



St. Paul's National School

Christmas 2017 Newsletter



Friday the 24th of November was a sad day here in St. Paul's when we had to say goodbye to an amazing teacher and colleague, Mr Burns or as he has been known for quite a while now Dr Burns! His 6th class were all sad to see him go and wrote a special song to sing at assembly that morning. Ms Kieran has taken over, a teacher they know so well! Mr Burns heads to Maynooth University as a lecturer

Christmas Fair





Our Green School's Committee



Hallowe'en Dress Up

We enjoyed another Hallowe'en dress up day before midterm and at the same time collected €1080.00 for Temple Street Hospital. Thank you for the time taken in making and



Junior Infants

We welcomed our Junior infants with open arms on August 31st and by now have settled into the school routine and are having lots of fun. Applications for 2018 enrolment will be posted after the Christmas break so please



Ms Ruane's Class



Ms Cowley's Class



Ms O'Sullivan's Class



Ms O'Connor's Class

Rainbows

As part of our home/school/pastoral care programme we are delighted to be in a position to continue to provide our students, who have experienced change/loss in their family environment, be it separation/divorce or death, an opportunity to participate with this support programme. This 12 week programme, began in November and is delivered by



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

Ms Cowley's Class: Daire Connolly, Conall O'Riordan, Lynn Willems, Noah McLoughlin, Aron Gieros-Tchorz, Joel Phelan & Conor Hickey. **Ms Ruane's Class:** Maggie Donnelly, Matas Sarapas, John Donnelly, Jason Giurgila, Lillian Ward, Devin McGrath, Éabha Coy, Seán Foster & Oliver Couch. **Ms O'Sullivan's Class:** Maisie Donnelly, Christopher McKenna, Adam Sherlock, Fae Hennessy, Lucie Cunningham, Holly Beamish, Hugo Stone, Conor Bizzell, Katie Conaty & Oran Jennings. **Ms Kennedy's Class:** Ollie O'Brien, Isabel Winston, Tia Flynn, Lydia Jordan & Joe Thompson. **Ms Bagnall's Class:** Ciaran Pentony, Nina Mooney, Connor Larkin, Lara Clarke, Finn Carrigan, Lily Mae Fahey Clancy, Max McGrath, Abigail King O'Gorman, Holly Dowling, Hayley Dunne, Oscar Twyford & Lauren Richardson. **Ms Hession's Class:** Caroline Woods, Hannah Reynolds, Luke O'Neill & Ciaran Byrne. **Ms Prendiville's Class:** Daisy Kehoe, Michael Murray, Nicole Doherty, Sophia Sherry, Conor Gibson, Leon Dempsey & Emma Ginley. **Ms Moore's Class:** Emily Shinnors, Jude Phelan, Amelia Couch, Jack Donohoe, Grace Smyth, Amy Rickard, Cian Brown & Ava Smith. **Ms Mullen's Class:** Aoibhinn O'Connor, Stephen O'Brien, Martynas Rumsas, Seán Moloney, Amy Leeson, Declan Byrne, Shane Hickey, Zac Stafford, John Sherlock, Tamara Flynn, Finn McCabe, Lauren Doran & Doireann O'Sullivan. **Ms Burke's Class:** Gracie Cronin, Rian Jennings, Thomas Cooley, Harry Lyons, Alexandru Petrisor, Chloe Murphy, Luke Raftery, Lily Flood & Dylan Doyle. **Ms Hamilton's Class:** Siobhéal Hartford, Jamie Fitzgerald, Rachel McKenna, Joseph Cooley, Harrison Yardley, Ehren Harris, Katie Barker, Robyn Reilly, Ryan Tinnelly & Darragh Brunton. **Ms Egan's Class:** Mark Daughton, Jamie Winston, Vivienne Jenkins, Jack O'Gorman, Isobel Hearn, Oisín O'Riordan & Sorsha Lumley. **Ms O'Riordan's Class:** Daniel Smyth, Fionn Crowley, Robyn Mulcahy, Ava Doran, Seán O'Sullivan & Cameron Jordan. **Ms Smyth's Class:** Mya Quinn, Sadie Prior, Louise Byrne, Brógan Ryan, Eva Carroll, Emma McTiernan, Ben Cunningham, Isabelle Twyford, Ava Hennessy & Sonia Gieros-Tchorz. **Ms Bates' Class:** Alannah Higgins, Brendan Twyford, Daniel Foster, Grace Gallagher, Daragh Nolan, Rachael Hyland, Josh Kiely, Jenna Willoughby, Orla Duruanyawu, Abi McLoughlin, Seán Brown & Clodagh McHugh. **Ms Brennan's Class:** Harry Bogan, Saoirse Carrigan, Ava Prendergast, Éinín Murphy, Aoibhinn Gibson, Oran Corboy, Lucy O'Reilly, Alex Knowles, Ross McNally, Max Brady & Evan Sherry. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Kian Wall, Aidan Doyle, Megan Murray, Daniel Greene, Evan Sload, Robert Hayes, Molly Moran, Gavin Daly & Katie Doherty. **Ms NiChinnéide's Class:** Caoimhe Kelleher, Christopher Cannon, Max O'Reilly, Molly Murray & Dennis Olaru. **Ms NiMhurchú's Class:** Seán Twyford, Shawn Ocampo, Ryan Brunton, Ella Clarke, Conor Daughton, Jack Hickey, Sofia Hearn, Erin Leeson & Saul Harris. **Ms O'Reilly's Class:** Darragh Lyons, Katie Gallagher

Message From Father Christmas! Ho Ho Ho!!

Dear Boys and Girls of St. Paul's, Thank you for all your lovely letters. Mrs Claus and I really enjoyed reading them. My special elf Jingles, who stayed with you recently, has reported back to me! He was very impressed that you have worked very hard in school again this year. He told me all about the Christmas Plays and how your parents and family enjoyed them! And all the fabulous SVDP hampers which you helped contribute towards. Mrs Claus and I are very proud of you! The elves and I have been busy building toys and getting my sleigh ready for the big trip. Mrs. Claus is mending my red suit as I had so many holes in the knees from sliding down all of those chimneys! Please be sure to hang

Christmas time at St. Paul's

December is a very exciting time here in St. Paul's as we prepare for Christmas. The children performed beautifully in their Christmas plays. Jingles arrived on the 1st to key an eye on everybody and a special visitor popped



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Following on from last year we decided to support two shoe box appeals again this year. We offered a choice between Team Hope and the Inner City Helping the Homeless appeal. We were thrilled with the level of support for both appeals and collected 335 for Team Hope and 161 for the Inner City Helping the Homeless, all



The theme of our book week this year centred around 'all things Irish' - Irish books, poems and drama. Book week is really important in St. Paul's to promote the importance of reading books in an Ipad/Iphone world. It is also a huge fundraiser for the school as the two book companies involved give us 60% back on books purchased at



Student Council Elections

Our Student Council elections were held in the school in September. Children from 5th/6th Classes campaigned for election among their peers and a secret ballot was taken resulting in a new Student Council being formed. Our new



Meet our new Active Committee



Presenting our Garden Committee



Congratulations to our Camogie Mini 7's Team who won three out of their four matches played in Dunboyne in November. The team also reached the league semi final this year for the first time



Athletics

The boys and girls representing the school on the Athletics team had an exceptionally successful day at a cross country event in Belewstown Racecourse in November. We had four teams, a boys and girls under 11 team and a boys and girls under 13 team. Every athlete performed extremely well on a tough and testing cross country course. Our boys and girls



Swimming

We had another successful swimming term for 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th Classes along with Rooms 25 and 26. There is a huge amount of organisation and planning required to provide this opportunity for children to learn how to swim, a valuable lesson for all of us. We

St. Paul's N.S. Olympic Handballers

Our boys and girls competed in round one of the Olympic Handball Meath League in Gormanstown College on the 20th of November. All teams have been working hard, training twice a week in preparation for these games. Each team had to play a number of matches in Gormanstown College. All four teams are doing very well and will continue their plight to qualify for the semi-final stage of the competition. The next qualifying day is taking



Gaelic

Our boys' mini sevens Gaelic footballers recently took part in the local area blitz. Our boys defeated Coole NS and Ratoath SNS in our group stage. With only one team qualifying for the next round, the final game of the day was a winner takes all tie against Rathbeggan. Following an exciting and very close game of football our boys persevered and were rewarded by winning the game. As a result the boys qualified for the county final day in the Meath Centre of Excellence at Dunganny. Here the boys faced a very strong grouping. First the boys took on Gaelscoil na Boinne of Trim and came out victorious. The boys then had the task to take on Kilcloon NS. The boys played terrific football and led for most of the game. With a minute to go and a point down the boys never gave up. Unfortunately, having hit the crossbar in the final minute the boys were unlucky on this occasion and Kilcloon NS were one point winners. The boys did very well to make it to the finals day, being only the second St. Paul's boys football team to do this. We are extremely proud of how the boys represented



Cash for Clobber

Our November cash for clobber collection was very well supported and raised the school €990 euro. Thank you!

Parent Talk

We have arranged for Stella O'Malley, a renowned psychotherapist, writer & best-selling author of 'Cotton Wool Kids' and 'Bully Proof Kids' to come to the school on February 6th from 7pm-8pm to give a talk to Parents on her many years' experience working as a mental health professional. More information on Stella can be



Thank you to Ashbourne High Street for their very generous donation of €500 which was put to good use buying



Our Coiste Gaeilge Committee



The Coiste Gaeilge have been working very hard this term encouraging all of the páistí to work on their Gaeilge. Rinne said obair íontach preparing some signs for the

Congratulations

We would like to wish Ms Cowley and Ms Smyth well as they are both getting married this Christmas.

We are delighted to report that one of our former

Ratoath Cardiac First Responders Christmas Tree Recycling

To support please purchase a tag at Conway's Spar, Cunningham's Super Value, Sweeney's Centra, Ratoath Community Centre, Caulstown Christmas Tree Farm or Ratoath Garden Centre.

Email your address to ComeGetMyChristmasTree@gmail.com



Congratulations to all our Christmas Hamper



Hampers for St. Vincent De Paul

Thank you for sending in the requested hamper item and for all the extra items which allowed us to make up and present 48 festive hampers to SVDP for distribution to families in the area. Thank you to our Parents' Association for the butcher vouchers. We would also like to thank