

ST. PAUL' S SCHOOL

APRIL NEWSLETTER



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CONFIRMATION

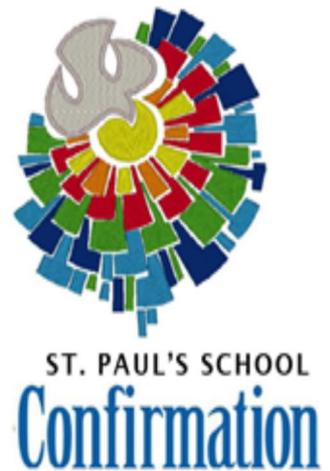
On March 30th our 6th class children celebrated their Confirmation with Bishop Brendan Leahy.

They prepared conscientiously for this occasion and great credit is due to their teachers Ms. Geary, Mr. Madden, Ms. Mann and Ms. Reale for their tireless efforts in preparing our children.

I would also like to thank

our Choir Director, Ms. Fitzgerald, Organist, Ms. Cullinane and Violinist, Ms Roche who worked so hard to make the occasion so memorable.

We would like to thank Fr. N. Murphy for all his help in preparation and to Bishop Brendan Leahy for administering the Sacrament of Confirmation.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion is on May 18th at 11am in St. Paul's Church.

An official video will be taken of the Ceremony. Therefore we ask you to **PLEASE REFRAIN** from taking photographs/videos during the Ceremony as it takes from the meaning of the day and is distracting for the children. There will be an opportunity to do so afterwards.

The next 'Do This in Memory Mass' is on Sunday, April 14th at 11am.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Our school will close on Friday, April 12th at 12 noon and will reopen on Monday, April 29th at 8.30am.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

Our school will be closed on FRIDAY, MAY 3rd for all pupils. This is a Continuing Professional Development day for all teachers.

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Our school will be closed on MONDAY, MAY 6th and will re-open on Tuesday, May 7th at normal time.

JERSEY DAY

At the end of each term we have a 'Jersey Day' to support a chosen charity or cause.

This term we are supporting 'Bothár' a Limerick based charity who 'help' people to help themselves by donating animals, poultry and bees to countries like Africa or India and Dóchas Luimní which is an organisation to support people with Autism.

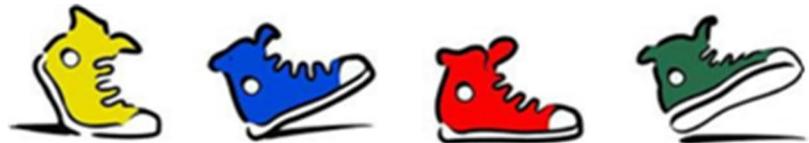
We are asking each family for **€2 donation** for both of these deserving projects.

Every child may wear a **jersey of their choice** on **FRIDAY, APRIL 12th**.

Thank you as always for your generosity and support.

John Fitzgerald, a volunteer from Bothár came to our school on Tuesday, April 9th to speak to 6th class pupils about his involvement with Bothár. He gives of his time freely to travel abroad with airlifts of animals making sure that everything is prepared for the flight and the animals are ok during it. Also he was the instigator of the idea 'Bothár Weanling for Heifer' sale where farmers would sell one to send one i.e. selling a weanling at the mart and gathering the proceeds together to buy heifers to send to countries in need.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING WALK



**The School Fundraising Walk will take place on
Friday, May 10th, 2019.**

The proceeds will go towards our new school building project.

Sponsorship Cards will be given out after the Easter Holidays We really appreciate your support.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

**Your
donation
is greatly
appreciated**

We are extremely grateful to all those who have contributed already.

The running expenses of the school far exceed the monies granted by the Department of Education. The Board is very mindful of the pressures that families face.

We are very appreciative of the effort parents make in funding school resources and activities.

It is also possible to pay this contribution in instalments.

***The suggested
contribution***

***is
€50 per child or
€100 per family***

LEGO WeDo – STEAM WORKSHOPS

Our all 1st and 2nd class children recently had a 40 minute session building robots, coding movement, sound and light.



The children used LEGO WeDo kits and these workshops fall under the STEAM programme of education.

What is STEAM?. You will have already heard of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). STEAM is the same...where the 'A' stands for 'Art', creative thinking.

The children worked in groups whereby problem solving, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking was needed to build their masterpieces.

A huge thank you to Mr. Tobin for introducing our children to this hands on experience and to all our teachers who helped out with the workshops.

Check out pictures of Mr. Pdraig O'Brien's class in action with a short video showing you what was created.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMME

A number of classes throughout the school year have taken part in the Junior Achievement Programme whereby business volunteers from various enterprises deliver life skills, financial literacy and STEM programmes to schools.

It takes place over a few weeks and at the end of the programme each child receives a cert.

Ms O'Dea's 4th class were the most recent recipients of certs and pencil cases packed with supplies from Northern Trust.



Ms. O'Dea's 4th class with Colin from Northern Trust holding up their Certificates and pencil cases full of supplies.

GREEN SCHOOL ACTIVITY



March was a really exciting month for our entire school and especially for our Green School committee. All classes were busy collating all the wonderful Biodiversity projects and curricular work they had been engaged in throughout the year.

The committee were busy editing and recording our Biodiversity song/rap, ably assisted by Mr. Tobin and Mr. Kirby's 5th class.

Classes made a wonderful effort to display their work in the atrium, and if you get a chance you should call in and look at the exhibition.

You will be so delighted and proud to see the wonderful work that our dedicated teachers and enthusiastic pupils have produced. There is also a wonderful history of the school's involvement in the Green School's Programme and an update focusing on our present theme of Biodiversity, on the digital board in the reception. Well done and a huge thank you to Marion for her Trojan work in keeping this facility, the school app and website regularly updated.

The culmination of all our work over the last three years was on show for the visit of our An Taisce Representative Rob Nelson on Thursday the 28th of March.

Rob was hugely impressed with the volume and quality of our work to date. The G.S Committee were very knowledgeable and answered all Rob's queries. He also visited Ms. Kenneally and Ms. O'Connell's class, and the children even performed a live rendition of our Green School Code and song.

So CONGRATULATIONS and a huge thanks to all our pupils and their wonderful teachers. Fingers crossed that our next update will contain the news that we have been awarded our 5th Green Flag we certainly deserve it.

School is so busy this week leading up to the Easter holidays that we will postpone our scheduled clean up of the school grounds for TLC5 until after the break, but please get involved in an initiative in your community on Good Friday if possible.

Happy Easter everyone and enjoy your well deserved break. Be careful to recycle the packaging of all those yummy Easter eggs!!!!

Of course none of the above would have been possible without our Green School Co-ordinator, Ms. Bernard. A massive THANK YOU to Ms. Bernard for her ongoing work and enthusiasm driving all these projects to fruition

JUNIOR INFANTS INFORMATION EVENING

Our open evening for the PARENTS ONLY of those who have accepted a place for Junior Infants, Sept. 2019, will be held on Monday, May 27th at 7.30pm in our school. (Scoil Carmel). On this evening you will meet with your child's class teacher.

Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism Cert (if your child was NOT baptised in St. Paul's) with you on the night.

On Friday, June 14th from 1.20pm to 2.10pm, your child has the opportunity to meet his/her class teacher.

We are operating a waiting list, should places become available over the coming months. All applications for Junior Infants 2019 remain valid until Sept. 30th, 2019.

STANDARDISED TESTING

Standardised testing for all classes will take place during the month of May.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Our school building project is on target and some updated pictures are on the app.....check them out.



4th CLASS TRIP TO DOORADOYLE LIBRARY

Ms. O'Dea's 4th class took a trip to the Library on Tuesday, April 9th. Dooradoyle Library held a hands on craft demonstration as part of Life Long Learning week. Kitchen Crafters worked with our pupils and they enjoyed a workshop of Printing and Wool Craft. Thanks to Mrs O'Mahony for arranging the trip.



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