



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Conor Ferguson who represented the school brilliantly in the Meath Spelling Bee Competition which was hosted in the



← Thank you to the 6th Class children who donated €775 from their Confirmation money to

Congratulations to the children who missed no days this year

Ms Cowley's Class: Conor Hickey & Aron Gieros-Tchorz. **Ms Ruane's Class:** Jason Giurgila, Maggie Donnelly, Oliver Couch & Éabha Coy. **Ms O'Sullivan's Class:** Fae Hennessy. **Ms Kennedy's Class:** Isabel Winston & Lydia Jordan. **Ms Bagnall's Class:** Holly Dowling, Connor Larkin & Ciaran Pentony. **Ms Hession's Class:** Caroline Woods & Ellen Daughton. **Ms Prendiville's Class:** Nicole Doherty. **Ms Mullen's Class:** Amy Leeson, Doireann O'Sullivan & Seán Moloney. **Ms Burke's Class:** Gracie Cronin. **Ms Hamilton's Class:** Ryan Tinnelly & Ehren Harris. **Ms Egan's Class:** Sorsha Lumley & Isobel Hearnns. **Ms O'Riordan's Class:** Seán O'Sullivan. **Ms Smyth's Class:** Louise Byrne, Ava Hennessy & Sonia Gieros-Tchorz. **Ms Bates Class:** Jenna Willoughby & Josh Kiely. **Ms Brennan's Class:** Saoirse Carrigan, Oran Corboy, Alex Knowles, Lucy O'Reilly & Evan Sherry. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Evan Sload, Robert Hayes, Molly Moran & Katie Doherty. **Ms NiMhurchú's Class:** Erin Leeson, Saul Harris, Conor Daughton & Sofia Hearnns. **Ms O'Reilly's Class:** Cormac Tormey, Amy Murray, Darragh Lyons & Jessica Cronin. **Ms Broderick's Class:** Cara O'Sullivan & Kate Raftery. **Ms Dennehy's Class:** Grace McTiernan, Ella Byrne, Corina Wade, Jacob Mulcahy & Sarah Berns.

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Ms Cowley's Class: Noah McLoughlin. **Ms Ruane's Class:** Ruby Warren. **Ms O'Sullivan's Class:** Naoise Lumley & Maisie Donnolly. **Ms Kennedy's Class:** Niamh Daniels, Finn Higgins, Joe Tormey, Conor Clancy & Ollie O'Brien. **Ms Bagnall's Class:** Oscar Twyford & Lily Mae Fahey Clancy. **Ms Hession's Class:** Harriet Prendergast. **Ms Prendiville's Class:** Sophia Sherry, Emma Ginley & Cian O'Callaghan. **Ms Moore's Class:** Emily Shinnors, Éila Corboy & Amelia Couch. **Ms Mullen's Class:** Martynas Rumsas, Stephen O'Brien & Dylan McMahon. **Ms Smyth's Class:** Eva Carroll, Sophie Cooke & Gabriele Sutkeviciute. **Ms Bates Class:** Melissa Connolly & Brendan Twyford. **Ms Brennan's Class:** Calum Willoughby. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Lauren Mavimpi Kimbondo & Breeanne Enright. **Ms NiChinnéide's Class:** Max O'Reilly. **Ms NiMhurchú's Class:** Ryan Brunton, Shawn Ocampo, Seán Twyford, Rebecca Ryan & Anela Stobie. **Ms O'Reilly's Class:** Eve Winston. **Ms Dennehy's Class:** Saoirse Lynch. **Mr Harte's Class:** Tyler Arkesteijn & Lauren Dolan. **Ms O'Connor's Class:** Leah McGlinchey.

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St. Paul's National School Summer 2018 Newsletter



What a wonderful year! A year of contrasts, from red weather warnings for snow and wind to the highs of the last few weeks, we have enjoyed it all and had an amazing year. We were so lucky to have sunshine for Active week, water day and all our tours. I hope you all enjoy reading about some of the events here and a huge thank you to Yvonne for our newsletter and all the wonderful work she does all year. I would like to thank all the staff for the activities and experiences they offer our children. 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



Farewell to our 6th Class

We can't quite believe that we are at the end of another school year and saying farewell to another fantastic group of kids who graduated this week. They finished the year off with an amazing rendition of Matilda, an overnight school tour and a graduation ceremony. We wish them all the very best in secondary school. Thank you to everybody who has prepared the children for this stage in particular, Ms



Community Games Choir

The choir had a great day at the All Ireland Community Games. It was a blast! We had to be down at the school on Sunday at 5.30am, so we were up early. It took us about 3 hours to get to Limerick where we were performing. We performed well, but we didn't know how we measured up to the other choirs because we didn't get to see them perform. We were ecstatic when we found out that we had come second! Then we got to go to a prize giving ceremony to get our silver medals and get pictures taken. It took us ages to get home! Overall, we had a fantastic day and it



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We were delighted to welcome back Alex Cahill who donated €325.00 for additional resources for the school. Thank you Alex!

Sponsored Walk and Run

The weather stayed dry, for the most part, so that the children could complete our annual sponsored walk/run. Children from junior infants up to 4th classes walked a route around Ratoath and 5th and 6th classes headed up to Fairyhouse Racecourse for a few laps of the course. Thank you for all the sponsorship which amounted to €3938.50.



Thank you to our Parents' Association

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our fantastic Parents' Association for the tremendous amount of work they do throughout the year. The coffee morning for parents of new infants, the Christmas Fair, tea and coffee for the Spelling Bee and the Art Exhibition, the Communion and Confirmation parties and the Graduation ceremony are all hosted by our PA. They also





School Tours

All classes finished off the year with a school tour to remember. Junior Infants went to Newbridge House and Farm, Senior Infants and Room 25 went to the Zoo, 1st Classes to Causey Farm, 2nd Classes to Pine Forest Arts and Craft Centre, 3rd Classes to Funtasia and Bettystown beach, 4th classes to W5 in Bel-



International Children's Art Exhibition Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of the 48th International Children's Pentel Art Competition.

Bronze: Zuzanna Weglowska, Nicole Byrne, Robyn Ducie, Jessica Buckley, Joshua Lyons, Michael Murray, Brandon Tighe, Melissa Connolly, Niamh Colgan, Lauren Murray, Sorsha Lumley, Evie Wardick & Caleb Richardson.

Pentel: Rebecca Collins, Lee Gallagher, Vivienne McGuinn, Bobby Mulcahy, Isabella Turner, Michelle Glinka, Oscar Hennessy, Dylan Langan, Piotr Weglowski, Isabelle Somers, Alannah Higgins, Karolina Meagher, Aiden Clarke, Mark Daughton, Oisín O'Riordan, Joshua Balmer, Lucy McCormack, Noah Murphy, Amy Leeson, Shane Hickey, Layla Kane, Ruby Warren, Sophia Read, Gavin Fennessy Manley, James Goggin, Mia Colley Kenny, Sarah Forde, Aaron Bizzell and Jody Lawlor.

Silver: Amelia Leydon, Ella Byrne, Ava Fay, Lily Nannery, Daragh Coatsworth, Joshua Connolly, Sara McMahon, Eline Lund, Nicole Doherty, Mikael McMahon, Jenna Willoughby, Lee Cadwell, Aaron Martin, Tom McCormack, Robyn Lee and Harry Kearins.



Committee Day

We would like to thank Muireann Nic an Rí for spending a morning working with our Student Council and many different Committees. They had a great morning of

Green Schools

This year we began working on our fifth green school theme which is that of Biodiversity. This is a two year programme and the Green School committee have been working on making themselves familiar with the topic of Biodiversity and the things that pose a threat to diversity within our environment.

What is Biodiversity?

Biodiversity is the huge variety and variation of life that surrounds us, from the tiniest flower on your lawn to the biggest whales in the sea.

We have identified the positive aspects of our school environment which help to promote biodiversity and next year we will begin implementing plans to further promote diversity of plant and animal species within St. Paul's. Gardening projects, bug hotels, planting and maintaining will



Thank you to Sandra Murray for sending in this great photo she took of some of Ms Egan's children at the



Ms Burke's Class



Ms Hamilton's Class



Ms Egan's Class

Communion

The 19th May was a very special day for our 2nd Class children who made their first Holy Communion. The weather was very good to us and the children all performed beautifully. Thank you to all the girls and boys who sang in the choir and to all Teachers and SNAs who were there on the day to make it a very memorable occasion for the children and their families. We



Congratulations to Ms. Hession who gets married during the



Children who competed in the cross county racing in Claremount Stadium. Congratula-

Other News

** 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 class up in September. We are very grateful to **REA Grimes, Manorfield Cars, Escape Gardens and Signature Blinds** for taking adverts out in the journal to cover the cost.

** Please note that we will not have our Confirmation and Communion dates for 2019 set until after Bishop Deenihan is consecrated. We hope to know in September.

** We are delighted to have achieved the next level of our

Summer Sports' Report

Once again we have had a very busy and very successful sporting term in St. Paul's. This report will give you just a flavour of the range of sport-ing activity in which our boys and girls participate. Well done to all concerned and to all the teachers who give up their time to train the teams.

Basketball

It has been a very successful year for basketball in St. Paul's this year. Our boys' and girls' teams competed in the Meath Primary Basketball League where both teams were proven unbeatable. As a result of this, we travelled to Trim where both of our teams maintained their winning streak, taking home two trophies in the Leinster Finals.



Boys' Footballers Finish Second in Meath

This year our boys made it to the Cumann na mBunscol final for a second year in a row. The boys played their final in Páirc Tailteann, Navan on Saturday 26th May. St. Paul's finished third in the group stages of the Division 1 Shield. On their path to the final, St. Paul's had wins recorded over Enfield N.S., St. Stephen's N.S. and St. Joseph's N.S. We were beaten by St. Declan's N.S. Ashbourne by two points in the last few

minutes. St. Paul's defeated Duleek N.S. in the semi- final after a very strong and determined second half. In the final we played St. Declan's N.S. Ashbourne. Having started very strong the boys were leading by two points at halftime. The start of the second half St. Declan's fought hard to bring the game to level. The boys never gave up but were unlucky to lose to a very determined St. Declan's team. Our boys should be very proud of their achievement in finishing second in Meath. Well done boys.

GAA Day

This year saw the return of GAA day during Active Week. We want to say a huge thank you to Orlaith Curran and all the volunteers who ran a very successful day in Ratoath GAA Club. All



Well done to our debating team

In April, the Concern Debating Competition Final took place. Our debating team discussed the motion *Ireland should give more money in aid to poor countries*. St Paul's NS proposed this motion while Scoil Mhuire na Trócaire, Ardee opposed the motion. A heated debate occurred between the two teams with both schools performing outstandingly on the day. Unfortunately for St. Paul's, the opposing team was declared the winners. However, St Paul's did not leave empty



Active Week

We had a packed active week with lots of fun and games. The timetable included athletics, GAA, ori-enteering, water safety and the now infamous water day!

