



Congratulations to Nicole Doherty for coming 1st place in the Texaco art competition entitled 'My Shell Collection'.

### Cash for Clobber

Our recent cash for clobber collection yielded €368 to the school.

### Leinster House Tour

All three of our 6th classes were brought to Leinster House for a tour. Here we see Ms. Grall's Class.



### The PA need your help!

We are very lucky to have an amazing Parents' Association who work to help provide you and your child with additional memorable experiences throughout each school year. They are seeking volunteers to join and help in any way over the coming year. Please contact the school office or email [stpaulsratoathpa@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsratoathpa@gmail.com) if you would like to help. It would be very much appreciated.

### Baby Joy

Congratulations to Ms. Dennehy who had a baby boy in June

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Ms. Casey who is getting married in July.



Some of the winners of the in school writing competition.

### School Uniform

For all your uniform needs please contact our suppliers on [schoolware-house.ie](http://schoolware-house.ie). If you are having items of uniform delivered to the school please bear in mind that the builders will be in the school, again, all Summer and we will not be open until the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. If you are buying new shoes, please remember that the children must wear proper school shoes, not runners, with their uniforms and should wear proper runners, not canvas shoes, with their tracksuits. Thank you for supporting us in this.

### Confirmation and Communion

Next year's Confirmation date is Friday 10th February and the First Holy Communion is Saturday 13th May.



## St. Paul's National School Summer 2022 Newsletter

It has been a very busy and incredibly quick year!! Not many quiet moments but it has been brilliant! It has been great to get to do some of the things we had taken for granted in the past. Although it was brilliant, the high point for me wasn't the great win by the girls' football team in the Cumann na mBunscoil competition, it was actually seeing the children in the school kit heading out to play matches again! Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year such a success. 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 our parents; the Parents' Association; their volunteers; and 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. Have a lovely Summer and we look forward to seeing everyone else back, safe and sound, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Take care. *Morag McGowan*

### 6th Class Graduation

We say goodbye to another fantastic group of 6th class children but not before a trip to Leinster house, tours to Crystal maze and Tanagh outdoor education centre, and a special graduation ceremony on the evening of the 29th June. We wish them all the best on their new educational journey in secondary school. Below we have some pictures taken in Tanagh!







## Athletics

The athletics team had a very successful day out in Claremont Stadium. We had boys and girls from Third class to Sixth class competing in sprints, middle distance and relay races. The boys and girls had a fantastic day out and we even brought home some medals!

## Basketball

St. Paul's competed in the Meath's school basketball competition for large schools. They were drawn against St. Declan's of Ashbourne, St. Paul's Navan and St. Stephen's Navan. All students from 6<sup>th</sup> class took part, with one class group going to each game. Ms. Grall's sixth class were first out against St. Stephen's Navan. The girls had a tough game with a narrow win in the last quarter. The boys had an excellent team game and won well with a final score of 22-4. In the home game Mr. Joyce's class played St. Declan's Ashbourne. Unfortunately, the boys and girls were defeated after a tough defensive game from the Ashbourne side. St. Paul's toughest challenge was away game versus St. Paul's Navan. Sadly, we went away with another two losses as St. Paul's Navan had two excellent teams. Overall, while the game tally was disappointing for both of our teams, there was a massive improvement in all of the sixth class students' skill level in basketball and it was fantastic to see such positive participation across all year groups.



## St. Paul's Soccer League

This year, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes competed in St. Paul's Soccer Leagues. This was a highly enjoyable competition, and the children showed some great skill and teamwork during the games. The teams played in group stages and those who topped the group played in the final. Well done to the winning teams on their achievements but also to all the children who participated in the leagues.







## School Tours

It was lovely to be able to bring the children away on tour again after a break of two years. For some it was their first tour ever and there was great excitement as everyone looked forward to a fun day out. As you can see from the photos everyone had a great time and created some special memories.



## How the Girls Gaelic team make St. Paul's history! by Emily Meehan

How did the girls' Gaelic team make St. Paul's history? Well, it all started when Ms. Dennehy (teacher and coach) told everyone that a girls' Gaelic team would be starting. About a week later, training had begun. The training included skills such as: soloing, passing, defending, communicating and more. The girls put in a lot of hard work and effort, hoping it would pay off. The first match was against Longwood. All the hard work and effort did pay off as St. Paul's were victorious with a 3-6 to 1-4 win. The girls continued to put a lot of hard work and effort into their training. The next match was against Scoil Naomh Eoin. Once again, all the work they put into training paid off as St. Paul's won with 10-11 to 2-3. The girls were working even harder at training hoping to stay on a winning streak. The next match was against Enfield. The girls were prepared. They put a lot of hard work in, and it was worth it as they had once again won with 6-4 to 3-1 on the scoreboard. Training was continuing and they were working on more skills now. The next match was against Whitecross. All the work at training paid off once again with a win of 3-8 to 0-2. Only a few days later, the coaches made an announcement. The girls sat waiting and then they were told that they were in the final! The girls were overjoyed. They were putting even more effort into their training to prepare for the final. They soon found out that Amber Wyer would be the captain. They also found out that Emma Troy (Meath ladies Gaelic player) would be doing a training session with them. As the final was coming closer, posters were going up all around St. Paul's with hopeful messages on them. The training session with Emma Troy was coming up and the girls were excited to meet her. This was also to be their last training session before the final. The girls tried as hard as they could hoping to be ready for the final. They had found out it was against Longwood. When the day of the final came the girls were nervous, but ready. The brand new red and navy jerseys were given out and the girls were on their way to Pairc Tailteann. When they got there, they got their first glimpse of just how big the pitch was. They practised their skills until they had to go into the changing rooms. Soon everyone was getting into their positions and the whistle blew. It was a very challenging match. The girls tried their best but by half time they were by 4 points down. The girls didn't put their heads down and give up, instead they pushed even harder in the second half. All the St Paul's supporters were screaming as loud as they could trying to encourage the girls. The training, hard work and effort all paid off as when the whistle blew at the end of the match, St. Paul's had won. The final score was 2-10 to 3-5. All of the St Paul's supporters were screaming. The captain Amber Wyer held up the shield and the whole stadium screamed with joy! They are the first St. Paul's girls' Gaelic football team to ever win Cumann na mBunscoil! This team has made history.







**Ms Burke's 3rd Class enjoying active week**

## Active Week

We had a very successful active week with Athletics, penalty shoot outs, circuits, long jump, sack race, egg and spoon to name just some of the activities that took place over the week. We would like to thank the Ratoath Athletics Club for the use of their athletics track and the Community Centre for access to the Astro turf pitches.



## New Sports Kit



A big thank you to Robert Hayes for the very welcome, but belated arrival of new football jerseys! Modelled by his brother Ben, Robert won these jerseys in a skills challenge in Pairc Tailteann when he was in 6<sup>th</sup> class. The country closed down shortly afterwards and, as a result, it has taken so long to get the jerseys that, Robert, and even Ben, never got to wear them. Better late than never, we are very grateful! Our uniform supplier has kindly offered shorts and socks to complete the kit. Hopefully they'll get more use next year and for years into the future!

## School Quiz

Can you name the only country in the world that starts with the letter W? Do you know what the largest desert in the world is? These are just two of the questions that the quiz teams from Ratoath National school and St. Paul's had to answer in the quiz competition between the two schools. Sixteen children between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class represented their schools in the general knowledge competition on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of June. They had a fantastic time working as a team to figure out the answers and hopefully everyone learnt something along the way. By the way the answers to the two questions are

## Pentel Children's Art Exhibiton

Congratulations to the following children on winning a prize and certificate in the Pentel 52nd International Children's Art Exhibition. The prizes have not arrived as yet and will be given out in September. **Supreme Gold:** Ella Doyle, Reuben Donnelly, James Pullen and Zurie Murphy. **Gold:** Saoirse Taaffe, Nicholas Clarke, Oran Jennings, Tadas Telecenas, Hayley Dunne, Liam Theron, Noah Murphy, Jack O'Gorman and Katie Lundy. **Silver:** Aibhe Carroll, Cara Ruxton, Hazel Sheehy, Sophia Rowe-Lally, Pearse Connolly, Fionn Pelly, Zoe Cameron, Katie Conaty, Kate Gill, Jason Giurgila, Adam O'Reilly, Kean Moran and Mia Dowling. **Bronze:** Cara Fitzgerald, Olly Tormey, Matthew Woods, Ellie King, Hanna Weglowska, Charlie Conaty, Sebastian Stafford, Matas Sarapas, Adam Duffy, Max McCormack, Maya Rejmonczyk, Max McGrath, Calvin Griffin, Cian Brown, Nicole Doherty, Jude Phelan and Alex Petrisor. **Pentel:** Evan O'Halloran, Shea O'Sullivan, Daniel Makarski, Saoirse Hogge, Hannah Donnelly, Ted Clarke, Rory Hetherston, Ciara Corbett, Ryan Mulligan, James Lane, Emma Mulvaney, Rebecca Comiskey, Luke Twyford, Dylan Doyle and Vivienne Jenkins.