



St. Paul's National School Easter Newsletter 2022

As life gradually seems to be returning to a (cautious) normal it is great to see the usual events returning to St. Paul's. There was great excitement last week as a bus headed off to an athletics' event for the first time in a couple of years! We had football too, with teams and school jerseys - things we had nearly forgotten about. Our Communion will be held after Easter and we look forward to welcoming families back to the school to celebrate with the children. The Easter Bunny visited and the children had great fun hunting for the eggs which he had hidden around the school! Thank you to the staff, you the parents, and the children, for your hard work throughout the term. A very Happy Easter to you all. Enjoy the break, rest and get ready for the very busy term ahead!

Morag McGowan

Easter Bunny Visit

It's been a long time since the school had a visit from the Easter Bunny but he surprised us by popping by this week much to the delight of all! He visited each classroom and left an easter egg for each child. Thank you to our Parents' Association for arranging the visit.





Meath Cross Country

We had a fantastic group of children who represented the school with pride in the Meath cross country schools competition on Thursday 31st March. The boys and girls from 4th to 6th class ran brilliantly as individuals and as part of their team and brought back a number of medals to show for it.

Girls Mini 7's



On Tuesday, March 15th, ten of our 5th class girls travelled to Dunboyne for a mini 7's blitz. The girls got off to a great start with an impressive win in their first game. While they were narrowly defeated in their second match, the girls came back fighting for their third and final game. With great skill and determination they finished with another victory. All three games were very entertaining with plenty of points, goals, blocks and tackles on show. Well done girls!

Soccer Leagues

The boys and girls in 4th, 5th and 6th Class have been taking part in the FAI Primary 5's Soccer Competition and have been really enjoying it. It's a little different this year in that pupils will be competing against each other instead of against other schools. Each participating school will be entered into a draw to get the chance to play in a Finals' Day in the Aviva Stadium so we will keep our fingers crossed for that.



New iPads for St. Paul's

We have recently acquired 38 new iPads for our school. We hope they will greatly benefit teaching and learning in our classrooms. The children will begin using them after Easter and they are very much looking forward to it. Some classes have tried them out already. (Pic of Ms Grall's 6th Class)



Thank you John for planting our lovely daffodils in the garden.

Rainbows

Rainbows is back and we have just started a new term. Thank you to the Teachers and Staff members who provide this valuable programme.

Online Safety Training

We invited Barnardos in to deliver an online safety workshop to our 4th, 5th and 6th class children. Some classes received the training before the Easter break and others will it when we get back after the holidays.



Ms O'Neill's class out on their spring nature walk

Baby Joy

Congratulations to Ms O'Sullivan and Ms Prendiville on the birth of their baby boys and to Ms Hamilton and Nicola who gave birth to baby girls recently.

Friends for Life

We are currently running the Friends for Life programme for 1st classes. This is a school based mental health programme which helps students deal with worry, stress and change. Our Teachers are qualified through the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) to deliver this programme to the children. It is a positive, fun learning experience which the children should enjoy and learn from.



We dressed up to support two very important causes. Daffodil Day for the Irish Cancer Society and also for Ukraine. Thank you for your support. We raised €2,031.26 to be split between the two causes.

Ratoath/Rathbeggan Community Games Art, Models and Handwriting

Congratulations to the following children who won first place in their chosen category. The children have qualified to the County Finals in Wilkinstown on 10th April.

Art Girls U/8—1st: Lucy Leigh Acton
 Art Boys U/8—1st: Charlie Quinn
 Girls U/10—1st: Charlotte Fitzpatrick
 Girls U/12 Art—1st: Katie Conaty
 Boys U/12 Handwriting — 1st: Liam Theron

