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Ms Melvin's Class: Donnacha Murphy. **Ms Ruane's Class:** Isabella Hanly, Adam Duffy & Eva O'Leary. **Ms O'Sullivan's Class:** Julie O'Brien, Aidan Dempsey & Cullen Smyth. **Ms Kennedy's Class:** Ruby Gallagher & Max McCormack. **Ms Dennehy's Class:** Oliver Couch & Aoibheann Ginley. **Ms Hession's Class:** Cáit McElroy. **Ms. Mullen's Class:** Ciaran Byrne. **Ms Burke's Class:** Isla Willoughby, Isabelle Hetherington, Dylan McMahon, Shane Hickey & Amelia Coyne. **Ms. Cunningham's Class:** Nadia O'Connor & Serena Conway. **Ms. Bagnall's Class:** Emma Ginley, Daisy Kehoe & Louis Connolly. **Ms Crosbie's Class:** Emily O'Connell Cowley & Joseph Cooley. **Ms O'Donovan's Class:** Evie Wardick & Adam Forde. **Ms Murphy's Class:** Aoife Kinsella & Ben Hayes. **Ms Broderick's Class:** Seán O'Sullivan. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Darragh Griffin McEnroe. **Ms. Tully's Class:** Clodagh McHugh & Alice Kinsella. **Ms Conroy's Class:** Alex Knowles. **Ms Brassil's Class:** Seán Coleman. **Ms Hamilton's Class:** Tarah Coyne & Robert Hayes. **Mr Harte's Class:** Conor Daughton. **Ms Moore's Class:** Jonathan McDonnell & Caroline Byrne.

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St. Paul's National School Summer 2019 Newsletter



It has been a great year of non-stop excitement and entertainment - from Grandparents' day to the Variety Show! Not many quiet moments but it has been brilliant! Thank you to everyone who contributed to it. Thank you to Yvonne for our newsletter and all the wonderful work she does all year. Thank you to all the staff for the activities and experiences they offer our children; to you our parents; to the Parents' Association and their many volunteers; to our children....a huge thank you! 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! The sun has finally come out so I hope you all get a chance to enjoy it. Have a lovely Summer and we look forward to seeing everyone else back, safe and sound in a scaffold-free school, on the 9th of September. Take care.
Morag McGowan

Variety Show

Our Variety Show was pulled together following a massive amount of work behind the scenes which resulted in a very enjoyable show for families and friends of our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class children. It was a fantastic experience for both the children and the staff involved. There are lots of photos in the body of the newsletter but here are a few to start with....



6th Class Graduation

We are sorry to say goodbye, for now, to another fantastic group of children all ready to move on to the next stage of their schooling. We have watched them grow into fine young girls and boys over the past 8 years. They finished their final year with a very enjoyable and memorable variety show, overnight school tour and graduation ceremony. Thank you to Ms Brennan, Ms Moore and to Mr Harte for preparing the children so well for secondary school and to Mr Harte for preparing a DVD as a memento of the children's time with us! Thank you also to our amazing Parents' Association who provided refreshments at the graduation ceremony.





Ms Burke's Class



Ms Cunningham's Class



Ms Bagnall's Class

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our 2nd Class children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on May 18th. Thank you to our Parents' Association who hosted a party back at the school after each ceremony. Everyone had a great day!



Thank you to our Parents' Association who treated classes from 1st to 6th to a performance of Oliver Twist in May.

Sponsored Walk and Run

We had our annual sponsored walk and run on Friday 31st May. Junior Infants to 4th Classes walked various routes around the village and 5th and 6th Classes headed up to Fairyhouse Race-course for a 5K run. Thank you for the € 4,127.00 sponsorship received which will be put to good use in the school.



Some Sad News!!

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to some of our teachers who have been with us for a very long time. Ms O'Doherty, Ms Broderick and Ms McCarthy are leaving us to move on to new schools and new adventures! Our loss is their gain but they will be missed in St. Paul's. We wish them all the best in the future!

In other news, Mrs Ward will be returning to her role as Deputy Principal. Ms O'Toole will be staying with us but we want to thank her for all her hard work as acting Deputy Principal for the past number of years.

Regarding Communion and Confirmation dates for 2020. We don't have them yet but as soon as we do we will let the children know.

Boys Hurling Team



The St. Paul's Boys' Hurling Team this year was made up of players from 4th to 6th classes. They played four matches in total, two at home and two away. They performed to a very high level and got two fantastic wins against Ballivor NS and Gaelscoil an Bhradáin Feasa. Unfortunately, they lost out to strong competition in Donacarney BNS and St. Paul's, Navan. They are a notably young and skilful team and have shown wonderful promise for next year! A special word of thanks to the 6th class hurlers for their hard work and commitment over the years here in St. Paul's and long may it continue in their new schools!

Meath Players



This year Conor Godkin and Gerard Leavy were given the opportunity to participate in an intercounty football blitz in Dunganny against Cumann na mBunscol teams from Louth. This competition is run by Cumann na mBunscol Coiste na Mí. The competition was held on Saturday, May 18th. The boys displayed great skills in a number of games played and their team won the competition. Another county medal for two of our footballers. We are very proud of you both. The county jersey suits you! We wish you and all our 6th Class footballers all the very best as you begin Secondary School. Congratulations to James Kelly who represented Meath at half time in the Meath/ Tipperary match in Pairc Tailteann. We also would like to wish Devin Lynch the very best of luck as he will represent our school as he plays at half time during the All-Ireland Football Final in Croke Park this Summer.

Junior Football Team

Since Easter the boys from 4th and 5th Class have been training every Monday at Ratoath GAA pitch in preparation for September's Competition. The boys displayed great enthusiasm and have developed and improved their skills through the training sessions. The boys played two friendly matches against Dunboyne N.S. and Dunshaughlin N.S. and displayed great skill and team work. The boys were rewarded with a great win over Dunshaughlin N.S. We look forward to starting back in

Camogie

This year our camogie team made history by reaching the semi- final of the league for the first time ever! The girls trained very hard every Wednesday to improve their camogie skills. They played three league games where they performed to a very high level and impressed with their speed, talent and teamwork. They were very excited about travelling to Longwood for the semi-final and after a hard fought battle they lost the game against a very strong team. We are extremely proud of their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year and look forward to building on our success in September.

Other News

- We couldn't participate in Daffodil Day as it coincided with our Confirmation but we did do our own event afterwards and are delighted with the €2,323 raised for the Irish Cancer Society.
- Our recent Cash for Clobber collection resulted in €510 for the school.
- Junior Infants vaccinations took place in May.

Variety Show



School Tours

The weather wasn't kind to us this year but that didn't take from the fun everyone had on their school tours. Junior Infants went to Newbridge Farm, Senior Infants to Newgrange Farm, 1st Classes to Causey Farm, 2nd Classes to Fort Lucan, 3rd Classes to Funtasia, 4th Classes to Explorium, 5th Classes to the Crystal Maze and 6th Classes had their overnight tour in Newgrange Lodge and Activity Nation.



Important Notice Regarding School Building Works During the Summer!

As you are aware the school structure has been under investigation for most of the year. We had been told that there was no concern and that the scaffolding and fencing has been in place as a precautionary measure. So as not to disturb classes some work has been ongoing on the alarm after school hours and, now that the Summer holidays have arrived, the Department of Education and Skills has embarked on permanent remediation works. However, they have now decided that they will not be able to complete the work within the eight weeks of the holidays and in order to facilitate the remediation works, the Department has requested that our school would remain available to the contractor until Monday 9th September 2019.

In order to accommodate that request and in order to ensure the school is safe and ready for the children on their return the school will reopen for all classes on TUESDAY the 10th of September.

Junior infants will be in from - 9am to 12pm for Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th
9am to 12pm from Thursday 12th until Friday the 20th
9am to 1.40pm from Monday the 23rd

Senior Infants will be in from - 9am to 1.40pm from Tuesday 10th
First class will be in from - 9am to 1.40pm from Tuesday 10th until Friday 20th
9am to 2.40pm from Monday the 23rd

All other classes will be in from- 9am to 2.40pm from Tuesday the 10th

The holiday schedule for the year will remain as is and the teachers will work to ensure the curriculum is covered. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused and hope that this will then mark a return to school as normal without scaffolding, fencing or restrictions.

Active Week

There is always great excitement and anticipation for active week and this year's didn't disappoint. We had wet day, athletics day, GAA day and circuits. Plenty of fun and activity was had by all!! Thank you to Ms Dennehy and our active committee and to everyone who helped setup the week of events.



International Children's Art Exhibition Winners

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

Bronze: Rachel Smyth, Hannah Reynolds, Liam Kelleher, Zac Stafford, Grace McNally, Fionn Crowley, Ava O'Reilly, Sarah Bergin, Sonia Gieros-Tchorz, Emma McTiernan, Eoin Murphy, Aidan Doyle, Samuel Elwood, Daniel Greene, Molly Moran, Lara O'Suilleabhain, Evan Sload, Ava McManus, Ceilim Ryan and Geena Keogh. **Pentel:** Hailey Quinn, Oliver Couch, Lillian Ward, Oran Jennings, Rhys Malone, Leonidas Kelly, Dylan Doyle, Joseph Cooley, Daniel Smith, Lily Flood, Ehren Harris, Maybelle Kelly, Brendan Twyford, Alannah Higgins, Lewis Keary, Sadie Prior, Ella Newman, Aaron Keating, Killian Murphy, Seán Coleman, Max O'Reilly and Shawn Ocampo. **Silver:** Naoise Lumley, Lucy McCormack, Seán Brown, Aoibheann Gibson, Isabelle Somers, Ethan Styles and Seán O'Beara. **Gold:** Cian O'Callaghan, Ava Doran, Lauren Mavimpi, Mazyanne Conlan, Isabella Khreiss, Sadhbh Gorman and Harry Dunne. **Supreme Gold:** Harry Bogan

Flag for Health Promoting Schools



Congratulations to Saul Harris who missed no days over the course of the 8 years with us.



We are delighted to have been awarded our Health Promoting School Flag!

Our 5th Green Flag Presentation

We are delighted to have been awarded our 5th Green School Flag! We have spent the past two years working towards the Biodiversity flag and we collected it at an awards ceremony on May 22nd in the Helix Theatre. The aim of the Biodiversity flag is to educate pupils, teachers and parents about the importance of variety in our environment and surroundings. No one species can exist without another and every single living thing plays its part in our ecosystem, from the tiniest flower on your lawn to the biggest whales in the sea.



On the 25th of June we had our flag raising day. Amazingly, St. Paul's have received our 5th green schools flag! We are delighted with this achievement and would like to thank everyone who helped us to get the flag. As the students were cheering, some members from the Green School Committee gave speeches about how far we've come as a school. We then went out to the school yard where we raised the green flag. We are very proud of the school and everyone involved in helping the Green Schools committee get to where we are today.

Written by Melissa Connolly 4th Class



More Green School News

Karen Moore, our Green Schools travel officer, visited the Senior Infant classes on Friday 17th May and brought them to a local green area. Here they looked at and listened to birds, both their calls and the sounds their wings made. The children also went on a scavenger hunt! Each group was given a different group of letters and had to find something in the area which began with that letter. It was a wonderful experience for the children!

