



January 2019 Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—Jan 27th to Feb 3rd, 2018
- FEBRUARY MID-TERM BREAK—school will be closed on Thurs, Feb. 21st and Friday, Feb. 22nd.
- VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION—your contribution is very much appreciated.
- FIRST CONFESSION for children making their First Holy Communion is on Tuesday, March 5th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR—BEST WISHES FOR 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all after the Christmas holiday. Best wishes to our pupils, staff and families for the year ahead.

Catholic Schools Week

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2019 is:

'Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools'

The themes are:

- Monday: Living Traditions
Tuesday: Welcoming Diversity
Wednesday: Intergenerational
Thursday: Serving our Community
Friday: Supporting Faith

Various activities in relation to this will be taking place in each class and throughout the school.



January 27th—Feb. 3rd

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DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our 2nd classes will have their next 'Do This in Memory' mass on Sunday, January 27th at 11am in St. Paul's church as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

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

The running expenses of the school far exceed the monies granted by the Government.

The Board is very mindful of

the pressures that families face and are very appreciative of the effort parents make in funding school resources and activities.

The suggested contribution is €50 per child or €100 per

family

It is also possible to pay this contribution in instalments. Again we are extremely grateful to all.



P.E. Strand—Term 2

In Term 1 we covered the Swimming and Dance strands of P.E.. The strand of PE which will be covered in Term 2 will be Games and Gymnastics.

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SCHOOL APP

This time last year we introduced our new School App. We have had a great uptake (over 93% of families have added it to their phones).

It is a simple, quick school/parent communication tool.

The app will give you the ability to instantly access news and key events, monthly newsletter, view calendar, sacrament details, green

school updates, and more....

As it is a web app you will not receive notifications so please check regularly for news and class information.

If any business would like to sponsor the running costs of the app it would be much appreciated. Sponsors will then have their logo and details featured on the app.



If at any stage you change your phone or loose the app please contact Marion or email stpaulsdooradoyle@gmail.com.

Fr Leonard's Retirement Mass

The high esteem in which Fr. Leonard was held by the people of St. Paul's Parish and Community was demonstrated on Sunday, Dec. 9th by the great attendance at the 12.15 mass in St. Paul's church to mark and honour his retirement as parish priest from 1991 to 2018.

It was a joyful tribute to Fr. Leonard, thanking him for his 27 years of spiritual leadership in the parish.

We wish him many happy years of retirement.

Thanks also to our beautiful choir for singing at this very special mass.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All children making their First Holy Communion in May are busy preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The date of the First Confession is Tuesday, March 5th in St. Paul's Church at 11.30a.m. One parent from each family is asked to attend.

CODING/ROBOTICS WITH MR. TOBIN

Take a look at the video on the School App under 6th Class and on the website which shows the first completed task using the LEGO Mindstorms EV-3 Robotics kit by the 6th class coding group under the instruction of our teacher, Mr. Tobin.



Mr. Madden's 6th class were selected to participate in the Analog Device Primary School Robotics Workshop on Feb. 13th.

the event which offers students an opportunity to learn about electronics and robotics by building their own robots.

Research & Development Centre, Raheen Business Park.

It is a fantastic opportunity for all pupils concerned.

Approx 20 schools in Limerick City and County were selected. Analog is sponsoring the full cost of

If our school gets to the final, it will take place on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 in the Analog Devices

A huge thank you to Analog for this fantastic event.

GYMNASTICS



Well done to Cyndi Lynn Harris from Mr. Kirby's 5th class who took part in a gymnastics trial in December and came 4th out of 117 people.

She will now be going to the All-I relays in Dublin representing Limerick in March 2019. She took part in the vault and floor routines.

WELL DONE CYNDI.....What a fantastic achievement

DOORADOYLE LIBRARY

Well done to Grace Kelly, Emmanuele Grigoletto and Christian O'Keefe Howard from Mr. Kirby's 5th class who were successful in competitions they entered in the Dooradoyle Library.

Grace created a beautiful Christmas drawing which was then created into a Christmas card.

As her prize she received ten copies of the card.



Christian and Emmanuele both entered the World War 1 letter writing competition. As part of their entry, they had to imagine a loved one fighting in the trenches and send them a letter telling them their news from home. Both letters were fantastically written and both boys won an O'Mahony's gift voucher for their entries.

Well done Grace, Christian and Emmanuele and to all pupils who entered these competitions.





PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

There is a very strong tradition of good attendance in St. Paul's School.

From Sept 3rd to December 31st (Term 1) our average attendance has been very good → 93.7%.

The following chart highlights the top 3 classes.

Teacher	Class	Place	% Attendance
Ms. Hayes	2nd Class	1st	95.9%
Ms. Ryan	Senior Infants	2nd	95.3%
Ms. McNamara, Ms. O'Dea and Mr. Kirby	1st, 4th and 5th Class	Joint 3rd	95%



If your child is absent for any reason, please send in a note via app if possible to his/her class teacher explaining the reason for absence.

Any child absent for 20 days+ must be reported to TUSLA.

REDEMPTORIST FOOD APPEAL

Many thanks to all the pupils from Mr. Madden's 6th class for organising the Redemptorist Hamper Appeal within our school before Christmas.

A massive thank you also to all the families who donated to the appeal.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Thanks to all members of our Parents' Association for organising a Christmas Disco for children in 4th, 5th and 6th class. It was a great success.

Of course Christmas would never be the same without Santa's annual visit to our school and bringing a selection box to all our boys and girls. Again many thanks to our P.A for persuading Santa to take time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Thanks to Wanda for the videos and photos.....





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Science

Our 2nd & Senior Infant Classes had a visit to the 'Exploration Dome' on January 18th. This is a mobile planetarium which is designed to explore science, astronomy, geology and geography in an interactive way.

Check out the website

Our three 4th classes are heading to Atlantaquaria Aquarium in Salthill on January 24th. It is Ireland's National Aquarium and one of the designated Discover Science Centres.

The children will have a guided tour of the Aquarium followed by a set of Science Experiments.

Grace donates her long locks to the RAPUNZEL FOUNDATION.....



BEFORE PICTURE



AFTER PICTURE

Grace Duggan from Mr. Walsh's 3rd class had a makeover with a difference when she had her hair cut for the charity Rapunzel during the week.

Grace had 14 inches of her beautiful hair cut in Bellissimo Hair Studio so it could be donated to make wigs for those living with hair loss.

What a wonderful act of kindness and selflessness.....we are all very proud of her here in St. Paul's

LIMERICK ANIMAL WELFARE DONATION



Ms. Toomey's 2nd class raised a whopping €205 in total and with special discounts etc. they bought more than €250 worth of cat and dog food for LAW which was presented to Limerick Animal Welfare today, Tuesday, December 18th.