



St. Paul's School

October 2018

HALLOWEEN NEWSLETTER



Our Halloween Break is fast approaching and all our pupils are looking forward to a well earned break. Wishing all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

School Holiday— Halloween Break

School will be closed from Monday, October 29th to Friday, November 2nd inclusive. School will re-open on Monday, November 5th at 8.30am.

Voluntary Contribution

To those who have already paid the Voluntary Contribution, many thanks and to those who have yet to contribute we would really appreciate if you could do so asap. The board is very mindful of the financial pressures that families face in the present climate so it will also be possible to pay this contribution in instalments.

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



Maths Week

We had great activity last week throughout the school as each class participated in 'Maths Week'. It's sole aim is to promote awareness, appreciation and understanding of maths through a huge variety of events and activities.

Thanks to Ms. Geary for promoting this national event and to all Class Teachers for supporting and organising activities with their own classes....

Check out our app for photos and our website for twitter feed.



St. Paul's Parents' Association

Thank you to all parents who attended the P.A. AGM on Sept 15th. You can contact our P.A. by emailing stpaulsparentsa@gmail.com. The new Committee members will be listed on the app and website very shortly.

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Important Notes:

- Please support our school by paying the VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. THANK YOU.
- SHOE BOX APPEAL (Team Hope) The boxes will be collected from the school on Wednesday, November 7th. Thank you for your support
- JUNIOR INFANT HALLOWEEN SHOW—Thursday Oct 25th at 12.40pm in their Classrooms.

Church Sacraments

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion date is
Saturday, May 18th,
2019 at 11am.
(St Paul's Church)

Do This in Memory Programme

The programme began with a meeting for parents of all First Holy Communion Children on October 9th in St. Paul's Church. A list of all the 'Do This in Memory' mass dates is posted on our app and website.

Confirmation

Confirmation date
Saturday,
March 30th
at 1.30pm



Green School—Food Dudes

I'm sure by now the children will have told you, the parents, all about our exciting healthy eating initiative called Food Dudes. What is it?

The programme is based on repeated tastings of fruit and vegetables, exposure to positive role models and rewards with effective and long lasting results. The Research Unit in Bangor University in Wales has developed the programme and it has won a "counteracting obesity award" from the World Health organization .This is the 3rd time that our school

has taken part.

Pupils from J.Inf. to 1st class will receive 16 days of prepared fruit and vegetables , in individual portion packs.

Pupils from 2nd to 6th Class who have previously availed of the programme will receive 8 days fruit and vegetables as a refresher course, to remind them to incorporate more variety into their daily diet, especially their lunch boxes.



Please take a look at the Food Dudes website
www.fooddudes.ie

It is hugely accessible and provides all the information, background research with a special section for both children and parents.

Junior Infants, Sept 2019

Parents who wish to enroll pupils in Junior Infants for September 2019 should fill in an application form and submit it with relevant documents to Marion in the office.

The closing date for receipt of applications is October 24th, 2018. As there is huge pressure for places children who qualify under the sibling rule must also submit an application otherwise your child will not be considered for a place.

If you have already submitted an application form please check with Marion to ensure that it is on file and all details up to date.

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

Junior Infant Halloween Show



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th
at 12.40pm

All Parents and Guardians are invited to come and see the children perform songs and rhymes they have learned so far this year.

Junior Infant Photographs

Eamonn Andrews photographer will be coming to our school on Tuesday, November 20th to take photographs of our Junior Infant children (both individual photos and Class group). The Junior Infants teachers will be giving out information with regards to cost etc later in the month.

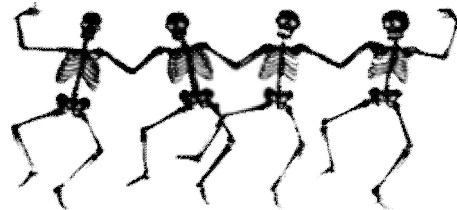
Eamonn Andrews has very kindly taken out a sponsored add on our app under 'Supporters', see add for links to his website etc.,

Milford Staff Coffee Morning

In memory of our Colleague and Friend Rita Lavelle a Staff Coffee Morning held on Oct 5th raised a whopping figure of over €355.00

The proceeds went to Milford Hospice.

A big thank you to all staff who donated money, cakes, buns etc and to our SNA's, Joan and Martina for their organisation of the event.



The Music Generation School Programme involves weekly visits to children in 3rd, 4th and 5th classes from professional musicians over three terms throughout this school year (24 lessons in total).

A designated tutor, in conjunction with the class teacher will help and encourage children to develop their musical skills.

At the end of the programme there will be an event whereby all participating schools gather

together to perform. According to Music Generation it is an '*epic celebration of youthful creativity*'.

A big thank you to Ms. Fitzgerald for organisation of this event.

Whole School Art Project

After the success of our 'Mondrian' art week last year, this year we are going to look at the work of Joan Miró. (Catalan painter who combined abstract art with surrealist fantasy).

Artwork created by our pupils inspired by Joan Miró will be displayed throughout the school.

Thanks to our Art Co-Ordinator, Mary Ryan for her co-ordination of same and to all teachers for part-taking with their classes.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Our parent/teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday Dec. 4th and Wednesday, Dec. 5th from 2.15 to 4.15pm

Allocated times will be given out by your child's teacher nearer the dates.

Science Magic Show at the Limetree....

Our 3rd and 5th classes thoroughly enjoyed a Science Magic comedy show in the Limetree Theatre on October 17th with comedian and science communicator Donal Vaughan (Bualadh Bos Festival).

water upside-down without spilling it, learn about magnetism, static electricity and much more while having great fun.

They are now all budding 'Science Wizards'.

They were shown how to mix potions to create a volcano, turn

Thanks to our teacher Mr. Tobin for organising this exciting event.



Library Visit - Arran Towers



On Tuesday, Oct 9th our 3rd Classes went to visit Arran Towers in Dooradoyle Library.

Arran is known for his street theatre, puppetry and storytelling across Ireland and the UK.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable 'Big Friendly Giant' performance as the pupils were involved in recounting the story of the BFG by Roald Dahl.

Thanks to our teacher, Mrs O'Mahony for organising this event.

Cross Country Running



The Annual Cross Country Running Championships took place on October 17th in the Racecourse in Patrickswell. Over 300 of our children took part in the trials held in Mary Immaculate and 50 pupils from our school took part in the championships in Patrickswell. The U9 and U10 Boys came 1st in their races.

A great day was had by all, both boys and girls performed really well and many medals came home.

Congratulations to all the children who represented St. Paul's so well. Thank you to Mr. Carroll for preparing the children for this event. and to Ms. O'Sullivan and Mr. Tobin who accompanied them on the day.



All Ireland Hurling and Football Team Visit



We were thrilled that the Liam McCarthy Cup and Pat Ryan from the winning Limerick All-Ireland Hurling team and Amy Ryan and Jenny O'Malley from the Ladies All Ireland Football Team visited our school today, Tuesday, October 23rd.

A sea of green could be seen around the school...Jerseys were signed, the Cups did the rounds and our photographer, Wanda Dwane from Mungret/St. Paul's GAA Club was on hand to take some photographs which will be posted over the next few days on the app.



Gaelic Football

The boys U13 Gaelic football team competed in the A division this season and found the standard extremely high. They tried their very best in all games and made significant improvement as the games progressed.

Congratulations to Nathan O'Riordan and Mark Barrett who were chosen to attend the City Division Sarsfield Cup trials.

There will be an U11 Football match v St. Patrick's B.N.S at 12.30pm in Garryowen Thursday, October 25th. The bus will leave at 12.15pm. This will be their last match.

The cost is €4 per child.

The Girls Football team made great progress this year in a very tough division. There was a super attendance at training every Tuesday.



All of the girls would enjoy and benefit from joining the local club Mungret/St.Paul's. Mungret GAA training times are on the app. In the main menu (click on the three lines at the top left hand side of the main screen, scroll to 'After School Activities' and click on 'Sport'.

Well done to Brooke and Lily Quinn who represented our school at trials for the Limerick City football team.

We will be starting fundamental movement skills in Hurling and Camogie after Halloween for the 1st class pupils.

Shoebox Appeal (Team Hope)

Your child will have received a leaflet from school about the shoebox appeal. We are asking each family to send in one box full with the items named on the leaflet.

We have a great tradition in this school of supporting this very worthy cause. The boxes will be collected from the school here on Wednesday, November 7th. Your box will make a huge difference to the life of a little child. Thank you for your continued support.

A list of items can also be found in the News Section of our app.

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Leaf Project

We are delighted that our school are taking part in the Learning about Forests (LEAF) programme again this year. The LEAF Limerick programme is in its 3rd year with 36 schools registered. The programme is run by the Environmental Education Unit which also runs the Green-Schools Programme. Our school is working on our Green Flag for Biodiversity so the two programmes are very compatible and support each other.

The Project is confined to 30 pupils max., so we had a raffle to decide which class from 3rd to 6th should take part.

Our assigned LEAF Officer is Ray Foley, he has already come for an initial short visit where he spoke with Ms. Kenneally and Ms. O Connell's 5th class.

The programme explores forests as a whole and looks at the topics of Biodiversity, Water, Climate, Products and Community and the actions we can undertake to help protect and enhance our forests.

Our LEAF Theme is Forests and Biodiversity to tune into our Green School initiative and also go towards our application for the Green Flag. The International LEAF Theme for this year is 'Forests and Sustainable Cities', so this element will also be brought into the School and Forest Based Workshops by the LEAF team.

Learning about Forests - Timeline of Key Events :-

- Late September: Introductory call/visit
- Early Oct 2018 - End May 2019: School Based Workshop (SBW)

- Early Oct 2018 - End May 2019: Forest Based Workshops (FBW) Autumn or Spring/Early Summer - visit to Coillte's Chase Forest Park, Co. Limerick
- May - Submit 'Our LEAF Story'
- June- Presentation of Certificates to schools and oral evaluation.

We are so glad that our school has been chosen for the 3rd successive year to be a part of this important environmental programme.

It has been a wonderful experience for the classes who took part in previous years, and we have no doubt that it will enrich the lives of this year's participants also.

A very big thank you to Ms. Bernard for her energy and commitment in organising this event.