

ST PATRICK'S NS

APRIL NEWSLETTER



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ETHOS AND SACRAMENTS

Warmest congratulations to our 6th class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday, April 24th.

The sun shone for the occasion and everyone enjoyed a lovely morning in the chapel, and the reception in the school afterwards.

As part of their preparation the 6th classes had their retreat day with the 'Red Nuns' on April 13th and April 16th.

The Legion of Mary also visited both 6th and 2nd classes on April 28th.

We look forward to 2nd class receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Friday, 22nd May.



ACTIVE WEEK AND THE SPONSORED WALK

St Pat's celebrated Active Week from Monday, April 27th to today, 1st May. The pupils took part in lots of activities during the week; like water activities, penalty shoot-out, cooperative games and our 'active walkway'.

Active Week also included our annual Sponsored Walk fundraiser on Wednesday 29th. We enjoyed our walk around the locality, and really appreciate the contributions from our pupils' families and friends.



Well done to all our winning penalty takers and keepers!



Senan's grandad came out to cheer us on as we walked along Griffith Avenue.

He first attended St Pat's 93 years ago!

He's pictured here with Senan (Ms Horan's) and his great-grandsons, Eoghan and Conor (Mr Ryan's).

Four proud St Pat's men!



SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

The 6th classes have been participating in the Junior NBA Programme over the last few Wednesdays with Coach Praha from Tolka Rovers. Thanks to Mr Ryan for helping to organise this fun and worthwhile initiative.



Hurling

The lads in 5th and 6th class have been playing some hurling matches recently. The Senior Hurlers played three games against Scoil Assaim of Raheny, Sacred Heart, Ballygall and St Fiachra's, Beaumont. They won all their games so will qualify for the next (knock-out) round!

The Junior Hurlers played two matches. In the first game they were victorious in their match against Belgrove, Clontarf. Unfortunately they suffered a loss in their other match against Lucan BNS.



Massive thanks to Ballygall Credit Union for sponsoring our new GAA jerseys!



Athletics

Trials are ongoing for a place on the school's Athletics Team. The team will compete in Santry on May 21st.

Soccer

Our 6th class pupils had a match on Tuesday 28th April versus Sacred Heart, Ballygall. The game was played at Homefarm's pitch on Mobhí Road. The team was on top form with some amazing chances and some great saves. Unfortunately, the opposition used their few chances well, and the result was 3-0 to the opposition.

Thanks to all our coaches!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Well done to our Student Council for their hard work in organising 'Break the Rules' day before Easter. They raised €900! This money is being put towards sports equipment for all the classes.



RELATIONSHIP CARE

Our 5th and 6th class pupils took part in the Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme during April, provided by Relationship Care (formerly ACCORD). This followed an online parents' talk on 21st April.



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

To mark both An Taisce's National Spring Clean anti-litter campaign and Earth Day, our school took part in a community clean-up to help care for our local environment, protect wildlife, and take pride in our surroundings. With generous support from Dublin City Council, who provided bags and high-visibility vests, pupils and staff set out in great spirits - helped by the welcome sunshine! We covered areas including the senior and junior school grounds, Millbourne Avenue, and Griffith Park; making a real difference to our community. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all - see this video for a glimpse into the day!



FIGHTING WORDS



On April 14th, Mr Ryan's 3rd class went to Fighting Words. This is a creative writing centre located on Russell Street. Many classes have visited over the years. The pupils enjoyed writing their own story and creating their own illustrations. Mr Ryan's class wrote a book called 'I Hate Taxes!'



CHESS REGIONAL FINALS

On the 15th of April we had three teams representing the school in Comórtas Féile Fichille. They qualified by finishing in the top four of the Féile Fichille in our school. The day was hosted by St Francis of Assisi School in Belmayne. The lads had great fun and one of our teams won (joint) first place!



WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS

We continue Wellbeing Wednesday on the first Wednesday of each month. This month we enjoyed Table Tennis on April 15th. As part of Wellbeing Wednesday, students in the senior building were treated to a table tennis exhibition by table tennis coach John Daly and his son Daniel, a sixth class pupil in St Pat's and the current U13 national table tennis champion. Afterwards, the pupils got onto the tables and received some tips and coaching from John and Daniel.

Daniel is a member of Loop Table Tennis Club in Raheny and part of the Irish team which recently won the International Primary Schools table tennis championship in Scotland, where Ireland defeated teams from England, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands.

While senior school students were practising their table tennis skills, junior and senior infants were doing yoga lessons with infants teacher Ms Kealy, helping to make Wednesday 15th a day full of wellbeing throughout St Pat's!



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for their hard work over the past few weeks.

- Our 6th class parent representatives organised the graduation hoodies for the lads.
- Our 5th class parents organised a beautiful reception in the hall for after the Confirmation. This was a huge undertaking by a dedicated team of parents. The hall looked wonderful, and there were loads of tasty treats for both grown-ups and children alike.
- The parents also provided marshalling support for our Sponsored Walk on 29th April - we really appreciate all those who helped to ensure the safety of our pupils when they were out walking on Wednesday. Thanks, as well, to the parents for their support with the fundraising aspect of the Walk. The link is [here](#) if anyone still wishes to donate.



AND FINALLY...

CALENDAR

Reminders of important dates are included below...

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4th-8th
May

Bank
Holiday/
mid-term

22nd
May

By-election
(school closed)
and Communion

26th
May

2nd Staff
planning
day-
Primary
Curriculum
Framework

Wishing all our pupils and their families a lovely mid-term break next week.

Let's hope we get plenty of sunshine!

See you all on Monday 11th May.

Warm regards,
Mr Alan Duffy
(Acting Principal)

