



St. Patrick's Classical School

NEWS



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Final Term 2022

Since Easter break our school has been busy with preparations for exam years and extra curricular activities. This newsletter will provide you with some of the events our students have experienced in the last few weeks. There has been a great atmosphere in the corridors this term as we build to a close. We wished our 6th year students their final farewell on Tuesday the 24th of May.

All teachers and students have worked hard over the last few weeks to prepare for state and school exams, we wish them all the best in their upcoming exams.

Prayer for Exams

Dear Lord,

*I thank you for the knowledge gained
And the learning experiences of this time
I come to you on this day
And ask you to enlighten my mind and heart.
Let your Holy Spirit be with me
As i prepare for these exams,
Guiding my studies, and giving me insight
So that I can perform to the best of my ability.
Please grant me the strength
To handle the pressure of these days of exams,
The confidence to feel secure in my knowledge,
And the ability to keep an appropriate
Perspective through it all.
Help me to keep in mind what is truly important,
Even as I focus my time and energy on these exams.
Finally may i sense your peace in knowledge that I
Applied myself to the challenge of this day.
I ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen*



Green Schools

One of the first initiatives of the Green Schools committee was the purchase of Recycle bins for every classroom. The aim of the bins is the recycling of dry waste. Students from the Green team empty the bins every Monday and Thursday into the main recycling bins. Contamination has been kept to a minimum with close monitoring of the bins. A further initiative the Green Schools Committee has been engaged in was the installation of touchless water filling machines. Three machines have been installed with the aim of eliminating single use plastic bottles from the school environment. Students and staff have embraced this initiative and from September on all students will be encouraged to use reusable water bottles only. We hope to have a school bottle for every student from September on.



Following on from the setting up of our Green Schools committee five students attended the Neat Streets Conference in the Aviva in March. Students learned how schools throughout Ireland are implementing initiatives to improve their school environments.



(Members of the Green Schools Committee with Mr.C.O'Reilly(Green Schools Coordinator) at the Neat Streets Conference in the Aviva).

Football

1st Year Football - Shield Winners 26/04/22

Our 1st year footballers have been training all year. Hard work was put in by all and they were rewarded with some silverware in the end.

On the 26th of April our 1st year football team had a great win in the Shield Final. Match result:

- St. Pat's 3-6 to 1-5
- Edenderry 1-5
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Well done to Mr. J.Mooney, Mr. F. O'Reilly & Mr. R. O'Reilly for their hard work all year.



Hurling



1st Year Hurling - Leinster Final 09/05/22

Well done to our first year hurlers who impressively beat Heywood CS from Laois in Abbotstown on a scoreline of 6-19 to 2-09.

The future of hurling in St.Pats is in safe hands.

Well done to Mr. Keating, Mr. Breathnach and Mr. Collins for all the great work they have put in this year.

Basketball

First Year Basketball - All Ireland Quarter and Semifinals 25/4/22

Our First Year Basketball Team had their first outing to the National Basketball Arena in April. They faced Castleknock CS in their All-Ireland Quarter Final. The St. Pat's team secured their place in the semi-final after maintaining their lead throughout all four quarters. The team faced Castleisland CS in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. St. Pat's got off to a fantastic start but were unfortunately to come runners-up after an entertaining and energetic game.

We would like to congratulate the First Year Basketball Panel on their many successes this season. The team were unbeaten in all games to date and are both regional champions and All-Ireland Semi-Finalists. This is a fantastic achievement for the panel in their first year of playing basketball for the school and their hard-work, diligence and positive attitude is reflected in the successes mentioned above.



(1st year basketball team 2022)

Our Second Year Basketball April 2022

The 2nd years reached the All-Ireland Final after successfully overcoming Gortnor Abbey in their Semi-Final in the National Basketball Arena. Our lads beat Drimnagh Castle by 20 point win. The Semi-Final was a thrilling event with both teams evenly matched throughout the first three quarters. St.Pat's started the fourth quarter two points behind but worked hard and finished the game with a nine point lead over Gortnor Abbey, securing their place in the All-Ireland Final.

Unfortunately our 2nd years were not successful in their final this year.

Our basketball teams have been very successful this year, thanks to all the hard work from Mr. Bellew & Ms. O'Sullivan for managing all the teams.



(2nd Year basketball team 2022)



Senior Rugby

Round up of Senior Rugby 2021/22

It was a rollercoaster of a year, starting off with very weak numbers at training which, combined with a surge in injuries meant a poor league campaign. The team was boosted by the return of some familiar faces after the football and hurling had concluded and this started to bring a sense of positivity and momentum back to the camp. We had a tough draw in the Vinnie Murray Cup, and while we acquitted ourselves well against a talented Kings Hospital side in Donnybrook, we ultimately came up short.

We won the DKIT Futures Stars Cup with a 63-0 win over Ardee C.S. From this 5 players got nominated for a Future Stars Award, with Kallum Boles, Matthew Clinton and Evan James winning a public vote, and Davy McKeever and Oisín Heffernan narrowly missing out.

We had a massive win in the Vinnie Murray Plate Semi Final against The High School which set up our "last dance" ever as a team with a final against Wilson's Hospital.

We dominated territory and possession but came up short on the day, coming out on the wrong side of a 16-14 result. Looking back at my favorite memories of the year there are a few that spring to mind. Dara McHugh's comeback season and making the starting team. Eoin Donegan coming down to training in a Lab Coat in the rain. Our team was led once again by Oisín Heffernan, head coach Mr. Murphy, assistant coach Jack Nelson and manager Paddy Davis.

by (Matthew Clinton 6R)



1st Year Rugby

Our First Year rugby players took part in a game on Monday 30th of May against each other. There was a variety of levels of experience within the group and the more experienced players led from the off. Players who have never played rugby before this year displayed huge potential during the game and over the past few weeks training. It was a fine display of the talent and determination amongst this large squad of players. We look forward to seeing this group of players grow and develop their skills next year.



Cross Country & Athletics Team 2021-2022

Athletics has always been a hugely successful sport in St. Pat's, with many students competing at regional, provincial, and All-Ireland level in both cross country, track and field. It was great to get back to the running fields after an absence from the events due to Covid 19. This year saw us take to the streets of Navan as part of our training which proved a real hit with the students. Athletics took place every Tuesday and Thursday on the main pitch and saw students of all levels and abilities from all year groups participate. All students made significant contributions to athletics in St. Pat's during 2021/2022. We also acquired new running tops this year so we really looked the part! It would not have been possible without the watchful eyes and expertise of Ms. Duffy, Ms. Kelly and Mr C. O'Reilly.



(Matthew Clinton, Colm O'Rourke and Kirk Ramilo)



Fergus Cosgrove, a second year student, achieved three gold and two silver medals at the Come and Try Athletics event in Dundalk hosted by Glenmore AC, Tsenya and Down Syndrome Louth/Meath.



Senior Cross Country team in the Phoenix Park and Adam Morgan 6K at our training session.



The hard work paid off as the squad invariably enjoyed achievements at the various competitions. At the North Leinsters Cross Country event in the Phoenix Park, our senior cross country

team qualified as a team for the Lenister finals in Santry, Joseph Mullen in third year and Joey Hegarty in second year achieved in their individual sections. Joey went on to qualify for the All Irelands in the Junior Boys cross country in Belfast achieving 16th with a time of 12.27 for 3.5km. Joseph Mullen unfortunately picked up an injury and could not compete in his final.

We wish all our Senior athletes all the best in the future. The 6th year members of the athletic team 2021/2022:

- **Relay Team:** Edward Maralith, Piotr Bednarzak, Eoin Finnegan and Piotr Bednarzak,
- **Javelin:** Matthew Clinton
- **100 meters:** Brandon Geraghty
- **3K/5K:** Francesco Kearney



(Some of the Team at Morton Stadium Santry Track and Field North Leinster event Day)



Students also took part in the North Leinster Track and Field events in Morton Stadium in Santry in April and May. Many students made the finals in their events with Matthew Clinton taking Bronze in the Senior boys Javelin. Third year student Kirk Ramilo got gold in the long Jump and our senior relay team just lost out on a medal in a thrilling Race. Both Matthew and Kirk went on to be placed 8th in their events in the Leinsters in Morton Stadium.

Athletics will resume again in September 2022 and hopefully the squad will go on achieving personal bests in their events next year. A big thank you to all the staff who have given up their time over the years so that Athletics can take place. The athletes really appreciate your time and dedication.

By (Sean Brady)

Book Club

Final Book for the school book club

Finishing off the year with Anthony Horowitz Magpie Murders. Mixed reviews on this month's choice with some members pushing outside of their comfort zone.

Well done to Ms McLaughlin and Ms Kieran for running the club. The students will be looking forward to next year.



Meath Enterprise Centre Visit

Mr. Moloney visited the Meath Enterprise Centre on the 4th of May with a number of his students. They had a great time & had the following experience with a number of different people:

- Conor Coogan in the Fab Lab Explaining the laser cutter in action.
- Gary O'Meara (CEO Meath Enterprise) demonstrates the use of a clapper board to group in the Media Lab.
- Helena Hughes and Grace O'Reilly explaining their roles in the Food Lab.

Thanks to the Meath Enterprise Centre giving St. Pat's this tour.



Guest Speaker - Richie Sadlier

Richie Sadlier 05/05/22

It was a wonderful experience to welcome Richie Sadlier to our school in early May.

Richie Sadlier is a former professional footballer, currently working as a television pundit, psychotherapist and mental fitness teacher.

Richie Sadlier was invited to our school to discuss the content and message of his new book 'Let's Talk ' Drawing on his experience of working closely with teenage boys, topics include an overview of human sexuality; relationships and dating; consent; how to handle sexting, breakups and trust issues; pornography vs real-life intimacy.

Richie addressed many of these topics with some of our senior students in a relaxed interview style talk.



(Richie Sadlier addressing our students)

Guest Speaker - Mr. Stephen Kelly

Mr. Stephen Kelly - Professor of Modern Irish History and British-Irish Relations

Our students and staff were delighted to welcome Mr. Stephen Kelly - Professor of Modern Irish History and British-Irish Relations at Liverpool Hope University to our school last Friday

Stephen talked to the leaving Cert history students about The Coleraine University controversy, the Apprentice Boys and the Sunningdale Agreement. All important topics on the Leaving Cert course.

Stephen followed this with a talk to some Junior Cycle groups on Bloody Sunday 1972 and the 1981 Hunger Strike,.

The school wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Stephen for his visit and for the very informative and interesting lectures.



Guest Speaker - Cadet Philip Hyland

On Friday May 20th the school welcomed past pupil Officer Cadet Philip Hyland back to the school to give a talk on his experience as a young officer in the Irish Navy. Philip explained all about the training involved including the minimum fitness requirements for the navy. Philip is a qualified marksman on two weapons used by the Navy, he is also a fully qualified firefighter. Philip showed pictures of all the recently acquired vessels in use by the navy and explained their role and capabilities. There was a lively question and answer session at the end of the talk. We thank Philip for taking the time to visit and we hope to welcome him back again very soon.



Student Enterprise Awards - All Ireland Winners

A massive congratulations to TY students, Theo Staunton and Matthew Kealy, on winning the senior category at the Final of Student Enterprise Awards in The Helix on Wednesday 18th of May. Theo & Matthew took the top spot in their category to fend off 24,000 nationwide entries.

Their company 'Barrelda' turns plastic barrels into farm equipment, such as meal troughs and calf teat feeders. Theo and Matthew have been busy selling their products and they hope to develop new products and continue trading into the future.



St. Patrick's Classical School are very proud of you both and we wish Matthew and Theo every success with their company and all future entrepreneurial endeavours.

A special word of thanks also to Mr. Pat Molony who coordinates the Enterprise programme in the school.



Picture from RTE News article [click here](#) to read more.



(Theo & Matthew on the 'Today Show' with Daithi O Se and Maura Derrane)



School Summer Trips



1st Year Tayto Park Trip

First year students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Tayto Park on the 13th of May. Despite the long queues at times there were lots of brave souls who took on the mighty Cú Chulainn. Good weather, lots of candy floss, ice cream and lots of winners of big teddies all contributed to it being a very enjoyable day. Thank you to Ms. O Neill and all the first year tutors for organising a fun day.

2nd Year History Trip

Classes 2P, 2R and 2K visited Croke Park on their history tour on the 9th of May. They saw the legendary stadium and its history. They visited the museum where they learned interesting facts including about our principal Colm O Rourke. Thanks to all teachers involved for organizing this trip.



3rd year Trip to Bay Sports

All 3rd year classes and their tutors headed to Bay Sports for an adventurous day out on May 23rd. Fun was had by all and thanks to all the teachers who organised this trip.



Farewell to our 6th years

Sadly our Leaving Certs' time in St. Patrick's Classical School drew to a close on Friday 20th of May. To mark the occasion we organised some fun activities including a soccer blitz & pizzas in the Canteen. A number of fun awards were presented by Mr O'Rourke including worst haircut, biggest poser and most spoiled boy. All categories were hotly contested.





Graduation Night 2022

We were delighted to be back in our school gym on Tuesday 24th of May to celebrate the class of 2022. We were grateful to have Bishop Deenihan & Fr Sebe to concelebrate our Graduation Mass. Last night was a great showcase of our students here in St. Pat's. It was a celebration of their life spent in our corridors.

A night like this is made special by all the hard work and dedication that is put in by staff and students. We would like to especially pay special tribute to the Religion, Music, Art and Woodwork departments for all their work in helping to prepare the gym for this year's ceremony. Thank you also to our Parent Council for providing refreshments in the canteen and finally thank you to our management team.

Student Awards Wednesday 25th of May





Presentation to students who received the following awards: Merit Awards, Art Awards, Sports Awards. Many thanks to Ms.D.Giles for organising all the awards for our students from 1st - 6th year.

(If you wish to view all the picture from our awards please click [HERE](#))

TY Graduation & Final Day



Our TY students graduated from TY on Thursday 26th of May. The students displayed the various activities they did since September. Well done especially to Mr. Murphy & to all the teachers for making our TY programme a successful and enjoyable experience for our students. The TY year finished off with a day out in 'Urban Assault' in Gibstown on Friday 27th of May.

Summer Holidays



'Wishing you all a healthy and happy Summer break from all in St. Pat's. See you in September'.

