

St. Patrick's Boys' N.S. School News



March 2020

Dear Parents,



This has been a busy term with lots of extra activities happening in the school. The string quartet- Graffiti Classics came to the school, it was a great day and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We had **Engineering week**, a very special thanks to the parents (Professor Triona Lally and Alan Stone from Trinity College, Samantha Bus Eireann and Stephen Kao retired technician and grandparent (Danny O'Connor retired civil engineer) who joined us this week. The boys have really enjoyed learning from you. Thank you for giving up your time to the school.



World Book Day gives us a opportunity to encourage our love of reading. We celebrated by hosting a **Read Aloud Week** which encouraged children to listen to stories being read aloud, which will positively affect their own reading aloud skills and allow them to access a wider variety of books and bring the characters to life. Each day pupils volunteered to read aloud from their favourite book to their class. In addition to this, they were asked to listen to some reading aloud for 10 minutes for homework each evening. Below you will find a link to access some audio books from home. These stories are available to stream for free until the 29th March. www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories.



Our **Annual Community Quiz Night** will take place on March 12th.

Can't make it? Don't worry, you can still show your support by buying a 'virtual seat'- €10 (through the school office) or by buying raffle tickets. Over the coming weeks raffle tickets will be available to purchase in the school @ €2 per strip or 3 for €5.

Prizes: With the support of parents and local businesses we have some amazing prizes for both the quiz and raffle. *Here is just a small sample:* 4 ball in Mount Juliet, Car Service, Theatre Tickets, €250, €100 & €50 Cash Prizes, lots of Beauty & Hair Treatments for mums and dads, Hamper, many local sports club camp vouchers, school uniform vouchers, restaurant and take out vouchers the list goes on.....

That's it for now, again thank you so much for your continued support and should you have any queries at all please get in touch E: parentscouncilstpatricksbns@gmail.com or pop a message on our Facebook page and we will get back to you asap.

We look forward to seeing some old and few faces on the 12th.

The Parents Council



We are working together to raise hand hygiene awareness among the children in our school. We would appreciate if you could support us in this by discussing & practicing good hand hygiene with your son at home.



Lá Glas ar an Aoine.
Children are invited to wear something green to school on Friday.

GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



Trocaire boxes can be returned to the school office

Our Green Schools Committee are busy working towards our next Green School Flag. See our website page for more news!

School Calendar

Monday 16 th March & Tuesday 17 th March	School will be closed
Monday 6 th to 17 th April inclusive	School will close at 12 noon on Fri 3 rd April for Easter and will reopen on Monday 20 th April.
Monday May 4 th	School will close - Public Holiday
Monday 1st June	School closed - Public Holiday
Friday 26 th June	School will finish @ 12 noon for summer holidays

GAA Skills Development

We have a strong Gaelic Football tradition in the school and take part in the Fingal League & Cumann na mBunscoil League. Naoise (GAA Coach) from St. Patrick's GAA, comes into the school and promotes Gaelic Football skills. Thanks Naoise!

This year we have two teams (Jnr and Snr), The junior team is coached by Mr. Crowe and Ms. Flanagan and Mrs McShane want to thank all the teachers for volunteering and giving up their time after school to work with the teams.

As you know we depend on the parents to help with lifts to and from matches and will do our best to give as much notice as we can of match days. All home games are played in Ballymastone and the boys walk over to the pitch for the game. Thank you to St Pats GAA for the use of the pitch and facilities.

Through sport we encourage full participation, we learn how to be a team player, we improve motor and movement skills, we get lots of exercise, and have lots of fun!



Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge, atá ar an gceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn agus in go leor tíortha eile gach bliain.

Déanfaimid ceiliúradh ar sheachtain na Gaeilge an tseachtain seo chugainn. Is féidir le gach duine a gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh i rith na seachtaine. Tá go leor imeachtaí eagraithe againn, ina measc: tráth na gceist, céilí, ceolchoirm, comórtas ealaíne, scéalaíocht agus cluichí - Bíg linn!



Aistear in St Patrick's BNS

Message from our Junior / Senior Infant Teachers

All of our Junior and Senior Infants classes partake in Aistear on a daily basis. We use a new theme each month as our framework for learning in numeracy, literacy and many other areas of the curriculum. Some of our themes include The Farm, The Hospital, The Restaurant and The Garden Centre.

Each month we post an Aistear blog on the school website which informs parents of our new theme and ways they can help consolidate their son's learning at home. We also post photos of the pupils taking part in the various thematic activities. We invite members of the community to come in to speak to the classes about their relevant area of expertise. Some examples of our visitors are a paramedic, farmer, restaurant owner and a pilot.

As teachers implementing the programme, we find Aistear an invaluable learning tool in the classroom. Children learn how to use their imagination and in doing so, have so much fun that they don't realise they are learning!

Our website: www.stpashns.ie



Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on Friday 29th May

Service of Light—Monday 25th May



First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 9th May @ 11am in St. Patrick's Church.

First Penance: 21st March