



## St. Paul's National School Easter Newsletter 2025

Welcome to our Easter Newsletter! This term has been full of energy, learning, and exciting activities—right up to the final day. We've been especially lucky to enjoy some beautiful spring weather, which has made outdoor learning and playtime even more enjoyable for the children. A sincere thank you goes to our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts, and to you, our parents and guardians, for your continued support and encouragement. We are so proud of all that's been accomplished this term and hope you enjoy reading about it. On behalf of all the staff at St. Paul's, I'd like to wish you and your families a wonderful and relaxing Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on the 28th of April!

*Stephen Harte*

### Easter Bunny Visit

Thank you to our Easter bunny and helpers who spent the morning with us yesterday and who arranged for a special treat for each child.



### Autism awareness

On Friday 11th April we celebrated autism awareness day, increasing our understanding and acceptance of people with autism.



## FAI Soccer League

Our two boys soccer teams took part in the FAI Primary 5's competition at the MDI in Navan recently. Both teams did really well on the day and managed to make it beyond the preliminary group stage on the day. It is the first time that both teams progressed beyond that stage so they should be very proud of how they performed and how well they represented the school.



## Basketball

The boys' and girls' basketball teams took part in The Meath Primary School Basketball League again this year. They represented St. Paul's with pride in the school's first ever basketball kits. With hard work and team spirit both teams gave their best performances, making their school proud. The girls' team has made it into the semi-final of the League which will be played in the next couple of weeks. Best of luck to all the girls!



## Handball

Well done to all 4 teams who competed in this year handball league and especially to our U13 boys and girls U11 who reached the All Ireland Finals which were held this week in Gormanstown. Huge congratulations to the boys u13 who are now all Ireland champions and to the girls who came second. A special thank you to the coaches and to all the teachers who give up their time to coach the children for all sporting events!!





### Daffodil Planting

Room 6 have been busy planting daffodils around the school. The Senior Infants planted the bulbs into small pots before Christmas and then they planted the daffodils out around the school grounds in March. Some 6th class boys and girls helped them to dig holes and plant the daffodils out.



### Athletics

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed in a very successful event in the Navan Racecourse.

### Grandparents' and Special Persons' Day!

We are very excited to invite Grandparents'/special older person, to visit St. Paul's on Thursday 1st May 2025. To accommodate the extra numbers we would like to divide the visitors into two groups.

Group 1 - Grandparents/Special Older Person of children whose surname is between A - K please come to the school from 9.30am - 11am

Group 2 - Grandparents/Special Older Person of children whose surname is between L - Z please come to the school from 11.45am - 1.15pm



Congratulations to Ms Brennan and Ms Cunningham who both got married recently. We wish you both the very best for the future!!

### Dates for your Diary

Grandparents'/Special Older Person Day will take place on the 1st May

There will be a cash for clobber collection on Friday 9th of May

School will be closed for an in service day on Friday 16th of May

Communion Photos will be taken on Tuesday 21st May

6th Class Graduation is planned for Thursday the 26th of June.

### Confirmation

Congratulations to our sixth classes who made their Confirmation on the 7th February. Thank you to our Parents' Association for organising the get together afterwards in the school hall.

### Online Safety Workshops

In February Barnardos came into the school to provide online safety workshops for 5th and 6th classes along with a parent zoom session over two evenings.

### Swimming

Our Senior Infants, 1st Classes and Room 26 have just completed a series of swimming lessons in the Aquatic Centre.

## Seachtain Na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain Na Gaeilge in March. There was a wide range of activities across the week with lots of opportunities to champion our Irish language. Thank you to Kevin Duncan who gave us a highly skilled performance on the bag pipes. We invited parents in for a special cheolchorim and cupán tae. We finished the week with Lá Glas where we held a special assembly with traditional Irish music from our musicians, Irish dancing from our dancers and our choir sang as gaeilge. Thank you to all the Teachers for all the extra work in putting this week together.



## Cycle Safety



Children from 4th classes were given the opportunity to receive some cycling safety training run by the Cycling Safety School in conjunction with Cycle right. Topics covered included safe equipment; rules of the road; starting and stopping; road positioning; shoulder checking; turning left and right; overtaking and traffic manoeuvres, and, where appropriate to the group, on-road training. The emphasis of the course is on safety through control of the bike and awareness of surroundings.

## Horse Riding

Ms. Begley and Ms. Burke's children had a course of horse-riding lessons this term and as you can see from the pictures below it was great fun!!



## Fairyhouse Racecourse

Our 5th classes and 6th classes were invited down to Fairyhouse Racecourse for a special tour and education day. The aim of the day was to educate the children about horse racing and show them what happens behind the scenes at the races. It was a fun filled event and Horse Racing Ireland provided a little goodie bag for each child. RTE were there on the day filming the event with their News2Day programme.



We are thrilled to share an exciting new addition to our school grounds: **communication boards** that have been placed at key locations around the school grounds. These boards are designed to support both speaking and non-speaking pupils in expressing themselves and engaging with others.



## 6th Classes visit Leinster House

Our 6th classes went on a trip to Leinster House on Tuesday 8th of April where amongst other things they met with Minister McEntee.

Here we have Mr Mulvany's Class outside Leinster House.



## Daffodil Day

Well done to our Student Council who raised €1851.30 for Daffodil Day. They had a very busy day selling daffodil pins, flowers and raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause.



## Book Week

We had a very successful book week with lots of extra reading and literacy activities taking part in the school to enjoy. We opened the hall up to the parents to browse and purchase if they wished. We ended the week with a dress up day for the children where they could dress up as their favourite character from a book. Our Junior infants performed at assembly.



## Return Scheme at St. Paul's

*Working Together for a Greener School and a Stronger Sports Program!*

We're excited to announce that we have recently introduced the Re-turn scheme—a fantastic initiative brought to you by the Green School Committee and the Student Council working together! This scheme not only encourages recycling, something we already do so well in this school, but it also helps us raise funds for new sports equipment. It's a win-win for our environment and our pupils!

Here's how you can help: We are asking all families to collect plastic bottles and kindly donate them to the school after the Easter holidays. Every bottle returned helps contribute to our goal. We are running the scheme until the 30th of May, so there's plenty of time to get involved.

Let's all do our part—every bottle counts! Thank you for supporting this great cause!



## Community Games Results

Well done to all the children who submitted entries and to the following children who got placed.

Handwriting U/10 Girls: 1st Place Ailee Power - Ms Kieran's 2nd Class

Art U/8 Girls: 2nd Place Aoibhinn Farrell—Ms Cosgrove's JI Class

Art U/10 Boys: 2nd Place Harry Fitzpatrick—Ms Nangles' 2nd Class

Art U/12 Boys: 2nd Place Conan Jennings—Ms Ní Neill's 4th Class  
3rd Place Ryan Arthur—Ms Ní Neill's 4th Class

Art U/12 Girls: 1st Place Charlotte Fitzpatrick—Ms O'Toole's 4th Class, 2nd Place Katie Corbett—Mr Joyce's 4th Class, 3rd Place Kara Theron Ms Mullen's 5th Class

Art U/14 Girls: 2nd Place Erica Ryan Ms Mullen's 5th Class  
3rd Place Emily Lundy Mr Hogan's 5th Class

Art U/14 Boys: 2nd Place Max McDonald Mr Mulvany's Class



Mr Hogan's 5th Class went on a trip to Collins Barricks

## More News

Thank you to members of the Ashbourne Fire Station who came into 3<sup>rd</sup> classes to deliver the Fire Safety Programme "Never Give Fire A Chance".

The HSE came in to screen junior infants for vision and hearing.

Rainbows has started up to support children who have experienced loss separation or bereavement.

Ms Curley's and Ms Farrelly's Class went on a trip to the Lidl Farm to Fork in Newbridge. Ms McGeough's class will go in May.

Thank you to Rugby coach Sue Malone who trained 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th classes this term.

6th classes had their very own bake sale



## Credit Union School Quiz

Congratulations to our junior and senior teams who represented the school in the Credit Union School Quiz competition. Thank you to Mr O'Donnell for all his work preparing the teams for the competition.



## Easter Bunny Photos



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

**Ms Donnelly's Class:** Amelia Cojocari, Ava Corbett, Jessica Ho, Lucy Murphy, Aodha Ruxton & Antoni Wlodyka **Ms Cosgrove's Class:** Julia Basinska, Chloe Connolly, Cian Fitzpatrick, Isabella Gaffney, Cillian McGuinness & Fionn Mullane. **Ms O'Neill's Class:** Gabriella Arthur, Lochlann Carpendale, Jack Gogarty, Rebecca Moore & Tadhg Naughton. **Ms Cunningham's Class:** Liam Farrelly, Lorcan Quinn & Eva Rooney. **Ms Ormsby's Class:** Ella Arthur, Emilia Cummins, Thea Dirgela, Rosalie Finnegan, Caedan Maher & Sadhbh Wallace. **Ms Weldon's Class:** Nora Jansen, Eliza Jordan, Conor McDermott & Kerena Thikan. **Ms Farrelly's Class:** Alfie Bell, Dylan Cusack, Louis Gibbons & Ella Scally. **Ms McGeough's Class:** Isabelle Boland, Odhrán Boylan, Ella Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Sam Jansen, Sophia Keenan, Grace Landy, Robyn Larkin, Fiachra McElroy, Sadie O'Brien, Oran Ross & Ollie Sheridan. **Ms Curley's Class:** Rian Cox, James Curry, Evie Ennis, Casey Gogarty & Pippa Murphy. **Ms Gogan's Class:** Mihai Cazavoc, Noah Henry, Harry Lantry, Danny Sheridan, Cian Stafford & Cormac Wallace. **Ms Kieran's Class:** Cara Fitzgerald, Oisín Hickey, Megan Jackson, Ethan Jordan, Nikol Kuzma & Ailee Power. **Ms Nangle's Class:** Nathan Cusack, Jessica O'Brien, Ross O'Brien, Jamie Paladini & Charlie Quinn. **Ms White's Class:** Niamh O'Malley, Jack Slater & Alicja Hanna Wlodyka. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Adam Botha, James Landy, Seán Molloy, Conor Murphy, Ana O'Leary, Eve O'Leary, Joshua O'Malley, Leo Ross & Cian Sheridan. **Ms Preston's Class:** Senan Finnegan, Scott Fitzgerald, Chloe Gogarty, Daniel O'Brien, Senan O'Riordan, Aisling O'Sullivan & Shay Ross. **Ms O'Toole's Class:** Isobel Cox, Emily-Quyen Hurley, Grace Hynes, Alicia King O'Gorman, Sophie Meagher, Ellie -Ann Murphy & Cora Tobin. **Ms Ní Néill's Class:** Ryan Arthur, Sophia Coyle, Conan Jennings, Siofra McElroy & Lily Rickard. **Mr Joyce's Class:** Katie Corbett, Cooper Griffin, Heidi Jordan, Matthew Khreiss, Oliver Lantry, Saoirse Lynam, Kalan O'Halloran & Sarah Ocampo. **Mr Hogan's Class:** Aidan Dempsey, Sam Fullam, Julie O'Brien & Cullen Smyth. **Ms Whelan's Class:** Zara Rose Cox, Zoe Fullam, Scott Grogan & Bradley Slater. **Ms Mullen's Class:** Micheál O'Sullivan & James Petrone.