting us this far in the competition. Report by Tomás Corbett



Basketball

The girls' and boys' basketball have had a very busy couple of weeks. They are currently playing in the Meath Mini-Basketball League where both teams have made it to the semi final stages. There was also great excitement when both teams travelled to the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght for the day to play

in a tournament against other schools around Ireland.

Rugby

Thank you to Declan from the Irish Rugby Union who comes in each Tuesday to develop the children's rugby skills. This term 4th and 5th classes were coached by Declan. A special thanks to Linda Kinsella who registered the school with Aldi for a complete rugby kit for the school which is a fantastic piece of equipment for the school to have.

Gaelic

Congratulations to the Girls Mini 7's football team who played three games against Ashbourne, Rathbeggan and Gaelscoil na Ríthe this term. The girls football team are made up of 4th, 5th & 6th class girls and they train every Wednesday after school in the GAA pitch.



Soccer

Girls U/12 and Boys U/12 Soccer Teams who recently competed in the MDL Navan. Both teams played some fantastic soccer and their behaviour was excellent on the day.



Athletics

Children from first to sixth class participated in the Meath Primary Schools Cross Country event. A group of 48 athletes travelled to Navan Racecourse and St. Paul's had a very successful day with a number of individual medals and a number of team medals. The children really enjoyed the day and for a number of the younger athletes it was their first time representing St. Paul's at a sporting event.

