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## St. Paul's National School Summer 2017 Newsletter

Another busy year, although I think we did have a quiet day.....just the one....back in February.....!! For the rest of the year it has been non-stop action. I hope you all enjoy reading about some of the events here and a huge thank you to Yvonne for our beautiful newsletter and all the wonderful work she does all year. From the beginning of the year until the end the teachers lead the children in an assortment of activities and experiences. I would like to thank all the teachers for the dedication and commitment which they show every day in offering our children these amazing opportunities. I hope they will enjoy a well-earned rest. Thank you to our parents and Parents' Association for the invaluable support they give us. We wish our sixth class boys and girls all the best as they leave us to move on to secondary school. They'll be missed! We'll see everyone else back, safe and sound, on the 30th of August. Meanwhile, enjoy the newsletter and don't forget our website on [www.stpaulsratoath.ie](http://www.stpaulsratoath.ie) *Morag McGowan*

### 6th Class Graduate

It is with a heavy heart we reach, yet again, the end of another school year and so we have to say good bye to our 6th class children. They are a superb group of children who will be sorely missed. They have had a fantastic year with lots of fantastic memories, their special Confirmation day, the absolutely fantastic rendition of 'Oliver!' (lots of photos on the next page) and their exciting overnight school tour to Newgrange. To conclude the year we celebrated their graduation with their families. Thank you to all who helped make this event a truly memorable one. A special note of thanks to Mr. Harte who produced the DVD to mark the children's 8 years with us and to our Parents' Association who served refreshments on the night! We wish the children all the best in Secondary school and in the years ahead and best wishes too to the Parents, some of whom are marking the end of an era with St. Paul's!

Congratulations to Adam Leeson for missing no days throughout his 8 years here with us in St. Paul's. Adam received a special gift on the night of the graduation to commemorate this fantastic achievement.







Oliver 2017

### Sponsored Walk and Run



On the 28th April we had our annual sponsored Walk and Run. Children from Junior Infants up to 4th classes took a route around the village and our 5th and 6th Class children went to Fairyhouse for some laps of the racecourse. Thank you! We raised €3,518.00 which will be put to good use in the school!!! Thank you to the PA who provided water and apples for the tired walkers and runners!



### Other News

- Thank you to our Parents' Association who treated children from 1st to 6th classes to a performance of Treasure Island from M&M Productions.
- Dr Molony spoke to 6th Class Children and their Parents about growing up.
- Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 3rd Classes all went swimming once a week for six weeks.
- Thank you to the sponsors of our Homework Journal which will be given to each of the children from 1st classes up in September. We are very grateful to **REA Grimes, Adrian Dunne, Manorfield Cars, Dunshaughlin Dresses, and Ashbourne Family Practice** for taking adverts out in the journal to cover the cost.



### St. Paul's Garden

Our Garden Committee have worked very hard on our garden this year and we look forward to the fruits of their labour in the Autumn.



### Dates for your Diary:

Back to School on Thursday 31st August  
Confirmation 2018 — Friday 13th April at 3pm  
Communion 2018 — 19th May



Children from Room 26 presenting their Gruffalo Work!





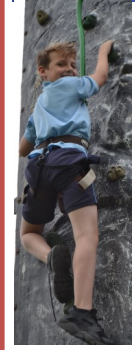
## International Children's Art Exhibition Winners

**Supreme Gold:** Oscar Glynn & Hannah Bailey. **Gold:** Elena Kinsella, Darragh Brunton, Sorsha Lumley, Orla Duruanyawu, Brógan Ryan, Matthew Braiden, Valentina Antonescu & Emily O'Connell Cowley. **Silver:** Bobby Cannon, Johnny Fitzgerald, Grace O'Gorman, Tadhg Keenan, Ruairi Pelly, Zara Lynch, Jack Finnegan, Ella Murray, Ava Gorman & Katie Murphy. **Bronze:** Conor Clancy, Grace McNally, Kate Fitzpatrick, Andrew Doyle, Ryan Tinnelly, Amber Lyons, Jack O'Gorman, Olivia Ryan, Aaron Keating, Mya Quinn, Max Palmer, Darragh Griffin-McEnroe, Ryan Dunne, Calum Mooney, Amelie Palmer, Laiqa Saeed, Morgan Foster, Zara Collins, Jack Tormey, Oliver Walter, Jacques Mooney and Tomás Corbett. **Pentel:** Holly Dowling, Hannah Reynolds, Jude Phelan, Seán O'Sullivan, Sophie Cooke, Ben Cunningham, Erin Leeson, Kate Raftery, Mia Colley Kenny, Isabella Ruhan, Danny Bush, Megan Langan, Laura Kelly, Kirstie Ryan & Charlotte-Hue Hurley.



## School Tours

Overall we were very lucky with the weather for our school tours and all the children had a great time. Junior Infants went to Newbridge farm, Senior Infants to the Zoo, 1st classes to Causey Farm, 2nd to Pine Forest, 3rd Classes to Funtasia & Bettystown Beach, 4th to W5, 5th to Crystal Maze, Rooms 25 and 26 went to Tay-to Park (thanks to Tayto Park for that!) and 6th Classes had a special final overnight tour to Newgrange Lodge & Activity Nation. A great time was had by all!



## Communion 2017

Our second class children made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 19th May. All the children were perfect and each ceremony was delivered brilliantly thanks to all the hard work the Teachers and children put in beforehand. Many thanks to our amazing Parents' Association who provided refreshments back at the school afterwards.



Ms NíChinneide's Class



Ms Murphy's Class



Ms Egan's Class

## Baby Joy

Congratulations to Mrs Ward who had a baby girl and to Mrs Hamilton who had a baby boy.

## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Nicola who got married in June and to Ms Egan who is getting married in July.

We were delighted to welcome Keith Duffy and his wife Lisa to the school recently. They were very impressed with the school, our ASD Classes and, in particular, our Confirmation children who donated €800 from the gifts they received for their Confirmation, to the Keith Duffy Foundation. Well done and thank you!



## Green School News

The Green School committee have had a very busy and successful year. On 27<sup>th</sup> May we were delighted to attend the presentation of our fourth green flag for the Travel theme. This was the result of two years of very hard work from everybody in St. Paul's. We got out of the cars and walked, cycled, scooted and carpooled on our journeys to and from school during Fit Feet Fridays and we were all delighted with the results. Karen our travel officer from Green Schools provided us with lots of valuable assistance. Children have participated in bike rodeo, bike maintenance and scooter skills workshops. The Senior Infants went on some lovely nature walks in June and became true nature detectives.



As part of our travel programme we entered the nationwide Big Travel Challenge in February 2017. We were absolutely thrilled to be awarded the An Taisce Cycling school of the year at an awards ceremony in May. This was a huge achievement and one that we are all very proud of!

Next year will see us introducing the next theme in our Green School journey, Biodiversity. We look forward to a new chapter and all the fun initiatives that are to come. In the meantime we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and active Summer!!





## Basketball

Basketball is becoming an increasingly popular sport here in St. Paul's. Our boys' and girls' team both had a very successful year in the Meath Mini-Basketball League. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017, both teams travelled to Trim where they played in the final and with all their dedication, hard-work and superb teamwork both teams won their final! With some of the team leaving us this year we would like to wish them all the best in the future!



Congratulations to Fionn Nolan who played on the Meath school boys' hurling team. Fionn played with great distinction at half-time during the recent Meath v Laois Leinster hurling championship match played at Páirc Tailteann on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to our GAA coach Emma McNerney who came to our school each week for eight weeks to coach Junior Infant to 2nd Classes.

## Leinster Glory for St. Paul's!!

All the St. Paul's teams qualified for the Leinster Olympic Handball semi-finals. The Leinster finals were played in Gormonstown College on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

### The Semi-Finals

The U11 girls' team played the first semi-final against Corduff NS. They won 4-2 and made it into the Leinster Finals. The U11 boys' team played against Corduff also and won convincingly on a final score-line of 6-2. The U13 girls' team played Rush NS and won a close game, showing great heart and skill. The U13 boys' team defeated St Peter's in a tense semi-final and qualified for the finals. This meant that all of the four St. Paul's teams had made it to the Leinster finals. We waited nervously for the finals to start.



### The Finals

The U11 girls' team faced Skyrne in the final. After playing very well, they narrowly lost on a final score-line of 3-2, but came second in all of Leinster. The U11 boys' team played Rush NS in their final. They dominated Rush and won 3-1 and came first in all of Leinster. The U13 girls' team played against Yellow Furze. After playing excellent handball, they were narrowly defeated by Yellow Furze. The U13 boys faced Skyrne in the final. After playing their hearts out, they were defeated by a very strong Skyrne side. After the completion of the finals, all our teams were presented with their medals and the U11 boys celebrated after receiving their Leinster championship shield. We would like to thank all the teachers who coached us throughout the year. It was a fantastic year!

Seán Twyford & Erin Leeson (Rm 16)



## Athletics

Children from third and fourth classes participated in a track and field event in Claremont Stadium in Navan. We had athletes competing in sprints, distance events, relays and field events. St Paul's had a great day with a number of athletes and relay teams making it to their respective finals. We even brought home some medals! Well done to all athletes involved. It was a fantastic finish to a very successful year of athletics for St. Paul's.



## Boys' Football County Final Report

St. Paul's boys' football team have had a very successful and exciting year. The boys finished first in the group stages of the division 1 football shield. On their path to the final, St. Paul's had victories over Whitecross N.S., St. Stephen's Navan, St Declan's Ashbourne, St. Joseph's Navan, Duleek B.N.S., and Kells B.N.S. The county final in Páirc Tailteann in Navan on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a proud day for St. Paul's, as it marked the school's first appearance in a boys' 15 a-side football final. We faced strong opposition in the form of Whitecross N.S. in the final. Our boys performed well and there was little between the teams at half time. However, Whitecross took control in the second half to win a skilful and well contested final. We are very proud of our boys' performance on the day. We would like to thank the great support we received from parents, teachers and friends of the school on the day of the final. It is much appreciated.



## Active Week

It is one of the children's favourite weeks of the year and this year was no different. There were lots of activities organised such as athletics day, fun days, orienteering and the hugely enjoyable wet day!.

