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We Are St. Patrick's!



Inside: HSCL



New tracksuit

In St. Patrick's we never need an excuse for a party and in March we put on quite a bit of a do. We often don't get to see our friends over the wall and so it was decided this year to meet up with our St. Patrick's comrades and join with our local community in a celebration of all things St. Patrick's.

On the 15th of March, 700 girls and boys from the Infants', Girls' and Boys' Schools and St. Patrick's College, along with parents, teachers and SNAs gathered in the Girls' School yard where we were addressed by Lord Mayor Mick Finn. Councillor Finn proved himself to be a good sport and

joined us in doing the 'pab', the St. Patrick's dab, to the sounds of An Dreoilín, much to the glee of those assembled.

Once we were in the party mood we were lead down Gardiner's Hill to St. Luke's Cross by a piper. Locals were treated to an early St. Patrick's Day Parade and we even made it into the Echo as well as the back page of the Irish Examiner.

Once we got back home to the Boys' School we unveiled our updated crest and our youngest pupil Dexter Twohig hoisted a brand new flag to let everyone know that after 178 years in Mayfield, St. Patrick's BNS is still going strong!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to another edition of Le Chéile. In this newsletter you will get some idea of the varied educational activities in which your children are involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys and parents/guardians who worked so hard to raise €4,400 sponsorship for the annual school walk. This money will go towards the purchase of educational equipment and resources, especially in mathematics, for the coming school year.

In terms of staffing, the Board of Management wishes to congratulate Mr. Mark Walsh and Ms. Karen Murphy who have both obtained Contracts of Indefinite Duration (C.I.D.). Ms. Harrington, Miss Murray, Mrs. Bradfield and Mr. Geaney will be on career break next year and Ms. Ní Chatháin will be on secondment to the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). Ms. Karen O' Connor and Ms. Mary O' Byrne will be job-sharing. Interviews will take place shortly for all other positions.

On behalf of the entire staff of St. Patrick's, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Group for the wonderful work that they have done throughout the year, helping to make the school an even better place for all the children. They are an inspiration to us all.

I would also like to highlight our Guide to the Daily Procedures at the school and the school calendar to be found towards the end of this issue.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the production of the newsletter and I wish it continued success.

Yours in learning,

Dr. Joseph McCarthy

Our Graduates Say Goodbye...



I have learned to work hard and behave well. I've also learned how to make new friends and to work well in a team. I will be bringing the qualities I've learned to secondary school. I'll also be bringing some friends I've made to Coláiste Chríost Rí. Thank you for helping me with my work for the past six years.

James Traynor

I have learned lots from this school. I have learned maths, English, history, geography and lots more as you usually would in school. I loved learning English because I found it the easiest subject to grasp. I learned manners and how to respect others such as elderly people and people that are younger than me. I learned to read and many, many more things. I think it is a fantastic school overall and I really enjoyed the last six years here.

Ryan Hurley

I have learned to be kind, confident and to listen better. I got way better at my Maths, English and reading.

The teachers are really kind. I am going to take everything I learned to secondary school. When I come into school I always have a smile on my face.

Matthew Fitzgerald

I have learned plenty from this school such as Irish, Maths, English, History, Geography and much more. I loved learning Maths because I was so interested in it. I learned how to get better at handwriting and how to be nice. Ms Kelleher thought me how to play the piano and I was proud to play it. I started to get better at reading. I started to get better at being nice to everyone, being helpful to the teacher and not to use abusive language. I have been listening more and being respectful to everyone.

Daniel Sarmiento

I have learned confidence and to believe in myself and others and I have learned how to make friends. I know how to make light and I could make better stuff for the world sometime.

I learned how to write properly and learned stuff about the world I never knew and I really like this school and kind of don't want to leave because it's a good school and I will be leaving my friends.

I have learned how to read without getting stuck on words like I used to and I really have fun in this school and will visit it every 6 weeks!

Reuben Aigbologa

I have learned plenty from this school. When I walked into the doors of this school I was nervous but it turned out to be a great school. I learned how to be nice to people and learnt my manners and to respect people. Also, I learnt maths, English, Irish, History, Geography, Science and lots of other subjects like that. The older I got the harder the subjects got but the teachers explained them and they were very easy then. We learnt to save water and eat and drink healthily. We learnt to type on keyboards and use computers. I'm going to use the things I learnt that I just mentioned to help me in secondary school. It was a great school and I will miss it very much.

Samuel Kumurkiewicz

ST. PATRICK'S PARENTS' GROUP- NEWS

A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends of St Patrick's Boys' School who have throughout the year given up some of their free time to enable us to run various events and help out when needed within the school. As a group we would not be able to operate without this support.

National Parents' Council of Ireland

St Patrick's Boys' School Parents' Group, like others, is affiliated with the National Parents' Council of Ireland.

From time to time they offer parents opportunities to attend workshops and talks which may be of interest to you.

If you would like to receive information regarding these events you can email the group with NPC in the subject tab and we will add you to our mailing list.

We have a Facebook Page: St. Patrick's Boys' School Parents' Group Information Page.

You can also keep an eye on our notice board which is located on the corner of the school building for updates.

Email:

stpatparents@gmail.com

Hi all,

Clearly we have been having so much fun this year as it feels as though we have blinked our eyes and already another year is coming to an end! What a year it has been! We have had an incredible response to our fundraising events this year, our Bookshop was a huge hit yet again and it has been our biggest yet, as was our Christmas Raffle and our Bake Sale "The Great St Pa's Bake-Off". The creativity, imagination and best efforts of the boys and their families was phenomenal and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for putting in so much effort and helping us to raise funds this year as we will be purchasing a much needed stage for the school in the near future.

We had great fun as we brought Pancake Tuesday to St Pa's, the boys loved their pancakes! (We may have even saved some families from getting the frying pans out!) We gave each boy a selection box for Christmas, an Easter egg at Easter, ice-cream cones on Sports Day and treated the 6th Class boys to a night of fun as they went to the Planet and played bowling and pool. We hope they enjoyed their night and it will be another great memory they will have of their time at St. Patrick's that they can take with them as they move on to secondary school. We wish them all the very best of luck and happiness as they enter their next chapter of school life!

This year wasn't just about fundraising for the school. Specifically, we helped out with the "Paint it Pink" coffee morning and for the first year ever we got involved with the Cork 96FM "Giving for Living" radioathon. We were delighted to have the whole of the St Pa's Campus get on board and would like to thank Ronan and Lizanne for their help in organising it with us. We would also like to thank the Infants' and Girls' Schools' Parents' Groups for their support and of course the boys and their parents as we raised almost €1,000!! We helped out for the school's communion breakfast and would like to thank all those who also volunteered their time to be there on the day.

We had a wall plastered in the top yard ready for



a splash of colour and design in September (Huge thank you to Alan McCarthy for doing this for us!). We also helped out and catered for the hugely successful "We Are St Patrick's" event this year which was a truly momentous occasion. I think it's safe to say, we've had a very productive year.

Feeling confident this year we (at the 11th hour!) decided to enter the National Parents' Council of Ireland's Fred O'Connell Innovation Award. We were thrilled to have met all the criteria (which was quite specific!) and we were awarded a certificate of achievement which we are very proud of but next year we intend to bring home the gold!

Finally, we must say farewell and heartfelt thanks to Michelle O'Halloran, Mags Heffernan, Nuala Fitzgerald Murphy and Jaqueline O'Brien for their fantastic work and hours of time they have given for the boys and the school during their time in the Parents' Group. We can safely say you will all be missed. We wish both you and your sons the best of luck as you move forward to secondary school!

Next year will also be our last year in St Patrick's so we hope to see some new faces join us this coming September as the time will come when we ourselves must hand over the reins! We can honestly say, being involved with the Parents' Group is so rewarding and is a great opportunity to meet other parents, so please don't be shy! We do look forward to the new school year as we have so much planned, including a Bingo night out, so watch this space! Have a fantastic summer one and all!



As you can see from all the above, the Parents' Group is not only about fundraising; it is about supporting the school and thus enhancing our sons' experience during their time at St Patrick's Boys' School. We again thank all those who have helped us throughout the year & look forward to welcoming new faces in September 2018 and look forward to another successful and rewarding year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe summer break. - Rachel, Rachael and Niamh



Sport



Matters

A busy year of sport came to a fantastic end with Active Week, June 10th to 14th. The hive of active fun was evident in the rapturous cheers and howls from the various “Teachers vs Pupils” events on Monday and Tuesday. Dodge ball, basketball and soccer were all keenly contested.

On Thursday, June 13th, we made our annual pilgrimage to the Tank Field for our Sports Day. Although the weather did its best to scupper our plans we were not be beaten and saw out a thoroughly enjoyable day at the Tank. Races, shots, throws and kicks produced skilful and funny moments in equal amounts, with a chosen few heading home with medals to their name!

The following day, the Swim Gala was amazing. 200 boys splashing, swimming and racing around Mayfield Pool. Well done to Ms. Butler & Mr. Jeffers for organising.

The athletics team travelled to City Sports under the guidance of Mr. Walsh, a superb athlete in his own right. A brave race by Rhys Olotu saw him pipped at the tape to give him silver. Jamie McCarthy was unlucky in his heat while Sean McCarthy gave a great account of himself.

In soccer, the 5-a-side team had a great year, reaching the semi-finals of the FAI primary school tournament. James Traynor and Reuben Aigbaloga a real driving force behind the team.

Our hurling team had a tall order after last year’s heroics but gave a great account of themselves. Michael Curtayne in goal was stoutly aided by Conor Geraghty in defence. Daniel Heffernan and Jermaine Cuddihy midfield were immense, while upfront Darragh Moloney & Jonathan O’Driscoll were the sharp-shooters.

Our in-school PE activities were again a great positive to our

school, Liz O’Mahony from Brian Dillons every Tuesday for GAA skills, Glen Resource Centre for offering a broad range of activities that enhances our physical education Helen Healy for dancing on Wednesdays and Mayfield Pool for our swimming lessons.

A fantastic sporty year for our school!

Mr. Horgan



Rugby Gear



This year we took part in the Aldi Play Rugby competition. We completed 4 posters with 1,200 stickers. We did very well but unfortunately we didn't win the draw. They gave us 4 rugby bags and 16 rugby balls and 4 sets of drink bottles that we can use for P.E. I would like to thank everybody that brought in stickers for the posters. Well done everybody.

In March, 4th, 5th and 6th Class boys went to a tag rugby blitz in C.B.C.

The rugby facility was amazing. There were many schools there. We knew that we had to play well. We practiced our passing before the first match. We drew the game. I thought we played well.

We then had a lunch break. The organisers very kindly gave us apples, protein bars and water.

We played even better in our next match and won! Unfortunately, we lost our last match but overall, it was a fantastic day and I can wait to go again next year.

By Peter Brennan (Mr Jeffers' 4th Class)



4th Class GAA Blitz

On April 11th, we took part in a GAA blitz in Coláiste Chríost Rí. 6 different schools were there.

We played four matches. We won three of our four matches. I scored three goals and two points.

After our first match, we played a game in which we had to kick the ball into the 3 holes. This was my favourite part of the day. We were given energy bars to give us more strength for the next game.

Each school received a plaque. I had a great day out and I hope that we do something like this next year again.

By Ryan Torpey and Kyle Cronin (4th Class)



I (Micheál) was so excited to get there. We put on our boots and got our hurleys and helmets ready.

In the first match, I came on and scored 6 goals. Over the 4 matches, I scored 23 goals. We played really well as a team and we ended up winning all of our matches.

I (Morgan) really enjoyed the blitz as well. I got the chance to play as a forward and a defender. I was so happy that we won all of our matches. I hope next year's 4th Class get the chance to go to this blitz and win it as well.

By Micheál Forde and Morgan Crowley (4th Class)

Páirc Uí Chaoimh Blitz

Last week on Wednesday the 12th of June 2019, we had a Gaelic football blitz in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. There were other teams from Kilmichael, Baltimore, Macroom, Glounthaune and Beaumont. We had to leave our bags up in the stand while playing our four matches. Our two 3rd classes were split into five teams. When we finished our matches we left the pitch and got our bags. We then waited for the bus. The bus came, we hopped on and went back to school. We had so much fun and it was a fantastic day.

By Emmett O'Donovan, Shayne Limansag & Jack McDonagh (Mr. O'Mahony's 3rd Class)





On the 5th of April, we went to UCC. We were told lots of facts. Outside the UCC gates, Mr. Jeffers and Ms Mullane explained the different parts of the UCC crest.

Our tour guide showed us a replica famine mud house. He also showed us the UCC crest on the ground and he informed us that it is bad luck to walk on it. He then brought us to a laboratory where we saw lots of telescopes.

Next, we went to see the famous George Boole statue where Ian told us that if you rub his nose, you will have good luck. We were also shown the chapel where Ian told us that the 32 fish on the floor represented each year that Jesus was alive for.

Finally, we put on robes and had our graduation. Before we left, we were given a gift bag. We had a great time and I would to go there again.

By Cillian O'Flynn and Charlie Barrett (4th Class)

On the 10th of June, both 5th Classes went on an outing to UCC. This trip was to make us aware of the possibilities of college. The boys were accompanied by their parents.

Firstly, we all got onto the bus that was bringing us to the UCC Campus. We got on a separate bus to our parents. The bus journey was 20 minutes long and it took us through the city centre. When we arrived, we gathered with our parents and walked up a very steep stairway into the campus.

Next, we went into the Boole Lecture Hall for a lecture by the UCC+ ambassador, Paul. He quizzed us about how much we had learned when he visited our school a month prior to the visit. Then we were given name tags and we were introduced to our student guides.

They showed us around the Boole Library which has one million books, the student centre, the Quadrant and the colourful gardens. The grounds were as clean as a whistle. The Campus tour overall was amazing. At the end we all graduated from college.

The student guides and the UCC+ members were amazing.

Darragh O' Flynn & Diarmuid O' Donovan (5th Class)



Hi, we are the Reporters' Group in St. Patrick's B.N.S. Reporters Group document, highlight and discuss items of interest and school news and publish it on our school website, Facebook and even this Le Chéile you are loving. Some of the things we write about are: Chess Club, soccer matches, basketball, Mathletics etc. The list is endless and we like it that way. It is very important that people know what is going on in our school.

We gather in the school computer room at 2:30 p.m. every Wednesday to publish news about our fabulous school. We all love Reporters Group; not only does it help our English vocabulary, but it is fun too!

We share the amazing news of our school. Each boy in Reporters Group picks a topic that's got to do with the school, researches it, types and publishes it on our own school website!

We love Reporters Group; it gives us publishing, editing and drafting skills which will help us if we ever become journalists.

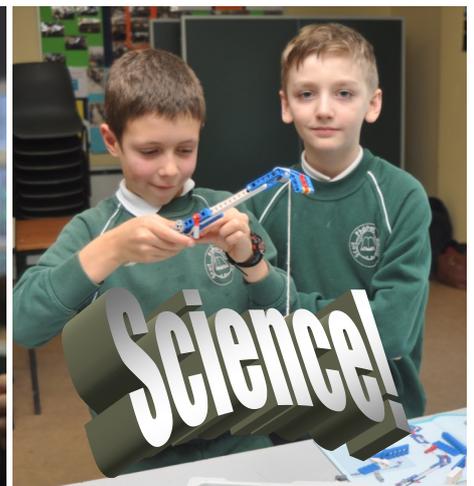
Read more of our amazing work at www.stpatrickboys.net

By James Mullane, Diarmuid O'Donovan, Chris Johnson and Luke Byrne



Could you design and construct a table measuring 1m high that could hold 3 Argos catalogue using just sellotape and newspaper? That's precisely what 4th Class did. 2nd Class researched, designed and constructed rafts and boats that could float and carry "passengers" without sinking. 3rd class designed and built ear protectors using a sound insulating materials. 5th class even dissected sheep's hearts!

These are some amazing STEM projects that the boys of St.



Patrick's carried out this year. These exciting and fun activities together with the many Science investigations and experiments that were carried out across the school helped St. Patrick's BNS achieve its 5th SFI Discover Primary Science Award for excellence in Maths and Science. Well done to all our budding engineers, scientists and mathematicians!

Mr. Jeffers

We, the Green Schools Committee, have been working towards our third Green Flag this year, the Water Flag.

I am sure that you remember seeing us around the school and in your classroom, giving you information about where our water comes from, giving you tips about how to save water and surveying your water use.

We counted every toilet, sink and tap in the school. We checked how much water a tap uses per push. We talked about the changes that we can make to save water with Harry, our school Caretaker.

We learned lots of facts about water. Facts like that the world's surface is 70% water but only 1% is useable and that 3,234 litres of water are used by toilets per school per day, which is 591,822 litres a year. We save half this amount (1,617 litres) by using the Hippo Water Saver. The amount of water saved is enough to fill 94% of Mayfield Swimming Pool! We hope that you continue to conserve water in your home over the summer.

On May 14th, we were invited to the Green Schools Awards Ceremony in the Radisson Blue Hotel to receive our Green Flag.

Next year, we will hope to get the fourth Green Flag for the school, which is the Travel Flag.

By Bartosz Stasiewicz (Mr. Jeffers' 4th Class)



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**Green
Schools**

New Books



As a school, St. Patrick's strives to constantly develop and instil best practice in all curriculum areas.

During the past year the staff have been up-skilled in many aspects of the New English Language Curriculum. We have engaged with PDST and have received invaluable in-service. Following on from this we have decided to replace our English text books from 1st to 6th Class.

Obviously, in this day and age of screen time and instant access to on-line media, it is important that we do our best to capture the imaginations of our pupils. In September all classes will be using the brand new, bright and colourful Starlight series which we're sure our boys will love.

There has also been much discussion about the teaching of the crucial skills of handwriting and spellings. Next year, It has been agreed that there will be a whole school focus on the development and enhancement in both of these areas which we hope will benefit our boys greatly.

Ms. Mullane



On March 21st, Mr. Jeffers' and Miss. Mullane's 4th Classes went to Waterstone's Book Shop in town.

Firstly, we spent a while looking at books in the kids' section. My teacher, Mr. Jeffers, gave each boy a World Book Day token. I used my one to get a free book called "The Great Rocket Robbery."

The book that I bought was called "Knights of the Borrowed Dark" by Dave Rudden. It was so interesting, I couldn't put it down. Our teachers kindly let us sit down and read the books that we bought for half an hour.

When we were walking out of the shop, I saw my best friend's mum. I went over to her and helped her look for a book.

The next day, the school received a letter. It was from my best friend's mum! She said that we were very friendly and all well behaved. We had a wonderful day.

By Leon Coffey & Tommy Walsh (4th Class)



Our old school tracksuit is forest green with white stripes and our white school crest. The tracksuit along with the crest, is over twenty years old. I personally like the tracksuit. It is made from 100% cotton and is really snug but we need an upgrade. We have a new school crest and the old tracksuit is looking tired, shabby and ancient. You know what I mean!

Our new crest is a revamp of our old crest with 'Ó gach duine a dhícheall!' printed on the outer ring and Scoil Phádraig Naofa on the top outer ring. The inside has a book and behind that book is a giant shamrock. The shamrock has a unique design on the inside. Under all of this is Est:1841 which marks the year our school was established.

The new tracksuit itself is navy with bright green stripes. The tracksuit was made by a company called Hunter and can be bought in Buckley's on Shandon St. The new crest is on the left side of the new tracksuit and on the right in white is St. Patrick's B.N.S. I love this new stylish tracksuit and this new school crest. Adam Maher and Steven Daly in 4th class even modelled them for us at assembly.

All the boys are really excited about being the coolest kids in Cork this September, with our new school crest and tracksuit which the parents, staff and boys helped to choose.

Your Fashion Correspondant,

Evan Mahaguruge 5th Class



A Trip Down Memory Lane

On Monday 23rd of February, a special St. Patrick's past pupil visited us all the way from Wolverhampton in England. Maurice Fitzgerald was one of the first boys in first class in the new school of St. Patrick's back in 1937 when the school building was opened. Maurice is 91 years old and visited us at assembly with his son. We were all surprised that he was one of the first boys to join and he even remembered his Gaeilge frásaí.

Maurice told us about his teachers and fond memories of being in this school over 80 years ago. Mr. McCarthy thanked an emotional Maurice for his visit and we sang the school song, "Scoil Naomh Phádraig." Mr. Foley found his class rolla from 1941 when he was in 7th Class. Maurice was able to recall every boy in his class. What a memorable visit!

By Chris Johnson (Ms. Butler's 5th Class)





We Are St. Patrick's!



The most satisfying aspect of the 'We Are St. Patrick's!' festival simply has to be the spirit of teamwork and camaraderie that made it all happen. Staff and parents from all four schools got together, generated ideas and helped to shape the eventual celebration.

As well as the parade to St. Luke's Cross we also marked the occasion with a short story display which coincided with our Open Night. Every single boy in the school channelled their inner Frank O'Connor and wrote a story based on their experiences of St. Patrick's which was on show to all those who visited us on the night.

In the weeks leading up to 'We Are St. Patrick's' each class also dug into the archives and did a project on a different era of our long history.

These were put on display in Áras Phádraig but so impressive was the whole project that Mayfield Library asked for it and it has been on display there for the month of June. Well done to newcomer Ms. Crotty for dreaming up the whole idea!

Following the parade, parents, past pupils and past staff members enjoyed a reception hosted by our amazing, high achieving Parents' Group in Áras Phádraig before braving the drizzle and listening to speeches from Irish Olympian and past-pupil Donie Walsh and former Deputy Principal, Mrs. Margaret Walsh (no relation) before the boys belted out the school song as our new flag was raised.

St. Patrick's BNS would like to thank Community Garda Helen Courtney for organising the Garda escort and especially all the parents who stewarded the parade and hosted the reception.



We have had a very busy year again in St. Patrick's B.N.S. and the school greatly appreciates the continued support from the parents. A lot of enjoyable HSCL activities were displayed in the Christmas edition of Le Chéile and we have had some memorable activities since then. The Parents' Group did fantastic work setting up and running the 96FM Giving For Living Fundraiser and a big well done to all involved for raising much needed funds for such a great cause. Also, it was great to see the parents supporting the 'We Are St. Patrick's' festival. Well done to the parents who attended classes this year too— Wellbeing, Internet Safety, Write On, EAL and First Aid were among the classes that parents attended. We had a real fitness drive too with parents attending Zumba and Pilates classes. I would encourage parents to get involved in these sessions as they are highly beneficial for both body and mind and we hope to include some circuit training next year too. We will have opportunities for the parents to work with their children again next year and thank you for attending such activities as the art frames, cooking and Grandparent's Day. We had many outings too including our most recent visit to UCC as part of the Professor Fluffy Programme whereby we had more parents attend than any other school taking part in the tour this year. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents of the school. You are doing a fantastic job and I look forward to working with you again next year :)

- Ronan Lettis





On the 9th of April Mr. Duffy's and Mr. O'Mahony's 3rd Class went to City Hall for Cór Fhéile.

First Mr. Duffy's class and Mr. O'Mahony's classes met up at the City Hall. We performed songs from Oliver! We practised it for weeks in our classes and in the halla. Our teachers gave us costumes that we wore on the night. They were cool we also got some bits from home.

On the night we felt so nervous we were shaking. When we went inside we watched the other shows for about half an hour. Just before our go I got a last minute performance. Then we were up so we went up onto the stage and went to our positions.

First we sang 'Food Glorious Food', followed by 'Pick a Pocket or Two' which was sung by Shayne Limansag from Mr. O'Mahony's. After that we sang 'Consider Yourself'. We also did some actions. One of them involved me and Bill Sikes walking around the stage. He picked me up and I got scared and ran away in 'Pick a Pocket or Two'.

When we finished we topped it off with a bow and then the crowd went wild and started clapping and cheering. We did brilliantly.

By Ryan Crean and Conor Cunningham (Mr. Duffy's 3rd Class)



FIFTH GO WILD!



On the 6th of June 2019, both 5th classes went camping to Kilcully Scout Camp.

When we arrived at the camp site we packed our bags away and did a roll call. We were so excited.

We then got some free time to play. We played soccer, Tip the Can and rounders with Mr O' Mahony.

At 6pm, it was time for dinner. We had potatoes, sausages and chicken nuggets. It was delicious. After dinner, it was time to go to sleep. It took us ages to fall asleep.

When we woke up we got dressed and went home with our moms.

We really enjoyed the trip and we would love to go again.

James Mullane & Jamie Lee Curtin

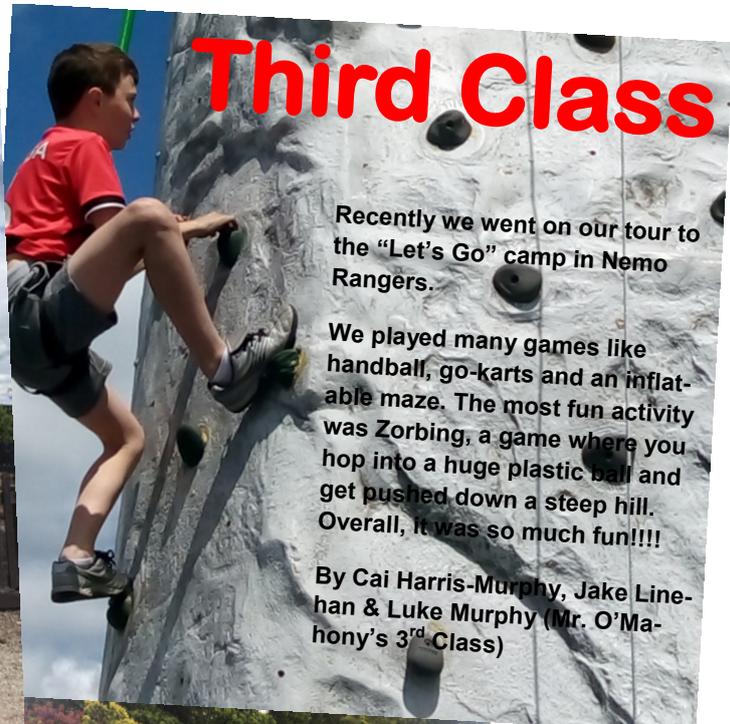


On a bright and sunny June morning, First Class set off on their school tour to Tír na Sí Farm in Watergrasshill.

The boys learned all about the wonderful animals such as donkeys, pigs and even an emu! One of their highlights was the trip on the horse and cart. The day was fun-filled and all the boys behaved excellently.



First Class



Third Class

Recently we went on our tour to the "Let's Go" camp in Nemo Rangers.

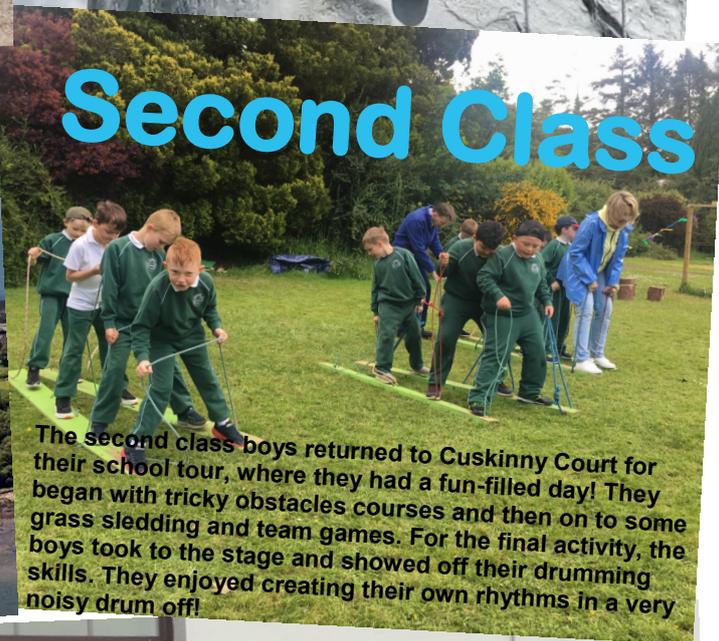
We played many games like handball, go-karts and an inflatable maze. The most fun activity was Zorbing, a game where you hop into a huge plastic ball and get pushed down a steep hill. Overall, it was so much fun!!!!

By Cai Harris-Murphy, Jake Linehan & Luke Murphy (Mr. O'Mahony's 3rd Class)

The 4th classes ventured to Spike Island this year for our tour. We travelled from Kent station to Cobh where we hopped on the ferry to Spike. We learned about the history of Cobh and Cork harbour on the voyage. On Spike, we received a tour of the island and of "Fortress Spike". The boys enjoyed fun activities such as Jail-break, archaeology, team activities etc. It was a wonderful day!



Fourth Class



Second Class

The second class boys returned to Cuskinny Court for their school tour, where they had a fun-filled day! They began with tricky obstacles courses and then on to some grass sledding and team games. For the final activity, the boys took to the stage and showed off their drumming skills. They enjoyed creating their own rhythms in a very noisy drum off!

We arrived in Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre at 10am We were split into two different groups where one did rock climbing, leap of faith and archery and the other went kayaking and swimming. My group did the land activities first and then the water activities. It was the best school tour ever.
Samuel Kumurkiewicz

Sixth Class



School Tours

Communion & Confirmation

One of the things that was particularly active and vibrant as part of the preparation and celebration of First Holy Communion was the St. Patrick's School community spirit. First Holy Communion is a very special day for us. The boys and parents worked so hard all year at their prayers and hymns. Mile buíochas to Fr. Myles for making the ceremony so prayerful and meaningful and to Niall and Eddie, our sacristans. Thank you also to our wonderful SNAs Eimear, Martha, Patrycja and our amazing Parents' Group who put on such a spread for the Communion Breakfast. The boys are blessed to be supported by so many.



All the Young Dudes...

A photograph of 5th Class from 1978/79 taken by Mr. Frank Roche.

The St Patrick's Confirmation 2019 took place on the 7th of May in St. Joseph's Church, but practice was ongoing since September in the boys and girls schools. All our teachers worked very hard to prepare us for the big day. The readers and singers spent weeks learning their lines and songs and it really showed on the day. At the end we all sang footprints in the sand and Brightness was amazing during his solo. It was one of my most memorable days in St Patrick's and I will never forget it.

Adam Hughes



This year Drama Club returned for 1st and 2nd Class boys and was ran by Ms. K. Murphy and Ms. Tavolieri. The boys really enjoyed this afterschool club! They learned key skills in Drama including mime and improvisation and of course they played lots of fun drama games!

Drama is a great way for the boys to show off their creative flair and it also helps to boost their confidence and self-esteem. The 1st and 2nd Class boys mixed really well together and enjoyed the different challenges that were set for them weekly. We are looking forward to Drama Club next year already!



When I heard that Mr. Walsh and Mr. Doolan were setting up a Chess Club, I was very excited. I liked the problems that Mr. Walsh gave us to solve with certain chess pieces. It taught me to be more patient.

I had a great start in the Chess League, winning 3 and losing only 1 of my first 4 games. I then had a 17 match winning streak and I found myself at the top of the table in 1st place. I knew that if I won my second last league game, I would be champion. I dug deep, won my last game and became league champion.

I would also like to congratulate Darragh Harris and Darragh Moliney on winning the Chess Cup and Shield.

I really enjoyed Chess Club this year and would like to thank Mr. Walsh and Mr. Doolan for organising it.

By Adam O'Brien (Mr. Jeffers' 4th Class)





A Quick Guide to the Daily Procedures in St. Patrick's B.N.S.



Arriving at school



8:30 am– Yard supervision begins.

No boy should be in the school grounds before this time.

8:45am - First bell rings. Boys line up in lower yard and walk into school through the front door.

8:50am - Second bell rings. Boys should be sitting at desks ready for lessons.

For safety reasons, children or parents/guardians should not wait at the top of the steps.

Homework



Please check the homework journal each night for notes and homework details.

Please sign the journal.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make sure that all homework, written and otherwise, be completed to the best of your son's ability every night.

When a child cannot do his homework (because of illness, family emergency etc.), that boy must have a note signed by a parent/guardian explaining the circumstances.

Parent-Teacher Communication



The best way to communicate with your son's teacher is through the homework journal.

Parents/guardians are asked to check the journal each night for notes and homework details.

Parent-teacher meetings take place in November and school reports are posted in February and June.

Should you wish to have another meeting with your son's teacher, it is essential to make an appointment to do so.

Time-Keeping



All boys should be sitting at their desks at 8:50am sharp.

Good timekeeping ensures that all children can start the day on a positive note in a calm atmosphere.

Persistent lateness is disruptive to everyone in your son's class. If a boy arrives late to school he must have a note signed by a parent/guardian.

Uniform



Uniform consists of grey trousers, grey shirt, school tie and green V-neck jumper.

The tracksuit consists of navy tracksuit pants, navy and green tracksuit top with school crest and plain, white polo shirt.

The days on which uniform or tracksuit should be worn will be decided by the class teacher, based on P. E. days. The tracksuit is usually worn only on P.E. days.

Jewellery of any kind is not allowed.

Lunches



St. Patrick's has a healthy eating policy.

Lunches should be made up of healthy foods.

Sugary treats (including chocolate spread), crisps, cereal bars, chewing gum, fizzy drinks or energy drinks are not allowed.

One small, fun-size treat is allowed on Fridays.

St. Patrick's is a nut-free zone due to the high incidence of nut allergy.

Leaving School



2:30pm - School finishes.

If a boy needs to leave early, a parent/guardian should inform the school in advance.

The pupil should be signed in and out at the office by a parent/guardian.

Illness or Absence



If a boy is absent he must bring a sick note signed by a parent/guardian on his first day back at school. The note can be written in the homework journal.

Mobile Phones



Boys are not allowed to have mobile phones in school.

In exceptional circumstances a parent/guardian may make a written request to the principal for a pupil to carry a mobile phone (switched off during school hours) to facilitate a family emergency.

School Calendar

2019

School Re-opens	Friday 30th August
Mid-Term Break	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

School Re-opens Monday 4th November

Christmas Closure Friday 20th December

2020

School Re-opens Monday 6th January

Mid-Term Break Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February

St. Patrick's Day Weekend Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March

Easter Closure Friday 3rd April

School Re-opens Monday 20th April

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th May

June Bank Holiday Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd June

Last Day Of Term Friday 26th June

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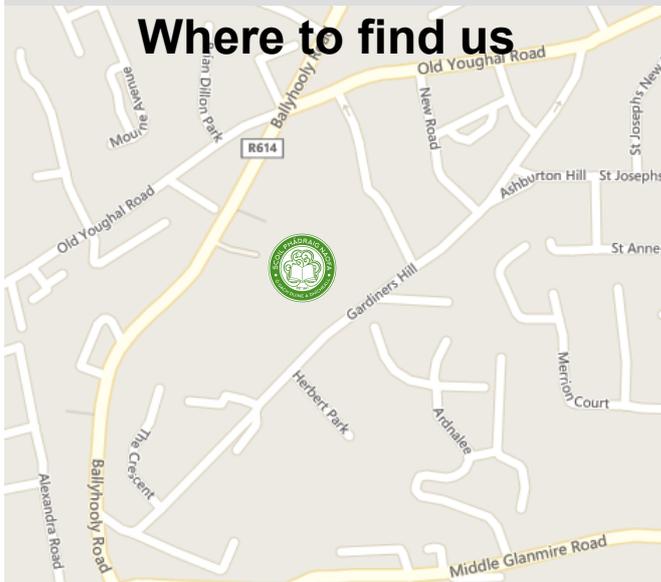
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