

St. Laurence's National
School

SUMMER 2019

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Guardians,,

As the year draws to a close here in St. Laurence's N.S. I'd like to pay tribute to all the people who have helped in the successful running of the school, the Board of Management, all the staff, the Parents Committee, the Finance Committees and all the parents and pupils who have contributed enormously to our school. We look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed on Wednesday, 28th August 2019.

Gaelic League: This was once again a very close contested competition culminating in a final win by one point by Tyrone, Captained by Jodie Gibney over Donegal, Captained by Hygel Bin Juraime. Almost all the boys and girls from fifth and sixth participated. Well done to all involved.

We would like to thank our local GAA Club, Na Dubh Ghall C.L.G for sponsoring the trophies, for use of the goalposts and for providing us with our GAA Coach Mark Gibney.

Tennis: The boys and girls from First Class to Sixth Class took part in Tennis coaching again this term at the local **Trackside Tennis Club.**

Basketball: Thanks again to Kelvin Troy for all his work this year. Isaac Westbrook will be coaching the the boys and girls basketball next year.

Sports Day: was held on Monday 27th May. It was a very enjoyable day for all the boys and girls who had the opportunity to experience a variety of sporting events.

Santry Athletics: Thanks to Mr Maher, Ms. O'Callaghan and Ms. Noble who took forty athletes to **Santry** this year on Monday, 28th May, where the boys and girls represented the school with pride and many of our athletes making the finals. Callum Doyle Travers won gold in the long distance race, U'10 Boys 3rd in Relay U'11 Girls 4th in Relay. Well done to all.

In summary, our children have had the opportunity, this year, to participate in **Gaelic Football, Tennis, Marathon Kids, Basketball, Table Tennis, Exercise with Music** and **Soccer**. We thank all the staff and parents/guardians who have contributed.

Green Schools: Well done to the Green School Committee this year who have continued to work hard keeping our school green and clean.

Well Being Week: All of our children in the school participated in wellbeing week which involved mindfulness exercises and activities in all the classes.

Yoga: Some children from the Junior and Senior school participated in yoga for children. The children really enjoyed the experience and we would like to thank Louise Durkin for giving her time to provide the classes.

School Activities: This year the children participated in Maths Week, Reading Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge Science/Engineering Week Easons Spelling Bee & Junior Entrepreneur Programme.

Reading Buddies has continued to be a HUGE success throughout the year. Well done to all involved.

Photos from all our school activities this term can be seen on our school website

Our Website: www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org


Fundraising: I wish to thank the members of the **Parents Committee** for all their effort on behalf of the school.

Football Marathon: The annual sponsored fundraiser took place on Friday, 21st June 2019. The **Parents Committee** organised Sponsorship Cards in aid of resources for the school, **€1,848.95** was raised. Well done to all. Anyone interested in doing **The Dublin City Marathon** for the school next year? **Contact the Office a.s.a.p.**

Coin Collection: The collection for this school year is **€716.16**. Mr Sweeny's 3rd class raised the most in the senior school and Ms Carpenter's 1st class won in the Junior school. Thank you for your continued support.

Non Uniform Day: On **Friday 8th June 15, 2019** we raised in excess of **€604.40**.

Summer Draw: The winners of the summer draw were **Junior School** - Ahmed Zaidi, 2nd Class (Ms Fahey). **Senior School** - Evan Hand, 6th Class (Mr Maher)

Ice-Cream Van: Thank you to our P.A for paying for the Ice-cream van that visited the school on Monday 24th June. All the children and staff enjoyed an ice-cream. The total raised was **€740.25c** in aid of **Irish Cancer Society** in memory of **Bobby Ranson**, our dear friend and colleague who passed away in October 2012. 

Finance Committee: Throughout the year our **Finance Committee** raised in excess of **€9,978.50** through the **Envelope Collection**. This money is vital for the running of the school. Thank you everyone.

Graduation Mass: Father Peter celebrated the Graduation Mass for Sixth Class pupils on Tuesday, 25th June 2019 marking the completion of their primary schooling. A very pleasant evening, with refreshments provided by the **Parents Committee**, was enjoyed by all.

School Tours: All classes went on school tours with their teachers and enjoyed a variety of different experiences.

School Uniforms

School uniform and Tracksuits available from **Pat O'Farrell School-wear**, Town Centre, Strand Road, Portmarnock

☎ 8463512.

Also purchasable in Department Stores.

Sew-on crests are available separately from:

Pat O'Farrell School-wear

Tracksuit days will be notified to you in September otherwise the school uniform is required

PLEASE Label each part of your child's uniform and tracksuit so that they can be easily identified.



Please Note: Book Rental

Books will be ready for the children when they return to school at the end of August.

School closes for Summer Holidays at 12.00 noon on Friday, 28th June 2019.

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On Wednesday, 28th August 2019

Junior Infants: Wednesday, 28th August - 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Thursday 29th to Friday 13th September (incl) 9.00pm to 12.00pm

NOTE: From Monday 16th September onwards school hour for Junior Infants will be - 9.00am to 1.40pm

First Class: are dismissed at 1.40pm from Wednesday 29th August to 06th September and revert to 2.40pm from Monday 09th September 2018.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year and best wishes for a happy and healthy summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Finnerty