

ST. PETER'S NS

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

A Message from Ms. McGovern

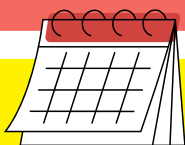
I want to give a big thank you to all the teachers and Special Needs Assistants for their amazing hard work and great sense of humour all year. Your dedication and enthusiasm make St. Peter's National School such a special place to be. I'm so excited for all of you to move into your new rooms in our beautiful new school! A special thank you goes out to Rev. Philip for his many uplifting musical assemblies. His visits have brought joy and a sense of unity to our school community, and we are deeply grateful for his involvement.

I also want to express my gratitude to the hardest working PTA in all of Ireland! Your commitment to our school and our pupils knows no bounds, and you all deserve hearty congratulations. So many fun and important activities are happening in the school due to the support and generosity of parents and the wider school community. We are incredibly lucky and deeply grateful to you all. The PTA is always looking for new volunteers. Even if you can't commit to a full-time role, any help is welcome. Teams of helpers will be put together to work on individual projects, so there is always an opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

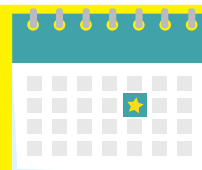
At our 6th class graduation, we bid a fond farewell to the class of 2024. It was a lovely occasion and so poignant as we say goodbye to our leavers but also to our current school site. We have shared so many wonderful memories in this place, and we look forward to making many more in our next chapter. Save the date for our **official school opening on Thursday the 24th October 2024.** Thank you once again to everyone for making this year so successful and memorable.

I look forward to welcoming you back to our new school on Wednesday, 28th August 2024.

Warm Regards, Laura McGovern



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024/2025



School Re-opens - August 28th

Mid-Term Break - 28th Oct.-1st November

School Closes for Christmas - 20th December

School Re-opens - 6th January

Bank Holiday - 3rd February

Mid-Term Break - 17th-21st February

Closure St. Patrick's Day - 17th, 18th March

School Closes for Easter - 11th April
School Re-opens after Easter - 28th April
Bank Holiday - 5th May
Bank Holiday Closure - 2nd, 3rd June
Summer Holidays - 27th June



ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Our Active Schools activities such as 'Active Lines' and 'Daily Runs' have continued this term and have really been helping us all to reduce our sedentary time.

We were delighted this term to update our P.E. equipment. With thanks to the PTA, we were able to purchase lots of fantastic new equipment. We have really enjoyed using it so far in P.E. lessons and on Sports Day.

In May, we also held our Active Week. We started the week with Sports Day where the children competed in running races, egg + spoon races, sack races and obstacle races. During the week, we also had table tennis, orienteering workshops, tennis lessons, skipping workshops and a Fun Run.



Ms. Crowe



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

We are so delighted to say that there will be a full programme of extra-curricular activities again in September. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted hugely from the fantastic programme this year.

Activities for our Infants will include: Drama, Art and Playball and for 1st-6th class we have: Soccer, Drama, Playball, Choir, Multi-Sports, Guitar & Homework Club. Our PTA funded new PE resources for our school this year and we are delighted as a result to be able to add Multi-Sports (basketball, uni-hoc, rounders, badminton, athletics, GAA, tag rugby, tennis) to our programme of activities in September.

Many thanks to our PTA for arranging these activities and to our teachers and coaches who lead the activities!



DRAMA



GUITAR



DRAMA



TENNIS



The whole school took part in tennis lessons for 6 weeks. We got to walk to Dunboyne Castle and take a bus to Clonee to the tennis club. A lot of us enjoyed the bus as we sang songs like 'Baby Shark'. We all learned the core skills of playing tennis from our coaches. We also really enjoyed playing games. Our favourites were 'Rockets' and 'Zombie'. We all had so much fun and want to thank the coaches for coaching us and Ms. McGovern for organising the lessons.

By: Ella (3rd Class)



YOGA

Sonias were very lucky to take part in yoga classes for 6 weeks. Anya came in to our school and the children engaged in some lovely relaxation activities. We did stretching, yoga poses and loved giving each other back massages to the tune of 'Incy Wincy Spider'.



GUITAR NEWS

The students in guitar are continuing to work hard on all their songs. They were super in all their rehearsals and lessons this past year. They performed for their parents in an end of year concert & they were amazing!





Tennis



SCHOOL INITIATIVES

CURIOS MINDS AWARD



This year the school achieved an SFI Curious Minds Award at gold level. All classes worked extremely hard demonstrating their engagement in STEM in the areas of: 1. Science 2. Technology 3. Engineering 4. Maths 5. STEM showcase. We took part in lots of different experiments & had a great time participating in Engineer's Week. We will be receiving our plaque in the coming weeks which we will display proudly in our new school with our other plaques from over the years. Below is the feedback we received on the work we did.

'Many congratulations to all the teachers and learners in St. Peter's N.S. on achieving your Curious Minds Gold Award! It has been a pleasure to look through all of the amazing STEM work you have undergone - it's clear you've all been quite busy this year. The gold award is very well deserved. Great to see participation from the whole school in the awards and lots of team work going on. It's clear that there is lots of creativity being shown in your school. I particularly liked Junior and Senior Infants' space station. I really enjoyed seeing how many activities were completed outdoors from nature walks, to exploring sound, to the survey of parked cars. It's wonderful to see the school integrating technology in a variety of ways to aid and enhance learning. Well done and keep up the great work!'



MUSIC GENERATION

We had another productive year of Music Generation with Stephen and Josie. Everyone from 1st-6th class really enjoyed learning news chords and songs on the ukelele. Infants, Sonas agus Spraoi enjoyed songs on the guitar, responding to music through dance and performing with Josie. Their favourite song was 'It's Good to Sing in the Morning'. 3rd-6th class got to perform 'Wake Me Up' as Gaeilge for the parents.

By: Matilda (4th Class)



SWIMMING

Sonas agus Spraoi enjoyed their weekly visits to Finglas Sports for swimming lessons. The children have gained confidence & learned many skills. The children have also loved playing and splashing in the pool.



JUNIOR EINSTEINS



We had four wonderful workshops hosted by James from Junior Einsteins. They were so much fun. Our infants made non-Newtonian slime & leaned about Newton's Law of viscosity. 1st/2nd learned about illusions and how cartoons are made using a zoetrope. 3rd/4th loved their workshop on electricity learning about circuits, conductors & insulators. They made Barbie's hair stand using a Van Der Graaf generator. 5th/6th became crime scene investigators as they had to analyse evidence to solve a crime, learning how Science and the law work together! Thanks to our PTA for organising these educational workshops!



Greenschools



The green-schools committee is currently working towards the water flag. We are looking forward to completing a water audit in our new school & putting our action plan into action following the results of it.

We will welcome 2 new green-schools committee members from 3rd & 4th class next year. Don't forget to save up your cans & bottles for us. *Ms. Cantwell*



PERCENT FOR ART SCHEME

Here is a sneak peek at how our sculptures are coming along! We can't wait to see the end result in our new school!





Junior Einstein's Visit





ST. PETER'S SCHOOL CHOIR



It was another busy term for the school choir as we performed a number of different times. We performed 2 lovely songs for 'Book Week', both a 'Little Talks Medley' & a song from the Peace Proms, the 'Musical Medley'. We also performed for the 'Come and See' day when the choir sang 'Dreams' and 'Something Just Like This'. Then finally we performed the song 'Fight Song' for our very last performance in the old school on the last day of term. Well done to everyone for their **OUTSTANDING EFFORTS** this past year in all their singing. We are already looking forward to next year and are very excited for many more performances!

Mr. Lowe



CHOIR PARTY!!

On Thursday 20th June we got to go to the playground and have a pizza party as a celebration of all of our wonderful performances this year. We had so much fun celebrating together. Thank you so much to Mr. Lowe and Ms. Cantwell.



STUDENTS VOICE - OUR FAVOURITE SINGER/BAND

"My favourite song is called 'Nightcord at 25:00' because of the nice vocals." - *Brielle (5th)*



"I enjoy 'Manaskin' because I love rock music and this music is very upbeat. I like to sing-along with it." - *Charlotte (5th)*

"I like 'Pillow Queens' because there is a good beat to their music" - *Nia (3rd)*



"My favourite singer is Taylor Swift and my favourite song by her is 'Cruel Summer'" - *Stephaine (5I)*

"My favourite band is 'Westlife' and my favourite songs of theirs are 'My Love' and 'You Raise Me Up'. There are 4 members in the band and they are really great singers." - *Amelia (1st)*

"My favourite band is 'The White Stripes' because I like that type of music, with the best song being 'Seven Nation Army'." - *Judd (4th)*



"My favourite singer is 'Kygo' and my favourite song is 'Stole the Show.'" - *Jacob (2nd)*



"My favourite band is 'Guns 'n' Roses'. I think all their songs are excellent and I really like the way they sing" - *Rory (3rd)*

Soccer



SCHOOL SOCCER NEWS

We had a wonderful start to our 11-a-side games of the year. St. Peter's did themselves proud by winning their first game against KPS, 2-1. They were magnificent throughout the game. Everyone gave it 100% and their attitude towards their opponents was something to be admired. We started the game very strongly by going 2-0 in the first half but as the game continued, and with added fatigue, KPS managed to score their first goal of the game. However, with some amazing defending and even a couple of good chances ourselves, we managed to hang in for the victory. It was also an added bonus to meet Brian O'Driscoll!

SCHOOL SOCCER NEWS

We continued our 11 a side games against St. Andrew's, Curragha on Monday 20th of May. We knew we were up against it as we had encountered this team in the Primary 5s earlier in the year. The game started even and we managed to create good chances. However, St. Andrew's showed some great strength as they went 2-0 up very quickly. However, St. Peter's fought back and showed some great fight to get a goal of our own. The first half finished 5-2.

At the beginning of the second half we fought hard and managed to score two goals in quick succession. It was now 5-4! Unfortunately, St. Andrew's experience showed as they went on to secure victory with two more goals. Once again, St. Peter's did themselves proud and are constantly improving!



STUDENT'S VOICE - MY FAVOURITE FOOTBALL TEAM

"I support Man City however, I have never been to a match" - Ashwyn (4th)

"I support Man United. I would love to go to a match one day" - Cameron (5th)

"I support Man City. I have never been to a match but I would like to go to a Manchester Derby" - Freddie (4th)

"I support Arsenal because my dad supports them. I have been to a match. I went to Arsenal v Luton Town in London and I stayed in a hotel. Arsenal won that game" - Indy (1st)

"I support Man United but I have never been to a match. My dream match is Ireland v England in the World cup final" - Saoirse (6th)

"I support Man United. I have never been to a match. I would love to go to Man United v Liverpool" - William B. (2nd)

"I like the Red Team because my Daddy likes that team. I would like to go to a match with him" - Albert (J. I.)





SONAS AGUS SPRAOI

Our theme of the month of May was Transport and Travel. In Art, we did lots of different crafts such as making our very own rocket ship using a milk carton, a boat using paper and a hot air balloon using a paper plate and lollipop sticks! We read the story 'It's a Marmalade Jam' which we all loved turning the pages on the interactive whiteboard. We listened to many songs about transport and travel but our favourite was '10 Little Buses'. We really enjoyed the reptile visit as we loved feeding and petting the reptiles!

In Numeracy we explored ways of making the number 9 using different concrete materials such as trucks and cars, pegs, beads and bears. We loved the 'Helicopter' counting game on the interactive whiteboard and engaging in number 9 activities with the 'Bust at Maths' interactive programme - all our children have come on in leaps and bounds with their number work and number formation.

We were delighted to take part in the 'Come and See' day this year. Some pupils from Sonas agus Spraoi attended the assembly and showed off their fabulous art work that they had created - the children were so good and did us all very proud!

Josie has been a massive hit this year with all the pupils in Sonas agus Spraoi. As our theme was transport she included lots of songs based on the theme such as 'Wheels on the Bus' and 'Zoom Zoom Zoom'. The kids loved their music time with Josie!





JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANTS

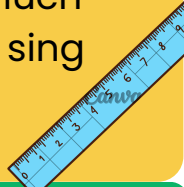
Our theme this month in Aistear has been the post office. We have really enjoyed going into role as post people and customers. We have written our own letters to our families. We even designed our own stamps in Art. We have begun to use the new Primary Maths Curriculum. We have enjoyed lots of play based Maths activities, such as dice games and interactive games. We have also enjoyed using cubes, ten frames, counting bears and clocks to help us solve maths problems. We also enjoy daily "Maths Talk" activities where we talk and discuss to solve number problems.



1ST & 2ND CLASS



1st and 2nd class have had a very busy term. We were learning about time and money in Maths. We did some wonderful art projects like painting ice cream cones on a beautiful sunny day. They were so tempting and made us all want an ice-cream when we got home! We have also been working on our drawing skills. Our favourite was a cute panda holding balloons. We loved all the special events such as Sports Day, 'Come and See' Day, and the reptile visit, to name but a few. We did a song and poem at the 'Come and See' Day and we were really proud of ourselves and our performance. The bake sale afterwards was so yummy! Our tennis lessons were so much fun too. Everyone enjoyed the bus journey there and back as we got to sing songs and talk with our friends.





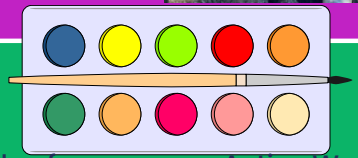
3RD & 4TH CLASS



3rd & 4th class have had a busy last term in school. We studied the topic of the Vikings and Longboats in SESE. We then took on the challenge of building a boat/ship from recycled materials and tested if they could float in a pool of water holding a number of marbles. We also did our second novel study of the year. We read 'Survivor - Escape from Pompeii' written by Jim Eldridge. We were fascinated by and wanted to learn more about volcanoes after this novel. We spent time then creating our own volcanoes with clay. We made them erupt by pouring baking soda, vinegar and washing-up liquid into the jars we built our volcanoes around.



5TH & 6TH CLASS



5th & 6th class have had an extremely active and busy final term. Most notably of course was Active Week. During this week the children clearly impressed their orienteering coaches with their well practiced, hard earned orienteering skills. On this topic, our class celebrated great success in the Leinster Schools competitions. Our 5th class girls won 1st place in the class tournament. Our very own Brielle won 3rd in her category while Emma won the overall championship. Well done to all who participated!

The class performed a lovely poem, 'The Lake Isle of Inisfree' for the 'Come and See' day. They followed up a week later with a wonderful 'Nuair Táim Imithe - Amhráin na gCupann' performance for the whole school assembly.

A visit to the local Woodpark Stud proved a very popular outing amongst all of the children. The class group produced some excellent summer themed paintings to try and spark some summer buzz, even if the weather hasn't done so, quite yet. The boys and girls didn't let the less than ideal conditions dampen their enjoyment of end of year school tour. Everyone enjoyed the Go Quest adventure activities & the day out in Cabinteely park.

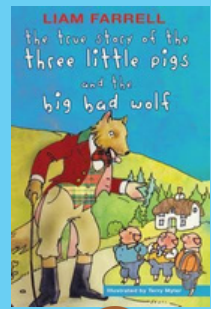
Well done to all of the 6th class pupils for graduating from St. Peter's. All in attendance were immensely impressed by your wonderful speeches. Maith sibh!

A busy, productive year rolls to an end. I'm sure our 5th classers are looking forward to their senior year ahead. Best of luck to our 6th class boys and girls as they venture into the world of secondary school. We know that you will continue to make St. Peter's National School proud wherever you go.



STORYTELLER VISIT

On Friday 26th April we were privileged to have the amazingly talented children's author and storyteller, Liam Farrell, visit our school. Liam has performed to over 1/4 million children in Irish schools. Our Junior children thoroughly loved his storytelling workshop based on his own book of the 'The True Story Of The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf'. According to one pupil it was the 'funniest show' she had ever seen. All the children were so engrossed in his story. Our senior pupils engaged in a story-writing workshop which our children found so interesting and so inspiring. They absolutely loved Liam's natural way to speak with them and ability to show them how to get creative!



WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP

We had so many different book characters at our Book Day Dress Up parade - from Harry Potter to The Cat in the Hat to Charlotte Bronte! It is safe to say that Roald Dahl remains a popular choice of read - we had Matilda, Mr Willy Wonka himself and Fantastic Mr. Fox all in attendance on the day!!



BOOK FAIR

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed The Book Fair visiting our school. There were so many wonderful books to choose from. Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the fair and for purchasing books. A whopping €1263 was raised, generating an amazing €694.65 in rewards for the school to purchase new books. These books will be a great addition to our library in the new school!

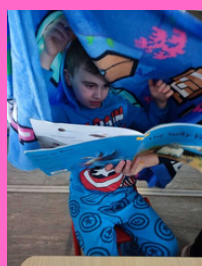
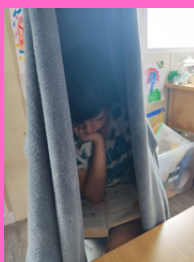




PYJAMA DAY



Our pyjama day was brilliant! We had so much fun curling up under our blankets with a torch and a good book!



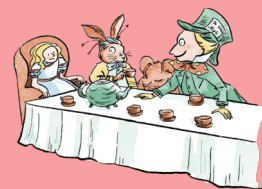
BUDDY READING



We did 'Buddy Reading' during our Book Week and it was really nice to do. 5th and 6th class were buddied up with a partner in 1st and 2nd class, while 3rd and 4th class were partnered up with the Infants. We each got a chance to read to our buddy. It was a lovely experience for our seniors to help our juniors, while our juniors also felt so cool getting to read to the big kids!!



STUDENT'S VOICE - MY FAVOURITE BOOK



My favourite book series is "Dog Man" ~ Shane (4th)

My favourite book series is "Tom Gates" because it is funny and the pictures are brilliant ~ Sanjana (4th)

The first book I ever heard was "Mr. Happy". I like it because he is always happy and he helps me feel calm! ~ George (S.I.)

My favourite book is 'Unicorns' because it makes me calm and sleepy ~ Aviya (J.I.)

My favourite book is 'Murder Most UnladyLike' because the mysteries are great and I love the plot twists ~ Amy (5th)

I like the 'Harry Potter' series. They are full of magic. Hermione is my favourite character because she is smart ~ Abigail (2nd)

I like 'Beast Quest' because Tom fights for his kingdom ~ Zand (2nd)

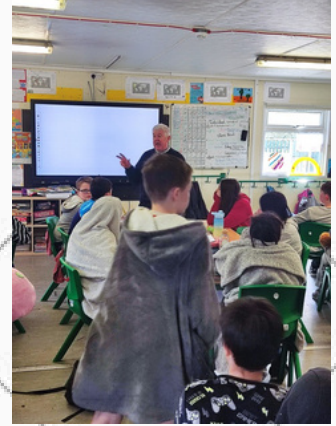
My favourite book is 'Anne Franks Diary' because it shows how cruel Hitler was. ~ Andrew (5th)

My favourite book is 'Murder Most UnladyLike' because it is funny and descriptive. ~ Chloe (5th)

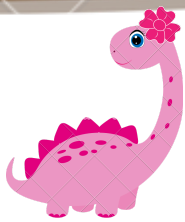
I like princess books because they are my favourite books ~ Hazel (S.I.)



BOOK WEEK



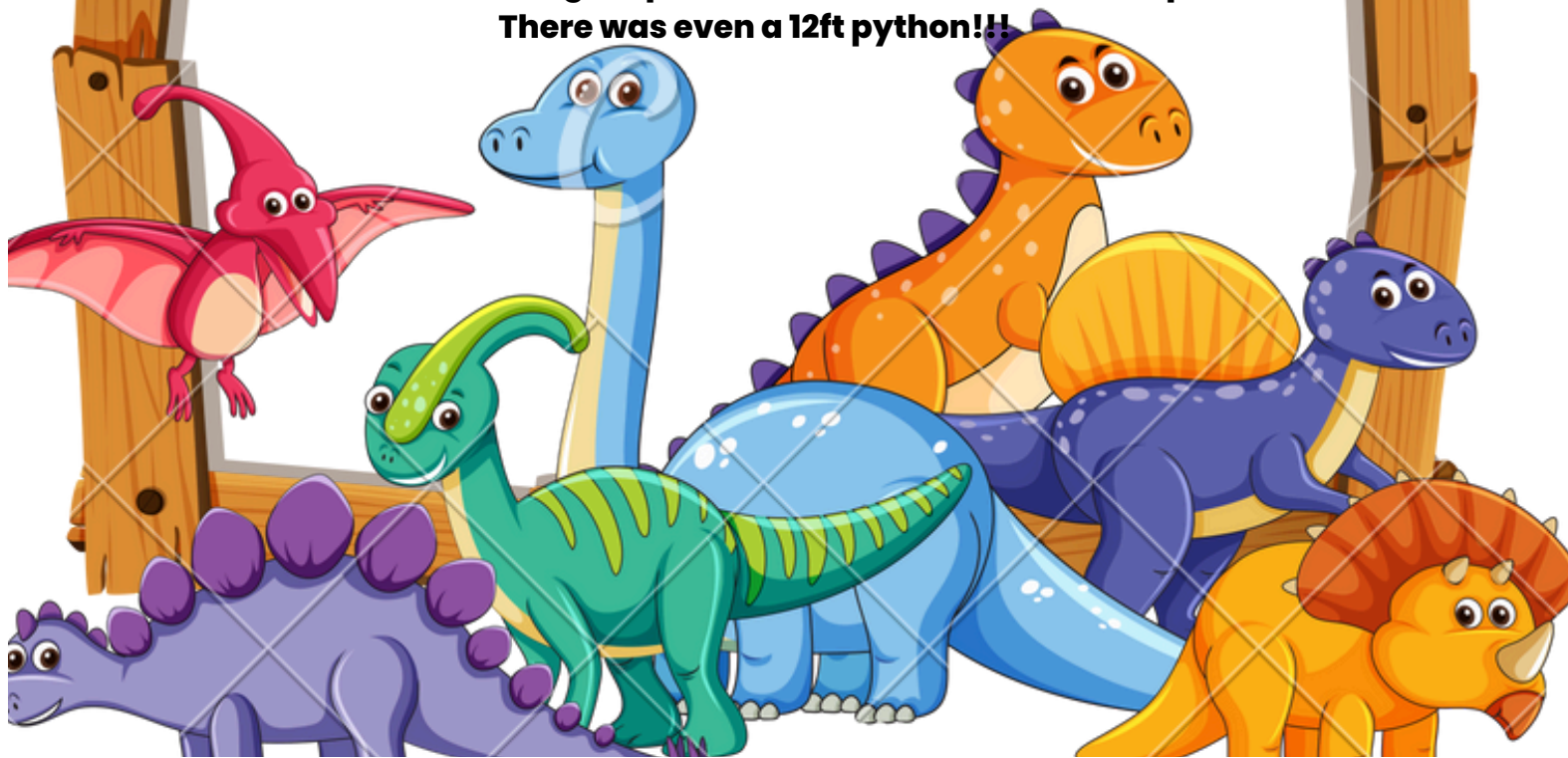
Dino/Reptile Experience



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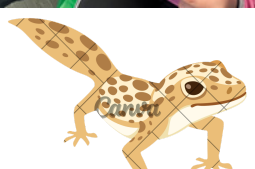
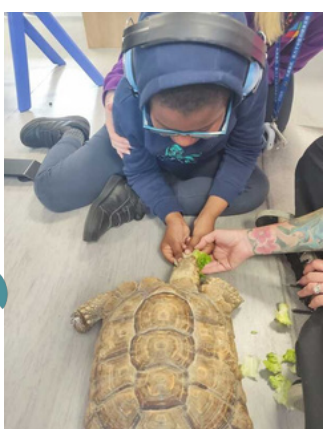


Many thanks to Ben and Melanie who treated the boys and girls to an amazing dinosaur and reptile experience. The children were so excited to dig for fossils, engage in fun games with dinosaurs and get up close with lots of AWESOME reptiles! There was even a 12ft python!!!





Dino/Reptile Experience



ACTIVEWEEK

SKIPPING WORKSHOPS

As part of Active Week we took part in Skip 'n' Rope workshops. We all learned different skipping skills. The Infants learned how to skip forwards and backwards. 1st and 2nd class learned how to do 'Slalom' skipping, 'The Bell', 'One Foot Side to Side' and 'Side Swing Open'. They also learned how to play the game 'Cat and Mouse' with a skipping rope. 3rd and 4th learned 'Knee Up', how to do a 360 degree turn while skipping, 'Switch Wrap' and the whole class took part in a 'Wiper' skip. 5th and 6th learned 'The Frog', 'The Texas 360' turn and 'The Side Swing Crossover'. We all did a show at the end as a whole school and it was so much fun!

By Amy and Chloe (5th Class)



ORIENTEERING WORKSHOPS



All classes had orienteering workshops during Active Week. They had to use their map reading skills and they learned how to use an SI card. They did mazes and went around the park looking for the controls. They had to concentrate and make sure they scanned the controls in the correct order. It was so much fun!



Our Orienteering Workshop

We went to the park to go orienteering. Our coach's name was Eileen. We used lots of equipment like control punchers and SI cards. We did a 'Three Little Pigs' orienteering course. We had to run and find the matching pictures that told the story of The Little Pigs. It was good exercise and lots of fun.

By: Hazael Jacob & Samuel (Infants)



We had great fun at our school Sports Day. All classes took part in running races, sack races, egg and spoon races and an obstacle race. Everyone gave it their all! There was an ice cream van too and the ice cream was delicious. The seniors did Tug of War and the girls beat the boys. Even with Mr. Lowe they couldn't beat the girls and Ms. Donlon and Avril! The mums and dads also did the Tug of War and the mums won. Go the mums! It was a great day in the community centre! Everyone had so much fun!

By: Leah, Abigail, Luke and Jacob (1st/2nd Class)





VHI MINI MARATHON

Congratulations to all the parents and staff who took part in the VHI Mini-Marathon on Sunday 2nd June.

Thank you Ms. McGovern, Emma, Katrina, Ann, Natalie, Deirdre, Karen & Andrea for participating on behalf of our school. Thanks to them and their huge efforts they raised a massive €4625 for our school.



ACTIVE WEEK



GAA TRAINING



We have started to put together St. Peter's first GAA team. The children started training with Mr. Corcoran after Easter and hope to have a couple of matches at the start of the next school year. Many children from 3rd-5th class took part in the GAA training. They are learning how to solo the ball and practise their kicking and catching skills. They are also learning the rules of the game!

LEINSTER SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Emma who was presented with her 6th class girls race medal and shield from the Hellfire Wood Leinster Schools Championship.

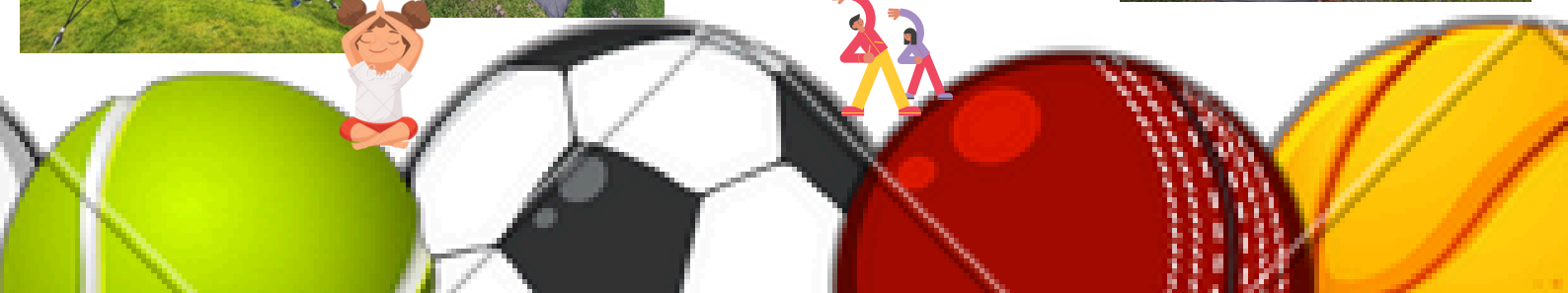


FUN RUN

To mark the end of Active Week St. Peter's had it's very first "Mini Marathon" (Fun Run style!). We did 2 laps around the local playground. Whether you walked, jogged or ran we all had great fun!! We did this to support the staff and parents running in the VHI Women's Mini Marathon on behalf of our school. All classes from Infants to 6th took part in this enjoyable run as the sun shone. Everyone got a certificate from the PTA to recognise their hard work and dedication. After the exhausting run we all got to play in in the playground . It was a brilliant morning !!



ACTIVE WEEK





CONGRATULATIONS *Canva* **Class of 2024** *Canva* CONGRATULATIONS *Canva*
 Congratulations!



6TH CLASS GRADUATION

On Monday 26th June, 6th class pupils, their parents and special people in the children's lives, along with their teachers gathered together to celebrate the 6th Class Graduation in the Oak Centre. Rev. Philip welcomed everyone with a prayer, followed by some words from Ms. McGovern to mark this very special occasion in 6th Class pupil's lives. The pupils had prepared speeches which they shared with the audience. They spoke about some of their favourite memories in school, favourite trips, favourite topics they had learned about and where they hoped to be in 10 years. They also spoke about how they have grown and changed not just physically and academically but also emotionally and socially during their time in St. Peter's. They expressed their thanks to their families and school staff for all the support given to them. The pupils spoke so graciously and with confidence which was lovely to see. Tissues were needed by some parents and staff!

To conclude the ceremony, each pupil was presented with personalised pencil cases from the PTA, class of '24 zippies with their names on the back, a professional 6th class photo, a photo frame with words used to describe each pupil and a graduation cupcake. Wishing all our 6th class pupils the best of luck as they start their new adventure in September!

6th Class – Our Favourite MEMORIES

"My favourite memory is when Miss Mollison was leaving and she filled an inflatable pool with juice and we got to drink it with loopy straws" – *Emily (6th)*

"I remember my first day at school. I sat down and starting talking and colouring Disney princess pictures with Emily and Saoirse. I met my two best friends that day" – *Emma (6th)*

"In 4th class it was a very sunny day (about 25 degrees I think) and we threw wet sponges at our friends and teachers. It was so much fun!" – *Saoirse (6th)*

"My favourite memory is the 5-a-side football tournament. I was so proud to represent my school. I also enjoyed my very first day because there were jammy dodgers and custard creams." – *Finn (6th)*

"My favourite memory was going to Croke Park, the tour was great. There was so much to explore" – *Matas (6th)*

"My favourite memory was in infants when everyone was going looking for pencils from the Elf on the Shelf. I also liked Ginger, the teddy Miss Coyle owned. On Fridays we would bring him home for the weekend." – *Ryan (6th)*

"I enjoyed our ukulele lessons that we had for the last two years. My favourite song was 'Riptide' which we performed at assembly" – *Hannah (6th)*

"My favourite memory is when Liam Farrell told us a funny story and warnings about secondary school. I also liked the 'House System' in 1st class. At the end of the year the team with the most points got to go to the park and have ice cream." – *Sarah (6th)*

"My favourite memory was the fall of snow this year & we got to go outside and throw snowballs. It was amazing and I'll never forget it!" – *Isabella*

Students Voice – My plans for SUMMER

"My friend is planning to walk to my house every few days to play. My friends and I are going bowling over the summer. I'm going to Tenerife and I hope for lots of good weather." – *Darragh (5th)*

"I'm going to Houston in America for 2 weeks. I'm going to have a sleepover with my Aunty and cousins in America. I will play my guitar all summer long. I love the way I have no school" – *Hannah (6th)*

"I'm going to the French Alps with my family. I'm going to a sleepover in my friends house. It's my brother's birthday during the summer. He's having a party in Navan Adventure Centre. I'm really looking forward to eating lots of ice-cream" – *Matilda (4th)*

"During the summer I am going on holidays to Spain and to Egypt. In Egypt I'm going to a water park for a whole week! I'm going to my Grandma's house in Egypt with my cousins for four weeks! I'm looking forward to playing with my cousins" – *Amy (2nd)*

"I'm going to Africa. It's a bit of a surprise trip so I'm not sure what activities are planned. I'm also going to my cousins for a sleepover. I hope we have lots of good weather and ice cream!" – *Leah (1st)*

"I will go to my cousins and bring my Playdough and play in the ball pit. I'm also going to the water park. I'm really looking forward to the summer holidays and ice cream!" – *Hazael (5)*

"I'm having a barbecue with my family. I hope to have lots of playdates with my friends. Over the summer, I'm going Mallorca in Spain on an airplane. There's going to be a huge swimming pool and I'm really looking forward to it." – *Zoe (J1)*



Graduation

2024



ICE CREAM VAN VISIT



We were so lucky to have the ice cream van at our Sports Day. Everyone loved the cones with chocolates flakes! We even got to choose our own sauce! Bubblegum flavour was definitely the most popular.



Woodpark Stud

5th and 6th class recently went to Woodpark Stud. They had loads of fun seeing some lovely foals and learning lots of cool facts about the horses. It was so enjoyable and they even got some goody bags at the end of the lovely trip.



'COME AND SEE' DAY



This year we had a 'Come and See' Day for the parents on the theme of 'Memories' as we are preparing for our move to our new school. Every class did a performance. Infants dressed up as cute little animals that the parents couldn't get enough off! 1st/2nd said a poem and also sang a song. 3rd/4th class did a poem as did 5th/6th class who also sang a song. Sonas agus Spraoi showed off some of their wonderful art work. Our school choir had a fantastic performance with 2 songs and the senior classes sang as Gaeilge and showed off their ukelele skills with Stephen. After the assembly the parents were treated to refreshments and then visited our rooms to view all our work.

By: Finn & Iarla (5th/6th Class)



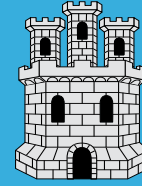


School Tours

INFANTS - 2ND CLASS



Our junior classes had an absolute blast in Fort Lucan on Thursday 27th June. They set off bright and early to make the most of the day and thankfully the rain held off to ensure a fun day was had by all. The boys and girls loved all the amazing playgrounds and climbing areas, with the pirate ship proving to be an extremely popular choice to play in. The children also had so much fun playing mini golf and doing many laps of the tracks in go karts! By the time they were returning back to school there were plenty of tired eyes so no doubt everyone slept very well that night!



3RD- 6TH CLASS

3rd-6th class went to Go Quest and Cabinteely Park on Tuesday 25th June. We were up and on the road nice and early to make the most of the day. We arrived at Go Quest and sorted our teams. We went around to the different rooms with different challenges. The harder the challenge the more points you got. There were no words to describe the feeling of success when you saw the green light to show you had completed an answer correctly when you thought you didn't know it! After our fun at Go Quest we hopped back on the bus to go to Cabinteely Park. Everyone took part in a scavenger hunt and afterwards headed over to the playground. It was huge and a lot of fun! We had our picnic and many of us went to play a game of football. It was a great day and one to be remembered for ever and ever!



SONAS AGUS SPRAOI

On Monday 17th June Sonas agus Sproai went on their school tour to Ship Shape. They loved the bus trip to the play centre and had so much fun in the ball pits and on the climbing frames. It is safe to say all the amazing slides were the firm favourites!



SCHOOL TOURS



GET TO KNOW ME!



TEACHING IS A WORK OF HEART

Mr. Lowe



Do you have any pets? No

What's your favourite colour? Blue

What's your favourite animal & why? Horses because they are clever

Do you have any hobbies? Crossfit, golf, playing music, padel tennis

What instruments do you play? - Piano, guitar, cajon box

Who is your favourite singer/band? - One Republic

What's your favourite season? - Summer

When's your birthday? - 18th March (1980)

Where's your favourite place? - Abu Dhabi

What's your favourite food? - Pizza

Which do you prefer: winter or summer holidays & why?

Winter holidays - who doesn't love Santa!!

How many languages do you speak? What are they? 2. - English and Irish

What sports have you played? - Soccer, GAA football, hurling, padel tennis, horse riding

Who's your favourite football team? - Manchester United

What's the best thing about being a teacher? - Watching children sing!

What's your favourite subject to teach? - Science

What's the best thing about teaching in St. Peter's? - The children!



Funky Socks for Down Syndrome

On the 11th April we had a very fun day celebrating Down Syndrome Day. We marked the day wearing multi-coloured and funky socks. We also got to design socks and play games where we had to match up socks. Thank you so much to one of our parents who provided a bag of goodies and sunflower seeds for all pupils.



Parish News

Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, even Jim Carrey!! Do you ever read inspiring quotes on the internet which are attributed to famous celebrities or historical figures, but you know in your heart that the quotes just don't sound like something they would have said. Misattributed quotes are a real problem in the internet age.

On a gable wall in Portobello in Dublin city centre is painted the words, 'Don't be afraid'. This quote is attributed to the Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney, who uttered these words before he died. However, this is only partially true. In fact, his son Michael Heaney said that his father's last words were actually in Latin, 'Noli timere', which does not mean, 'Do not be afraid'.

However, rather than giving Seamus Heaney ultimate credit for these inspiring words (he created enough inspiring quotes of his own anyway), instead the poet in this instance was merely citing the Bible, where the phrase is said to occur 365 times, once for every day of the year. 'Don't be afraid' is a most reassuring and encouraging quote, which can have profound resonance during times of change.

There are many changes afoot in St. Peter's N.S. Our 6th class & our other leavers are venturing to new schools & new beginnings. But for all other pupils, staff and parents, there is a major collective change ahead as the school moves to the Rooske Road. As a school community we will leave behind 20 years of cherished memories & experiences in our old premises & come to terms with a whole new complex & layout for our school. It's going to be huge change.

Change can be disorientating, unsettling & worrying. Maybe then we can draw inspiration from the true source of a quote which can help to put all our hearts and minds at ease.

'Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.' *Deuteronomy 31:8*



This event is extra special as we say goodbye to our old school and get ready for our big move to the Rooske Road! Come along and share some fun and memories.



Bake Sale

Before the bake sale at our 'Come and See' day, we had lots of fun baking at home. We baked things like cupcakes, brownies and rainbow cakes. We really enjoyed decorating them so that they look nice. At the bake sale, there were so many things to buy. We loved eating the treats that we bought. The school raised €428!

By Zola and Stephanie (Infants)





PTA

As we look forward to our summer holidays and complete our final term at our current school site we would like to thank you for all your support throughout this school year. We have benefitted greatly from the support of many parents who gave their time bringing fresh approaches including the hugely entertaining Tarantula Challenge & our team of runners in the Mini Marathon. In addition we have hosted many social events including coffee mornings, bake sales, our quiz and of course our Christmas Fair, all of which have been supported by you the parents and the many friends of our school including local businesses.

Thank you for all your continued generous support through which we have been able to foster a positive and encouraging and inclusive programme of activities. These activities have helped strengthen bonds between our children and create an environment in which our children enjoy their learning experience.

We look forward to the new school year which will see us relocate to our new school after 20 years. Throughout these years there has been a consistent drive to achieve a permanent school build, now delivered! We wish to acknowledge previous PTA members and the many others who have supported and persevered to achieve our new school.

Once again, a huge thank you to you our parents who through support and engagement have helped shape our school, ensuring that our children will continue to enjoy a positive, engaging school environment at our new school.

Our new school will require as much PTA/parent support as possible. This may be an appropriate time to consider if you may volunteer to join the PTA team. It is a truly worthwhile and rewarding group to engage with. If interested please contact the school or indeed make contact with any PTA member at the school gates during drop off/collection times.



Wishing you all a lovely summer!
St. Peter's PTA



CLICK FOR A LITTLE SURPRISE!



Our PTA have put in a mammoth effort all year organising events that have hugely supported our school and it's community in many many ways. It is through their dedication and commitment that we have been able to enrich all our pupil's school experience through curriculum support, engagement in fun activities, staff professional development and the purchase of educational resources.

A huge thank you to each and every one of you!

If you are interested in joining our PTA and supporting the school, then please speak to any member on the PTA. It is important that all classes are represented and we would be delighted to welcome new members for 2024/2025



PTA REPRESENTATIVES 2023/2024



- ** Junior Infants -----**
- ** Senior Infants - Ann Parkes**
- ** 1st Class - Andrea Donlon**
- ** 2nd class - Sarah O'Sullivan, Noga Shavitt**
- ** 3rd Class - -----**
- ** 4th Class -----**
- ** 5th Class - Stephen Higgins, Gabriel Beirne**
- ** 6th Class - Naomi Ni Chonghaile**
- ** Sonas - Elaine Gallagher, Katrina Carroll**
- ** Spraoi - Emma Flynn, Louise McNeely**

Board of Management Report

The Board of Management wishes to thank parents & guardians for the support shown towards the school this year. Many thanks to our principal, our dedicated staff and the PTA for their tremendous commitment to our school and pupils. It has been a highly successful year, and we eagerly anticipate the opening of our new school on Rooske Road. The new building and site are truly impressive. We look forward to developing our library, nurture room and outdoor surroundings to benefit our entire school community.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Parish Oak Centre for being so accommodating throughout all our years here and for allowing us to use the facilities. We also thank the Parish/School Social Committee, who will continue to maintain our community links as we move across the village.

The Board of Management is pleased with the continued policy development in the school. We have reviewed and ratified the Child Safeguarding Statement, Illness Policy, Attendance Policy, and Health and Safety Policy. We look forward to implementing the new curriculum as it is rolled out over the next few years.

We are delighted to inform you that we have secured a Spanish teacher who will be providing pupils in 3rd-6th class with Spanish language lessons next year. This will take place in Term 2 for 10 weeks. (Sessions will be 1 hour per classroom) Please keep an eye on correspondence from the school over the summer months regarding plans and procedures for our new school, particularly concerning the first few days in our new building. Wishing you all a lovely summer.



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL GARDEN

As part of the development of the garden in our new school, our PTA along with our Greenschool's committee are engaging in a project to aid the purchase of flowers and plants. We would be very grateful if our families would kindly consider saving any bottles/cans you may have for recycling during the summer holidays for our school. Upon return we will then exchange all the items and use the credit to purchase flowers/plants for our many new green spaces.

A decorative banner featuring illustrations of various flowers and plants, including daisies, tulips, and other colorful blooms.

CO-CURRICULAR 2024/2025

Music Generation: Josie will continue in Sonas/Spraoui and our Infant classes on Thursdays. Ukelele with Stephen will continue on Wednesdays for 1st-6th class. Fees for the year are €30 & an e-payment link will be sent out for anyone who wants to pay early. Payment is due by 25th October.

Swimming for 1st-6th Class:

A block of 6 weeks has been booked from 20th September - 25th October. Again, an e-payment link will be sent out for anyone wishing to pay early. Fees are €84 and are due by September 27th.

teachers 2024/2025

Junior/Senior Infants - Ms. Crowe

1st/2nd Class - Ms. Weldon

3rd/4th Class - Mr. Corcoran

5th/6th Class - Mr. Lowe

Sonas - Ms. Coyle

Spraoui - Ms. Cantwell

SET - Ms. Mason

SET - Ms. Flynn

EAL - Ms. Hand

THANK YOU

Many thanks to our School Newsletter editorial team for all their hard work throughout the year and for producing such wonderful newsletters. Darragh, Amy, Cameron (5th class), Ms. Donlon

A decorative banner featuring illustrations of many hands clapping, symbolizing appreciation and support.

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A circular graphic containing a Facebook 'Like' button with the name 'Dunwa' and the school's logo at the bottom.