

**St. Laurence's  
National School  
Summer Newsletter 2021**

Have a great



From all of Us at  
St. Laurence's National School

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin the summer break I would like to thank everyone, staff, committees, pupils and especially you the parents/guardians for all your continued support, encouragement and co-operation throughout what was a very challenging year for the whole community of St. Laurence's. Despite all the obstacles presented by Covid-19 guidelines the children have completed another great year.

I wish you all a lovely summer and I hope you all enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

## Highlights from our summer term



**Well-being and Amber flag** thanks to all the hard work on well-being in the school we were presented with the Amber flag for all the great work for well-being in the school

**Science Week** – we celebrated Science Week from April 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> this year and a lot of fun was had by both buildings. Many different experiments were carried out in all the classrooms. There were adventures outside with a 'Five Senses Hunt' and a Science table quiz was a daily science riddles for each school. Ms. Foley also shared daily videos of her chicks hatching!!!

**Junior Jury** – junior juries is a programme to encourage awareness and enjoyment of the KPMG Children's Book Awards. Our school was invited to participate in the programme and the school will get to select from the shortlisted books and vote for their favourite title. The winner was announced in May.

The school celebrated **World book day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**, all the children dressed up in their favourite character for the day

**School tours** – although we were unable to have our usual school tours the children did enjoy some great days out with their classes. Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> class went to the park. 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes went to the beach, 4<sup>th</sup> had a Croke park virtual tour and 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> had a trip to the park

**Sports day** – all the children in the school enjoyed a very fun day of sporting activities. The senior school sports day was on Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> and the junior school day was held on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Football Marathon** – this years football marathon while not a fundraiser as in other years was another great success. Thank you to the parent's committee for the treats supplied for the children.



**Ice-cream van** – we had two visits from the ice-cream van which all the children enjoyed courtesy of Ms. Coughlan and Ms. Noble.



**Meadow garden** – all the children have been involved in creating a lovely meadow garden within the school grounds. We would like to thank Grange Builders and Robert's Expert Hardware for sponsoring our vegetable wild flower garden.



The Green School Committee are busy working keeping our school green and clean.

**GAA** - The boys and girls have enjoyed taking part in GAA with Mark from and na Dubh Ghall.

**Ma Samba Drumming Workshop** – all classes at the school engaged in a drumming workshop. This was a great success and all the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Graduation** – on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June we bid our 6<sup>th</sup> class children farewell as they graduate from St. Laurence's. We will miss them all and wish them the best as they move onto secondary school. Thank you to the parents committee for funding the graduation t-shirts and goodie bags.



*Photos from all our school activities can be seen on our school website*  
[www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org](http://www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org)



**Retirements** – this year we sadly bid farewell to Ms. Helen Noble and Ms. Róisín Mockler.

Róisín has worked in the school for 42 years and Ms. Noble has worked in the school for 20 years. They are both truly valued members of St. Laurence's N.S. While they will be missed terribly, we wish them all the best in the future and we hope they enjoy every moment of their retirement.

## Fundraising

Our **non-uniform day** continue to be a great success. Non-uniform day takes place on the first Friday of every month. Thank you to everyone who donated in April, May, and June. The total collected was **€1,520**. I wish to thank the members of the **Parents Committee** for all their effort on behalf of the school.

## Important notes for your Diary

### **FUSE – Anti-bullying and Online Safety Programme**

We are delighted that St. Laurence's has been chosen to take part in a pilot programme on anti-bullying and online safety. This programme is run by the Department of Education in partnership with DCU and will begin in September.

**Book Rental:** Thank you to all the families who have signed up for the school-book rental scheme. The books will be ready for the children and will be in their classrooms when they return to school in September.

**School will re-open at  
on **Wednesday, 01<sup>st</sup> September 2021****

**We wish you all a very safe and Happy Summer Break.**

Yours sincerely,

*Clare Finnerty*

(Principal Teacher)