

St. LAURENCE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 31 st May (9.30-10.30 & 13.45- 15.14) and Thurs 1 st June (9.30-11.00)	Parents Council Clothing Collection	Small school hall
Monday 5 th June	School Closed	Public Holiday
Tuesday 6 th June & Wednesday 7 th June	School Closed	
Thursday 8 th June	Meeting with incoming junior infant parents @ 7.30 pm	
Monday 12 th June Wednesday 14 st June Thursday 15 th June	Room 2 - Home at 12.15 Room 1 - Home at 12.15 Room 3 - Home at 12.15	Incoming junior infant meetings
Friday 30 th June	Summer Break:- <i>Due to the construction works near the school finishing times will be staggered.</i>	Early closing as follows: Junior Infant & 3rd @ 12 noon Senior Infants & 4 th @ 12:10 pm 1 st & 5 th @ 12:20 pm 2 nd & 6 th @ 12:30 pm

Rag Day: Our Rag Day on 12th May shared between Cystic Fibrosis and Breast Cancer Ireland raised €1,892.50. Many thanks to all who contributed. The proceeds are being divided evenly between the two charities.

6th Class Mass: A mass to celebrate the end of our 6th class pupils' time with us will be held in the church on 27th June at 11:30am. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend. The church webcam will be on so others may join remotely.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to our three 2nd classes who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6th May. It was a lovely occasion for all involved. The girls and boys were a credit to their parents and teachers. Many thanks to all involved in helping to make each ceremony special. We thank Fr. Alex Kochatt who celebrated each ceremony, our school staff including Ms Andrews, Mrs Anderson, Ms Browne and Ms Carey, our dedicated and hardworking SNAs and Mrs Jackson and Mrs Ruth for all their work in supporting the three classes. Thanks also to our Parents Council who organised the photographer and refreshments after each ceremony, and to those who volunteered on the day.

Student Council Bake Sale: The Student Council is delighted to announce that we are organizing a Bake Sale to fundraise for outdoor play equipment. The Bake Sale will be held in the school on Friday 2nd June.

Children from every class will be able to visit the Bake Sale during the day to purchase cakes and treats. Parents of junior and senior infants may come into the school at 2pm to purchase from the Bake Sale also. Hopefully the children will all enjoy the tasty treats and we will be able to raise enough money to get some outdoor play equipment. Thank you to all the parents from 1st to 6th class who have offered to bake for us. Please note when making goodies for the Bake Sale, do not use nuts. Many thanks.

SPORT

Under 11 Hurling: Well done to all of our U11 Hurlers who played their first hurling games for the school this month. The boys played in Division 1 and despite being up against very strong opposition the team performed really well, showing great skill, teamwork and courage from start to finish. Our final game was last Wednesday in Sallins GAA, a competitive game with Scoil Bhríde. We had a large number of boys playing hurling for the first time and we look forward to next year's competitions.

Thanks to Mr Caulfield who helped coach the team this term.

Maith sibh lads, we are very proud of you all! Keep up practicing skills over the summer.

A Trophy Bonanza! On Thursday 25th May we were delighted to turn our school green and white to welcome no less than 5 trophies to the school! In the glorious sunshine, everyone from Junior Infants to 6th class welcomed 13 victorious Leinster and All Ireland winners to the All-weather field, with a guard of honour from our GAA teams.

Colm Dalton and Luke Killian brought the Leinster and All Ireland Under 20 cups won with Kildare this month. From St. Mary's Secondary school; Anna, Ella, Saoirse, Éabha, Anna, Aoife, Lucy, Deirdre and Sophie, brought their Schools Leinster and All Ireland cups. And from Naas CBS, Seán and Stephen brought in the Dr. Bosco Leinster Schools Cup.

There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout with the pupils cheering on our guests. Our Girls 5-a-side soccer team who came runners-up in the county finals were presented with their medals by the St. Mary's team captain, Anna Carpenter. Our Student Council members had gathered questions from around the classes and they asked our guests about their thoughts, experiences, motivations and enjoyment of sport.

It was brilliant to have so many past pupils return to our school, we are very proud of them and we greatly appreciate of their time and all of the great advice they gave to the pupils. And we congratulate them on their great successes to date. We hope this occasion will inspire our current pupils to enjoy and keep up their hobbies as they grow up.

Thank you to everyone who linked with the secondary schools and to Michael Corley from Kildare GAA who helped organise the U20 trophies visit. Keep an eye on our school blog next week for photos of this great occasion.

***CILL DARA ABÚ!
NA SOLLÁIN ABÚ!***

Girls FAI Primary Schools Qualifiers: Girls from 5th and 6th class travelled to Newbridge FC in April for their first round against similar sized large Co. Kildare schools. The girls were successful to win their first four games, showing great team spirit and leadership. However, for their fifth game a win by two goals was required to successfully progress to the second round finals with the opportunity to represent Kildare. The final ten-minute game seemed endless and full of suspense, where each pass and kick counted. The girls worked together tirelessly and never gave up. Fortunately, all this effort paid off, where they won by two goals. There were cheers and delight all round, making for joyful memories.

The girls continued to train with enthusiasm and worked together in preparation for the second round in May showing great team camaraderie. Once again the girls team travelled to Newbridge FC where there were five more games at hand. The team set off to a great start, playing with great heart to win four games. On the day Sallins N.S. were the team to beat as they played skilfully to a high standard. However, in the closing game the opposition needed to beat Sallins and Sallins needed to beat them for the opportunity to represent Kildare in the next round in Portlaois. The girls played steadily with strength, keeping the oppositions' scoring chances to a minimum with a great defence and superb goal keeping skills as the team endeavoured to keep attack on goals.

Unluckily the score line did not go our way as we lost by only two goals. The girls showed great sportsmanship as they congratulated the winning team and wished them well in their next round. The Sallins team should be immensely proud of themselves as players and how they represented the school and presented themselves on and off the pitch. For certain, this team went from strength to strength in a short period of time and no doubt about it, their day will come again. This week in school the team were presented with their FAI runner-up medals by past students who previously represented the school in sports and have continued to do so into secondary school and beyond. These girls I'm sure will follow in their footsteps.

Sallins GAA U13 Camogie Champions. Congratulations to Sallins U13 Camogie Team who became county champions on Sunday 28th May. They were losing at half time, however with determination and team spirit they went on to win the final. Congrats to one and all.

Free Schoolbooks: You may be aware that the Government has brought in a free schoolbooks scheme. This will mean that this year you will not have to pay for any schoolbooks, workbooks or copies. All of your child's books and copies will be in the school waiting for them in August.

Return Date: School will re-open after the summer holidays on Wednesday 30th August at 9.20 am.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

