

## Funky Fruit Friday

After much debate our student council decided to implement funky fruit Friday in a effort to encourage even more healthy eating. Most of the children have embraced this initiative and we look forward to con-



### Congratulations to the following children who have missed no days this term

**Ms Cowley's Class:** Cáit McElroy, Daire Connolly, Conall O'Riordan, Lynn Williems, Edvardas Rumsas, Kate Gill, Aron Gieros-Tchorz and Conor Hickey. **Ms Ruane's Class:** Oliver Couch, Ruby Warren, Alexa Wong, Jamie Roche, Rian Doyle, Jason Girugila, Maggie Donnelly, Devin McGrath, Éabha Coy, Paige Ducie & Seán Foster. **Ms O'Sullivan's Class:** Adam Sherlock, Naoise Lumley, Fae Hennessy, Noah McCabe, Jack Ducie, Conor Bizzell, Katie Conaty, James Lane & Ruby Gallagher. **Ms Kennedy's Class:** Calvin Griffin, Ellie O'Leary, Riley Galvin, Kyle Kane, Joe Tormey, Eliza Prior, Ollie O'Brien, Conor Clancy, Finn Higgins, Isabel Winston, Niamh Daniels & Lydia Jordan. **Ms Bagnall's Class:** Oscar Twyford, Connor Larkin, Cian Griffin, Finn Carrigan, Holly Dowling, Ciaran Pentony, Devlin O'Brien, Ellie O'Gorman and Abigail King O'Gorman. **Ms Hession's Class:** Harriet Prendergast, Adam Walsh, Ellen Daughton, Matthew Meagher, Amelia Cooley & Caroline Woods. **Ms Prendiville's Class:** Emily Fagan, Cian O'Callaghan, Megan Lane, Sophia Sherry, Nicole Doherty, Ciara Gill and Oscar Hennessy. **Ms Moore's Class:** Emily Shinnors, Julia O'Reilly, Bébhinn Ryan, Conor Andrews, Elyza Wong, Grace Smyth, Isabelle Thompson, Éila Corboy, Serena Conway, Seán Ward and Ava Smith. **Ms Mullen's Class:** Stephen O'Brien, Doireann O'Sullivan, Martynas Rumsas, Dylan McMahon, Amy Leeson, Seán Moloney & Lauren Doran. **Ms Burke's Class:** Gracie Cronin, Ben Hayes & John Fitzgerald. **Ms Hamilton's Class:** Ehren Harris, Noah Murphy, Ross Peppard, Ryan Tinnelly & Kate Fitzpatrick. **Ms Egan's Class:** Mark Daughton, Isobel Hearn, Oisín O'Riordan & Sorsha Lumley. **Ms O'Riordan's Class:** Seán O'Sullivan, Fionn Crowley & Alannah Ducie. **Ms Smyth's Class:** Harvey Cahill, Gabriele Sutkeviciute, Amber Lane, Louise Byrne, Ben Cunningham, Killian Murphy, Eva Carroll, Isabelle Twyford, Lucy Cameron, Ruairi Pelly, Ava Hennessy, Sonia Gieros-Tchorz and Sophie Cooke. **Ms Bates' Class:** Brendan Twyford, Calum Boucher, Abi McLoughlin, Jenna Willoughby, Orla Duruanyawu, Alice Kinsella, Josh Kiely, Melissa Connolly, Éabha O'Brien & Daniel Foster. **Ms Brennan's Class:** Ross McNally, Saoirse Carrigan, Sophia Collins, Evan Sherry, Dylan Langan, Laura Kinsella, Aria Kinsella, Oran Corboy, Alex Knowles, Callum Willoughby & Lucy O'Reilly. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Mary-Kate Prior, Molly Moran, Lauren Mavimpi Kimbono, Cillian Malone, Breeanne Enright, Niamh Colgan, Katie Doherty, Evan Sload, Robert Hayes & Liam Larkin. **Ms NíChinnéide's Class:** Aaron Martin, Molly Murray, Erin McNamara, Joshua Gill, Mia Grattan, Aiden Clarke & Eoghan Shirley. **Ms NíMhurchú's Class:** Seán O'Beara, Bobby Smith, Shawn Ocampo, Mia Foley, Charlie Jackson, Conor Daughton, Rebecca Ryan, Conor Shirley, Erin Leeson, Seán



St. Paul's National School

Easter Newsletter 2018

We had Ophelia, we had Emma, we had the Beast from the East and today we had the Easter Bunny! In between we have had all the usual excitement and events! It is hard to believe that it will be April by the time we are back in school and with Confirmation, Communion, Graduation, school tours, Active Week and all the rest we won't see the end of the year coming! Thank you to the staff, the Parents' Association Committee and all of you the parents, and the children, for

## Easter Bunny Visits St. Paul's

The Easter Bunny and his helpers popped in to the delight of all the boys and girls in St. Paul's and brought in a little treat for every-





### 6th Class Bake Sale

On the 2nd of February our 6th class children had a bake sale in order to raise some funds towards their school tour in June. There was massive array of yummy cakes and treats on display

### Community Games Art and Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to all the children who entered the Community Games Art and Handwriting Competitions and to the following winners:

**Art Girls U/12**— Lucy O'Reilly (1st) Molly Moran (3rd) Geena Keogh (Cert) Elsa Johnson (Cert)

**Art Boys U/12** Harry Carroll (1st) Danny Bush (2nd)

James Kelly (3rd) Charlie

McCue (4th) **Girls U/14**—Ava

Cooley (3rd) Danielle Connolly

(4th) Sophie Barker (Cert)

Cara O'Sullivan (Cert) **Boys**

**U/14** Adam O'Connor (4th)



#### Handwriting

**Girls U/10** Alice Kinsella (2nd)



### Successful Debating Team Through To The Final

Congratulations to our wonderful team who have progressed to the final of the Concern Debating Competition. This is the first ever time St. Paul's has taken part in this competition. Cormac, Hannah, Isabel, Oscar, Sarah and Shaun have shown great dedication and determination. They have worked tirelessly over the past few months preparing and perfecting the delivery of their speeches for this competition. In the first round, our team competed against Mullaghbuoy NS, Dundalk debating the motion 'Ireland is the best country in the world to live'. St. Paul's proposed this motion and after much rebuttal from the opposition, the adjudicators declared St. Paul's as the merited winners. In the next round, the debating team competed against a strong St. Kevin's GNS team to discuss the motion "Girls' or Boys' schools are better than mixed schools". St. Paul's opposed this motion. The proposition team were well prepared which resulted in a hotly contested and spirited debate between the two



### 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,



### Dates for your Diary

School is closed from Monday 7th May to Friday 11th May inclusive.

School will close on Tuesday 22nd May at 1.40pm for all children to facilitate a staff meeting.

### Dates for 6th Classes

Confirmation—Friday 13th April @3pm

6th Class Graduation - Wednesday 27th June

### Uniform Fitting Days

Our uniform people will be in on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June for fittings and uniform orders.

This week all three 5th classes visited Kilmainham Gaol. Ms Broderick's Class gave an account of the visit.

We started in the chapel inside the Gaol to hear the captivating story of Joseph Plunkett and Grace Gifford marrying just hours before Joseph was to be executed. As we walked through the Gaol, we were able to experience what life was like for a prisoner in Kilmainham. The cold and dampness that the prisoners must have felt was evident as there were many windows and no heating in the prison. Prisoners mainly survived on porridge, bread and stew. He also told us that prisoners were kept in their cells for 23 hours per day and were only allowed one hour to exercise and empty their chamber pots! When we reached the East Wing of the Gaol, many of the cells were open. There were many plaques stating the prisoners' names that would have slept in these cells during the 1916 Rising, including Joseph Plunkett, Eamon De Valera, Edward Daly and Countess Markievicz. Another famous cell inside the prison is that

### Health Promoting Week

We had a fantastic health promoting week in February which was memorable for all the right reasons. The week was packed full of activities to encourage and support a healthy mind and a healthy body! Yoga, Meditation, Circuit Training, Baking healthy brown bread, cooking healthy pizzas and healthy eating talks were just some of these activities over the week. Thank you to our health promoting committee, pictured here, for all the planning and efforts in pulling this week together. Also, a huge thank you to our Yoga Teachers Ms McMahon, Niamh Robinson and Deirdre Snow, to Ms Dennehy, Ms McCarthy and the



### New Incoming Junior Infants

We will be inviting parents and our new incoming Junior Infants into the school for an introductory meeting on the 12th & 13th June. Our uniform people will be here

### Our Fantastic Parents' Association

We consider ourselves to be extremely lucky to have such a fantastic Parents' Association. Without their willingness and enthusiasm, we would not have our annual Confirmation and Communion parties. The PA are seeking volunteers to help with this years Confirmation and Communion parties either with the preparation in setting up the hall or on the day itself. So if you have a few hours to spare either on the 13th April or the 18th/19th May then please contact the office.

**Confirmation 13th April at 3pm**

**Communion 19th May**

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Begley who gave birth to twin babies, Michael & Olivia, in January

### Ashbourne Credit Union Table Quiz

Do you know what the third letter of the Greek alphabet is? Or do you recall who the patron saint of Wales is? These are some of the questions the St. Paul's quiz team had to answer as they took part in the annual Credit Union quiz. The quiz took place in St. Declan's N.S. in Ashbourne. There were four people on the team and these students were Sarah Berns, Hannah Murphy, Aisling Stratford and Jacob Mulcahy. Some of the questions were very hard and some were surprisingly easy. The quiz lasted two hours altogether, with twelve rounds each consisting of ten questions. The last two rounds were only for the senior teams as the questions in these rounds were a bit harder. The St. Paul's quiz team came 5th in the quiz overall. The teacher who organised the team and who helped



### Cor Fhéile

Our school choir represented the school in this years Cor Fhéile. The children performed 'Somewhere only we know', 'Scaoil uait na deora' and 'Ode to my Family' beautifully to the delight of the

### Rainbows

We have just completed a 12 week term. Thank you to the Teachers and Staff members who provide

### Cash For Clobber

Our recent cash for clobber collected raised €770 euro for the school. Thank you for your



### Art Exhibition

The children created some beautiful art which was framed and displayed in art exhibition style in the school hall in February. Parents and family were invited in to view and purchase the art.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge Agus Bliain na Gaeilge

There is always great ceol agus craic during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Thank you to Ms O'Connor for a full timetable of events over the course of the seachtain. There was ceol agus damhsa, tráth na gCeist, puc fada, Cluichí sa halla agus bingo. We finished the week with a Céilí Mor and Lá Glas in aid of Goal where €487.00 was raised. Many thanks to all of the múinteoirí for their help throughout the week and a special go raibh maith agaibh to the páistí from the Coiste Gaeilge who produced some lovely artwork and who have been



## St Paul's Power to Leinster Glory in Olympic Handball

All four of our Olympic Handball Teams qualified for the Meath County Finals in Gormanstown College on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. Their hard work and dedication paid off with each team winning a Meath County Medal. Each team had to play a semi-final match in Gormanstown College to make it to the Finals. The U11 Girls got the school off to a winning start playing a fantastic semi-final and beating Yellow Furze NS to secure their place in the final. A thrilling encounter followed in the final against Skryne NS where both teams would play for Golden Goal as a result of being level once again after extra time. St. Paul's played with great determination and were crowned Champions of Meath. The U11 Boys continued the winning streak by sealing their place in the final by a win over Skryne NS in the semi-final. The boys had a tough task ahead of them meeting Yellow Furze NS in the final. However, the boys' team showed great determination and skill to win the match and be crowned Champions of Meath. The U13 Girls' Team played a fantastic, high energy semi-final against Yellow Furze NS displaying great skills but were unlucky to lose 3-2 in the last minute of the match. However, the girls bounced back to claim victory against Robinstown and come 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Meath. The U13 Boys Team played a fantastic semi-



final against Wilkinstown NS to secure a place in the final. The boys then had to take on Yellow Furze NS in the final. The boys showed great skill and determination but were unsuccessful against a very strong Yellow Furze Team. The boys finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Meath- Well done Boys!

Played in the National Indoor Arena, Blanchardstown, the boys and girls U11 teams and the boys U13 team represented Meath in the Leinster Finals. Our U11 girls were first into action. Playing with great determination and no little skill, they defeated Corduff NS in the semi-final 4-2. This set up a contest with Rush NS, Dublin in the final. The girls rushed into an early lead, one which held all the way to the end and were crowned Champions of Leinster with a victory of 5-2. The U11 boys also faced Dublin opposition in the form of St. Attracta's NS where the boys raced to a 6-0 victory. Spirits were high and with the U11 Girls having achieved



Leinster glory the boys were determined to bring home the second gold of the day. The boys were pitted against a very strong Rush NS team in the final. This was a thrilling contest where both teams faced a flurry of attacks displaying great skill and determination. Our boys responded brilliantly and claimed a well-deserved victory with a final score of 7



## Basketball

The boys and girls basketball teams are having a very successful year. So far both teams have won all of their games and are working their way to the finals day, in Trim, after Easter. We



## Athletics

We had 50 children representing the school in the annual Meath Cross Country Athletic championship. Children from First to Sixth class ran exceptionally well in tough muddy conditions and for some of our younger athletes it was their first time to represent the school. Once again St. Paul's had a very successful day with a number of individual and



## Soccer

The girls soccer team had a great day out in the MDL in Navan. They won three of their four matches and showed great



## Coaching

Thank you to Rory from Leinster Rugby who has been providing coaching to our 1st and 2nd classes. Also to our GAA coaches Conor who coached our 5th and 6th classes after Christmas and to

## Swimming

Swimming lessons start after Easter for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st classes, 3rd classes and Rooms 25 and 26. Aquatics is part of the National P.E. curriculum and we encourage all children to participate. We have been bringing the children swimming for over