



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

I have had a fantastic first year as Principal of St. Paul's NS and I would like to thank you the parents and guardians, for all the support you have shown the school over the year.

I am delighted to share some exciting news with our school community. St. Paul's National School has recently purchased the land adjacent to the school, which will be developed into a much-needed pitch and outdoor play area.

This marks a major step forward in our long-term vision to provide our pupils with a safe, dedicated space for physical education, sport, and outdoor play. The new area will offer fantastic opportunities for children to stay active, develop their physical skills and enjoy team sports in a safe and supportive environment.

I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported this project so far. I would like to thank Luc Hemeryck for his continued support in our effort to acquire the land. His involvement has brought us closer to creating a much-needed pitch, and playing space for the boys and girls of St. Paul's.

As this exciting project moves forward, we would greatly appreciate any support from our wider community. If you or someone you know has expertise in areas such as planning, construction, landscaping, or fundraising or if you're in a position to support the project financially, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Every bit of help brings us closer to making this vision a reality.

Your continued support means a lot, this project will provide our pupils with valuable opportunities for growth, activity, and enjoyment. I look forward to sharing further updates with you as this exciting project develops.

*Stephen Harte*



### Active Week

A huge thank you to everyone involved in Active week this year. It is always great fun and the children love it!!

We are also very grateful to the Community Centre for allowing us to access the astro pitch and athletics track during this time and for the month of June.



## St. Paul's Hurling Team win the Division 1/2 Shield

St. Paul's won the Division 1/2 Hurling shield with a closely fought win over Ratoath National School on Friday 13th June in Trim. The team showed tremendous character to come back from three points down later on to win by one point. To qualify for the final, the team beat Oldcastle N.S in the semi-final after a dominant display. On the day of the final all of the 5th and 6th class came along to support the team and they definitely helped the team as the game got into the final few minutes. After a tough first half, RSNS lead by 0-04 to 0-01 but despite the low score, St. Paul's defended brilliantly as they played into a strong wind. Shane Daly scored the St. Paul's point. In the second half, St. Paul's were definitely the stronger team but just couldn't get scores on the board. Eventually after a good move Jack Ducie score a goal for St. Paul's with less than five minutes left. He also scored two points to put St. Paul's into the lead. After a tense final few minutes, St. Paul's held on to create history by winning their first ever hurling title. After the game captain Rian Doyle was presented with the Shield.

Congratulations to Matthew Woods, John Donnelly, Sean Foster, Elliott Prendergast, Conall O'Riordan, Nicholas Clarke, Tadhg Dempsey, Rian Doyle (c), Cullen Smyth, Shane Daly, Conor Hickey, Aidan Dempsey, Cathal Crowley, Ben Arthur, Jack Ducie, Liam McDonnell, Joel Phelan, Jamie Roche, Callum White, Mike O'Gorman, Luke Stafford & Oliver Foran



## Student Council Meeting

Our Student Council warmly welcomed the Student Council from Ratoath National School for a special visit. During their time together, the children played games and shared fond memories of their favourite events from the past year. After a guided tour of the school, both councils enjoyed time in the playground, where they shared some tasty treats. We look forward to reconnecting with Ratoath National School again next Year!



The recent good weather brought us teddy bear picnics and ice pops. Here we have Ms Preston's 3rd class and Ms Ormsby's Senior Infants.



### **Nina Carberry MEP and Minister Helen McEntee Visit**

This year, St. Paul's participated in the Blue Star Programme where students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes learned all about European History and Geography and all about the EU. As part of learning about the EU, Nina Carberry MEP visited St. Paul's and the boys and girls had the opportunity to ask her questions and learn about her role as an MEP and the EU. Students also got to ask Nina about her career as a jockey and her other achievements in the area of sport. To mark Europe Day, we were delighted to welcome Minister for Education and Youth, Helen McEntee TD, to St. Paul's. Both visitors enjoyed wonderful performances from the children at assembly. The Student Council, our committee members and sports teams told the visitors all about their work and achievements this year and gave them a tour of the fantastic facilities in our school



## Pentel Art Competition

Congratulations to all the children who won prizes in this years Pentel Art Competition

**Supreme Gold:** Aibhe Carroll & Ayla Jackson

**Gold:** Elle Gillen, Annie Reddin, Nancy King, Tara O'Neill, Dani Shortt, Dylan Browne, Lochlainn O'Cearnaigh, Isabella Lee, Ondrej Maxa, Rosie Byrne

**Silver:** Penny Fahey, Dylan Brangan, Isabella Gaffney, Kayleigh Ginnelly, Daniel Donnolly, Diarmuid Cosgrove, Daniel Cummins, Ryan Sheridan, Bonnie Reeves, Jarry Lantry, Alicja Hanna Wlodyka, Bodhi Cox, Leo Ross, Katie Corbett & Scott Grogan

**Bronze:** Rebecca Moore, Aoibhinn Doyle, Celia Sanchez, Antoni Whyada, Aoibhinn Farrell, Rosalie Finnegan, Emilia Cummins, Eva Rooney, Max Harrop, Karolina Szytko, James Cummins, Jack Slater, Tia Telycenaite, Oscar Lane, Nicholas Clarke & Lauren Giurgila

**Pentel:** Evie Mulligan, Carla Cleary Hampson, Sophie Devine, Zach Hyland, Harry Higgins, Kyle Creaby, Darcey Ho, Lara Petherbridge, Shea O'Sullivan, Logan Corrigan, Molly Crawley, Sam Jansen, Sadie Lyons, Reyah Pathmaruban, Poppy Phelan, Megan Jackson, Pearse Connolly, Sophia Rowe-Lally, Katie Conaty, Patricia Simonavicius, Abigail Winston & Cara Rose Scally.





### School Tours

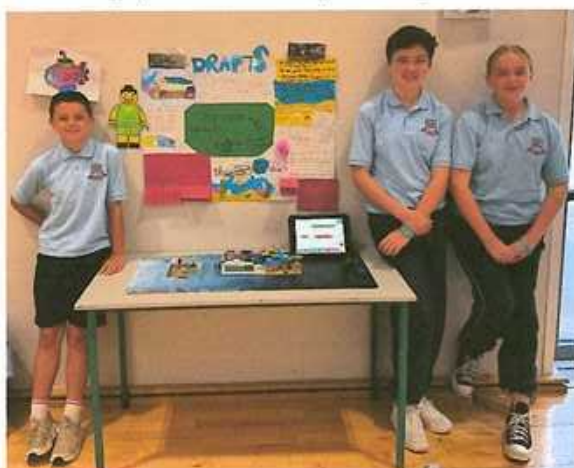
We had a mix bag of weather for our school tours this year. Nevertheless all the children had a great time!! Ms McGeough's 1st Class, Mr Hogan's 5th class and Ms Cunningham's Senior Infants are pictured.



### Lego Exhibition

The boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> Class have been taking part in the *Lego Explore Submerged Programme* over the last few months in conjunction with DCU. The programme aims to inspire learners to experiment and to develop their critical thinking and design skills through hands-on STEM learning activities. The focus this year was on how we can protect our oceans. The children put in a huge amount of effort into their projects which culminated in a showcase event this week where the children got to share their designs with the school community. Their ideas, and presentations were amazing and the visitors from DCU were so impressed with their work. The boys and girls can be very proud of what they achieved. A special thank you must go to all the staff in 5th classes who guided and supported the pupils brilliantly throughout.

Ms Casey would like to thank you to some of our 6th class children for organising a great Maths trail for 1st Class. They helped and supported the younger children and everyone had a lot of fun!



### 6th Class Graduation

Congratulations to our 6th Class children who have graduated and are moving onto secondary school in late August. We celebrated their time with us with a graduation ceremony in our school hall. Thank you again to our Parents' Association who did Trojan work in the lead up to the event.



Congratulations to all our athletics in competed in Claremont Stadium recently.

### Grandparents/Special Older Person Day

We welcomed lots of special older people into our school on May 1st. It has now become one of the most anticipated events of our year. Our visitors were treated to performances from our school choir and school musicians while they enjoyed a cuppa hosted by our Parents' Association. Afterwards they visited the classrooms where they shared stories of their days in school and chatted with Teachers and SNA's.



## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our children who made their first Holy Communion on the 17th of May. Thank you to our Parents' Association for hosting a party after each ceremony in our school hall



Ms Gogan's Class



Ms Kieran's Class



Ms Nangle's Class

## Rainbows

The children who attended Rainbows this year had their last session on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. The programme ran from March to June. We are delighted to run this voluntary service for families who may have experienced bereavement or parental separation. Rainbows has been running for many years in St. Pauls and is an important service for children who have experienced loss in their lives. Well done to all of those who completed the Rainbows 2025 programme. For further information please visit the Rainbows website- [www.rainbowsireland.ie](http://www.rainbowsireland.ie).

## Confirmation

The date has been set for next years Confirmation. It will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

## Communion

The date for next year's 1st Holy Communion has been set and it will be on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May



Garda Band

Thank you to the Garda band who came to the school to entertain us last month.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms McGeough and to Ms Cosgrove who got married recently and to Ms Bird who had a baby boy.

Congratulations to the following children who missed no days this term:

**Ms Donnelly's Class:** Senan Boylan, Aoibhinn Dilworth Doyle, Poppy Finglas, Ethan Henry, Joe Hetherington & Adam O'Connor. **Ms Cosgrove's Class:** Julia Basinska, Aoibhinn Farrell, Tara O'Neill & Harriet Twomey. **Ms O'Neill's Class:** Lochlann Carpendale, Dylan Confrey, Annabelle Corrigan, Tadhg Naughton & Leah Rooney. **Ms Cunningham's Class:** Jessica Atiye-Brilna, Zion Boateng, Bobby Coyle, Liam Farrelly, Isabella Lee, Max McMullan, Lorcan Quinn & Eva Rooney. **Ms Ormsby's Class:** Ella Arthur, Emilia Cummins, Sophie Devine, Daniel Donnelly, Malik Drew, Rosalie Finnegan, Zach Hyland, Lewis McDonald, Ruby McDonnell & Sadhbh Wallace. **Ms Weldon's Class:** Noah Fay, Lauren Fitzgerald, Nora Jansen, Eliza Jordan, Joseph McDonnell, Aadi Mistry, Cian Niclot & Karena Thikan. **Ms Farrelly's Class:** Sadie Blake, Ciara Cosgrave, Dylan Cusack, Maebh O'Leary & Ella Scally. **Ms Curley's Class:** Hannah Connors, Evie Ennis, Darcie Flanagan, Casey Gogarty, Frank Lysaght & Erin Mesha Rammundun. **Ms McGeough's Class:** Isabelle Boland, Odhrán Boylan, Ella Fitzgerald, Sam Jansen, Nico Kelly Panero & Fiachra McElroy. **Ms Gogan's Class:** Mihai Cazacov, Artur Dimici, Shea O'Sullivan, Danny Sheridan, Cian Stafford & Cormac Wallace. **Ms Kieran's Class:** Cara Fitzgerald, Oisín Hickey, Megan Jackson, Ethan Jordan, Aimee Kohutova, Nikol Kuzma, Harry Lane & Bonnie Reeves. **Ms Nangle's Class:** Jamal Hussein Abdullah Nazar, Nathan Cusack, Caoilinn Meehan, Ross O'Brien, Evan O'Halloran, Jamie Paladini, Charlie Quinn, Cara Ruston & Hazel Sheehy. **Ms White's Class:** Brian Clinton, Seán Farrelly, Ivy Griffin, Youlanda Kelly, Charlie McGlinchey, Niamh O'Malley, Eabha Rice & Jack Slater. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Zoe Andrews, Hannah Barry, Blake Coleman, Sam Flannery, Sadie McDonald, Joshua O'Malley & Oisín Wallace. **Ms Preston's Class:** Cian Cunningham, Matthew Curry, Mia Deasy, Senan Finnegan, Scott Fitzgerald, Chloe Gogarty, Cuan O'Dónaill, Liam O'Neill, Senan O'Riordan, Aisling O'Sullivan & Grace Thompson. **Ms O'Toole's Class:** Hannah Donnelly, Croíadh Farrell, Elisbeth Fiurgila, Siúan Hanly, Alesia Iancu & Alicia King O'Gorman. **Ms Ní Neill's Class:** Max Clarke, Noah Coy, Fiadh Dempsey, Conan Jennings, Kaiden Kelly, Siofra McElroy, Leo McLoughlin & Bon Ta. **Mr Joyce's Class:** Naisrín Drew, Cooper Griffin, Heidi Jordan, Ellen Kuzma, Oscar Lane & Sarah Ocampo. **Mr Hogan's Class:** Adam Duffy, Niamh Farrelly, Emma McKenna, Julie O'Brien, Emily Petrisor, Cullen Smyth & Ryan Wilson. **Ms Whelan's Class:** Reuben Donnelly, Ben Godkin, Isabella Hanly, Eva O'Leary, Bradley Slater & Kye de Souza. **Ms Mullen's Class:** Shane Daly, Scott Keegan, Micheál O'Sullivan & Molly Walsh. **Ms Byrne's Class:** Éabha Coy, Ruby Cunningham, Conor Hickey, Oran Jennins, Jomin Josemartin, James Lane, Liam McDonnell, Devin McGrath, Sheena Ocampo & Matas Sarapas. **Mr O'Donnell's Class:** Elodie Curry, Aoibheann Ginley, Jason Giurgila, Cáit McElroy & Cara Rose Scally. **Mr Mulvany's Class:** Daire Connolly, John Donnelly, Seán Foster, Ciarán Meehan & Franciszek Weglowski. **Ms Burke's Class:** Zak Bermingham, Logan Corrigan & Ella Mulcahy. **Ms Begley's Class:** Matthew Barry & Arthur Mendes.

Congratulations to the following children who missed only one day this year:

**Ms Donnelly's Class:** Senan Boylan & Jessica Ho. **Ms Cunningham's Class:** Liam Farrelly. **Ms Ormsby's Class:** Rosalie Finnegan. **Ms Weldon's Class:** Lauren Fitzgerald. **Ms McGeough's Class:** Ryan Fitzpatrick & Sophia Keenan. **Ms Farrelly's Class:** Ella Scally. **Mr Duffy's Class:** Ana O'Leary & Joshua O'Malley. **Ms Preston's Class:** Cian Cunningham, Scott Fitzgerald & Senan O'Riordan. **Ms O'Toole's Class:** Cora Tobin. **Mr Joyce's Class:** Cooper Griffin & Oliver Lantry. **Mr Hogan's Class:** Emma McKenna & Julie O'Brien. **Ms Mullen's Class:** James Petrone. **Ms Byrne's Class:** Sheena Ocampo. **Mr O'Donnell's Class:** Cait McElroy & Cara Rose Scally.

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**Ms Cunningham's Class:** Lorcan Quinn & Eva Rooney. **Ms Weldon's Class:** Eliza Jordan & Karena Thikan. **Ms McGeough's Class:** Odhrán Boylan, Ella Fitzgerald & Fiachra McElroy. **Ms Gogan's Class:** Mihai Cazacov & Cormac Wallace. **Ms Kieran's Class:** Cara Fitzgerald, Ethan Jordan & Nikol Kuzma. **Ms Nangle's Class:** Ross O'Brien & Charlie Quinn. **Ms White's Class:** Niamh O'Malley. **Ms Preston's Class:** Senan Finnegan. **Ms Ní Neill's Class:** Conan Jennings & Siofra McElroy. **Mr Joyce's Class:** Heidi Jordan & Sarah Ocampo. **Mr Hogan's Class:** Cullen Smyth.