

Kidz Words

Our friends at today's featured school, St Patrick's Boys NS, wrote to tell us all about their school, their favourite subjects and hobbies and some great school memories.

ALAN KAVANAGH, Mr Lettis' third class: My favourite lessons are maths and art. I always try my best in school. I am really good at homework. I love reading comic books and books. I love playing the Xbox with my brother. We have so much fun playing MW3. I love walking with my dad and going to my nan's. I am starting to go to a football team called Leeds. It is very fun and I am happy.

● HARRY HAYLES, Mr Duffy's sixth class: My favourite school memory is my first day in a new school in fifth class. When I walked in the front door on September 1, 2010, the first thing I did was ask the secretary where my new class was. At the same moment, a boy from my new class walked in the door and the secretary asked him to bring me to my new classroom. His name was Ryan Duggan. After Ryan brought me into the classroom, he introduced me to the other boys. At 9am, my new teacher, Ms. Mullane, came in and told us to sit down. I sat next to Ryan because I knew him best. I was not the only new boy; there were two others boys called Dion Downey and Dylan O' Sullivan. At 10am, the class went into the PE/ assembly hall. After a while the principal, Mr McCarthy, announced the boys new to the school and he got us to stand up while everyone else clapped for us. At that moment, I felt I'd fit in just fine. Now, a year-and-a-half later, I'm in sixth class. I have fitted in well and I have lots of friends. In a few months, I will be leaving for secondary school. I feel sorry that I will have to leave this brilliant school.

● ARAN O'CONNELL BONNER, Mr Foley's sixth class: It was the last day of school, in senior infants. We were all very excited but also sad because the teacher was one of the best who ever taught us. The bell rang and the only students left in the class were Jack McCarthy, Jamie O'Brien and I. Everyone else was outside the door, waiting patiently for the teacher's call to

let them leave. I was packing my bag when teacher started chasing Jack to give him hugs and kisses to say goodbye. He was at the far end of the room, so he had to make a route, in his head, from there to the door, while avoiding desks, chairs and the teacher. He ran, as if for his life, but she stopped him. For a moment, it seemed all hope was lost and she was going to get him, but he made a daring dive under the tables. He crawled as fast as he could and crossed the threshold of the door to get a great round of applause. Teacher ran after Jamie now but he grabbed his bag and crawled under the tables. She almost got him but he jumped in the other direction and banged his head. Everyone gasped. He got up, revealed a mere bump and ran to the door before Teacher could react. Everybody cheered again. She headed for me now, so I ran, crawled and jumped all over the room, successfully avoiding her and getting to the door. Everybody cheered once more. Teacher let us leave but gave us each a hug before doing so. That is my favourite school memory.

● JAMES MATTHEWS, Mr O'Connell's fourth class: My favourite thing in St Patrick's is the computer room. The computer room is the same size as a classroom. It has roughly 25 computers. In the computer room, all the computers are connected to a printer if we want to print some work. The computer room has a projector that is connected to a computer so that everyone can see if the teacher is putting an example on the wall. The reason why the computer room is my favourite is that the computer room provides a brilliant source of entertainment and learning. *Ó gach duine a dhícheall!*

● EMIL TURCZYN, Mr Jeffers' fifth class: Loads of people ask me what is so great about St Patrick's and I reply everything is great about it! But I especially love our facilities that let us enjoy loads of

sports. I also love that the teachers not only educate us, but also make learning fun! My favourite part of all is the storytelling that we have throughout the year. Let me explain a bit more. We have great school facilities like the school garden, the new resource building and the two huge yards. The school garden lets us plant flowers and vegetables and watch how they grow. The After-School Building, as I mentioned earlier, lets boys get help from other teachers if they need it. It also has a hall that our parents and the community can use. Now let's talk about the teachers! All of them are friendly, helpful and much more that you just can't explain, but most of all, they educate us in a fun way. Even Irish with Mr Jeffers is fun. Not only do we have great teachers but one of them, Mr O'Brien, is a storyteller for all group aged from four to 94. These are the reasons that St. Patrick's is so fantastic. But don't take my word for it, check it out for yourself. Everyone is welcome.

● JAMES FLAVIN, Ms Mullane's third class: I want to be an engineer when I grow up because once we did a few lessons on bridges in school. We were told about civil engineers. We were set a task to build a bridge out of books, rulers and paper. I got on really well. I tried drawing stuff and they were okay. Recently I drew a design for a building it was really good! I hope when I grow up I become an engineer and get to build roads and bridges. It would be really cool!

● JIPIN RAJU MATHEW, Mr Mullins' fifth class: St Patrick's BNS is a really great school for lots of great reasons. Here are a few. Teachers: Our teachers and SNAs are really helpful and supporting. We have every right to be proud of this. Computers: Some schools have no computers but our school has about 20 computers that we regularly visit. We do projects and other creative stuff. Sports: We have a huge range of sports like football, gaelic, swimming, PE and in yard we have something called Lunchtime Pals. Lunchtime Pals is an activity that we do in the yard with lots of games like skipping, marbles, throwing, games and more. Comfort: Our classes are fitted with toilets and a nice view out the window. Our uniforms are cosy. Conclusion: St Patrick's BNS is a very thrilling school, hope you can join us.

● DYLAN MULCAHY, Mr Mullins' fifth class: I believe St Patrick's is one of the greatest schools in Ireland for a number of reasons. First of all, it has a big hall we use for PE. We have loads of equipment, such as basketballs, footballs, hula-hoops and many more. If the weather's not too bad, we can even play outside. The two sixth class teachers, Mr Duffy and Mr Foley, have thought of a fantastic idea called

Lunchtime Pals. On our second break on Wednesdays and Thursdays, the sixth class have fun games laid out in the yards. The sixth class are really helpful and really mature. There is a room in the school called the computer room, where there are more than 20 computers. We play educational games or sometimes do fun projects such as about the Romans. To conclude, I think St Patrick's is the best school in Ireland for the reasons listed above, and I have experienced loads of fun and great things in my five years at St Patrick's Boys National School.

● RAYMOND COSTIN, Ms Murray's first class: My favourite subject is music. I like it because it makes me happy. We do it every day. We sing with other classes. We learn dancing along with our music. We have fun. My teacher is a good singer. I like to listen to Ms. Murray. We are learning three Mary Poppins' songs.

● OLAN O'BRIEN, Ms O'Connor's first class: My favourite subject is

art. I like it because we colour, paint and design. It is lots of fun. We do it every week. We made fish and fruit baskets. We do art every Thursday. Art lessons are creative.

● CODY RUTHERFORD, Mr Horgan's second class: My favourite hobby is cubs. I like it because I make very good friends. We play exciting games like football. We draw interesting pictures some nights. We go on fantastic adventures. You go on hikes and you camp outside. You do tasks to earn badges as well.

● CHRISTIAN MURPHY, Mr Foley's second class: My favourite hobby is reading. I like it because it helps me learn about lots of different things. For example space, science, history, geography and lots more. My favourite book is about going to war in Roman times. You can bring books any time any place and any where. Books can be all shapes, sizes and all colours. Some books have pictures but all books are good for having fun.

Puzzles solutions

CROSSWORD: 1 Alien; 2 Swans; 3 Grass; 4 Flower; 5 Tennis.
NUMBER CRUNCHER: Easy 40; Medium 55; Harder 50.

QUIZ: 1 Daffodil; 2 Manchester City; 3 Afghanistan; 4 Pluto; 5 Oasis.

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Sixth class pupils Luke O'Donoghue and James Hayes with the St Patrick's Boys' NS mascot, Buddy the Bear.

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