

June 2019

St. Pius X Boys' National School – Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians

Here we are at the end of a very busy Term 3! It may be the shortest of our terms but it's definitely the busiest! As you will see from our packed newsletter, St Pius X BNS has been a hive of activity since Easter. On Wednesday we said goodbye to our 6th Classes in an uplifting Graduation Ceremony. Well done to both Mr Dillon and Mr Glynn for their work in preparing them for second level. We also marked the closing of the school year in St. Pius X church on 19th June. Huge thanks to Fr Gerry for celebrating this and for all his work throughout the year in faith formation and pastoral care

*Some people look for a beautiful place .
. . . others make a place beautiful.”
Hazrat Khan*

I'd also like to acknowledge the Parents' Association under the chairpersonship of Linda Healy for its work with fundraising, extra-curricular classes and the general support they give to me all year round; it is greatly appreciated. In a similar way, I'd like to thank the Board for all their help, in particular their efforts in providing for Summer works that will take place in July and August. The addition of new accommodation and replacement of water tanks are badly needed and they are to be commended on their wise governance. Lastly, I would like to thank (again!) our amazing secretary for all the work she does on our community's behalf. Karen is patient and kind to all those she meets, in particular the principal!

I hope every one of the pupils in our St Pius X BNS family has a restful and enjoyable Summer (and that parents and guardians get a break at some point too)!

See you all on the 2nd September!

Lorcan Coyle

Principal

SUSTAINABILITY

Mr Geraghty's 5th class undertook a project on sustainability in partnership with DCU over the last few months. The fruits of their labour were on show recently when Dr. Greg Smith from the S.T.E.M. Education Department in DCU came to present the boys with a plaque in recognition of their achievement. Greg was blown away by the level of commitment the boys had shown both in raising awareness of the importance of sustainability and making our school more environmentally friendly by introducing reusable bottles. He spoke about how the boys were at the forefront of change that needs to occur all over the world to protect our planet for future generations.

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Faherty – Oscar McGarry
Mr. Réamonn – Donagh Coogan
Ms. Dunne – Eoin O'Brien
Ms. Crosbie – Daniel Molloy
Mr. Glynn - Ben Kelly
Mr. Dillon - Josh Corcoran
Ms. O'Connor – Rory Boyle
Mr. Murtagh – Patrick Fleming
Mr. Geraghty – Harry Farrell

Our Achievements

QUIZZLERS WINNERS

Congratulations to our quizzlers who after 3 sets (with 5 rounds of 13 questions in each set) bubbled up into the winning positions.

Junior Shield – Charlie Gillespie (Ms. Dunne's Class)

Senior Shield – Donagh Murphy (Mr. Murtagh's Class)

Mr. Réamonn's Class: Tomás Doyle (1), John Giles (2), Jack Tohill (3)

Mr. Faherty's Class: Ben Shevlin (1) Kayden Moola (2) Henry McCafferty (3)

Ms. Dunne's Class: Charlie Gillespie (1), Archie McKinlay (=2), Jack McCormack (=2)

Ms. Crosbie's Class: Joe Hennelly (1), Levi Morgan (2), Kevin Ryan (3)

Mr. Murtagh's Class: Donagh Murphy (1), Dan Linton (2), Patrick Fleming (=3), Conall Ellis (=3)

Ms. O'Connor's Class: Derry Murphy (1), Niall Holmes (2), Alan Walsh (3)

Mr. Geraghty's Class: James Wallace (1), Lochlann Murphy (2), Kerrin King (3)

Mr. Dillon's Class: Henry Waters (1), Ashen Wijayarathne (2), Jack McAndrew (3)

Mr. Glynn's Class: Patrick Evoy (1), Ben Blaney (2), Ben Kelly (3)



FAUGHS CLUB CAMP

Mon. 15th – Friday 19th July

Mon 26th – Fri 30th August

10am to 2pm

Book online at www.faughs.ie/

www.kelloggsculcamps.ie or contact Tommy

O'Mahony on 086 8114643

Football

KELLOGG'S CÚL CAMP

HURLING

This has been a very positive year for hurling in our school. Every boy from Junior Infants to 4th class has been given the opportunity to develop his skills in the back yard with Tommy, our GPO from Faughs. Coaching outside of school for 4th to 6th classes was a great success. We fielded 4 school teams allowing all hurlers from 4th to 6th class to take part in the Cumann na mBunscol leagues. Also, our 2nd class boys took part in a fun hurling blitz in Bushy Park recently.

Our sixth-class hurlers won the Annual South Dublin Shield v St. Josephs in Bushy Park to mark the beginning of the hurling year. The school's Senior White team competed in the Corn Marino. Unfortunately, they came up short in the Cup quarter-final against Scoil Fiachra Beaumont. Our Senior Navy team had a good year in their league amongst five other schools. The Junior Green team competed in Go Games South 2 and finished in 2nd place which was an excellent achievement. Team of the year was our Junior White team, winning their league of six schools and receiving a set of Cumann na mBunscol medals.

Well done to Daniel Molloy and Sean Linton from 4th class who won this year's Faughs Schools Project. Their winning design will be painted on the new ball wall in the club.

We would like to thank all of our hurlers who took part and their parents for their support during the hurling season. Thank you to all our sixth-class hurlers who will be leaving us soon. This group of players have created many memories together on the hurling field that we hope they will cherish forever. We wish them all the best in their new schools and indeed their hurling careers.

A huge thank you must be given to our excellent GPO Tommy O'Mahony for the work he has put into hurling in St. Pius. We must also mention the great work of Faughs hurling club and thank them for their continued support. Last but not least, a massive thank you to our many teachers who give so generously of their time and for their continued dedication and commitment to promoting hurling in our school. Pius Abú!

FOOTBALL

Our school football teams had a great warm up ahead of next year's season with the annual blitz for local schools in Terenure College. The teams were comprised of boys from 4th and 5th classes and once again this was a great day out for all involved.

Our White team began with a game against St. Colmcilles. In a tightly fought contest Hugh O Neill kicked a vital point at the death to ensure that we drew the game. Next up was the local derby between St. Pius and Joeys. This one ebbed and flowed with Pius eventually getting the goals to run out comfortable winners in the end. The boys 3rd game was against Ballyroan and again they dug deep to win this one by the narrowest of margins. The 4th game against St. Mary's Rathfarnham was the biggest test of character. Trailing by 6 points at half-time, the lads made a remarkable comeback to defeat St. Mary's by 1 point. In the final game against St. Damiens, St. Pius maintained their unbeaten run ensuring they ran out overall winners of the cup competition for the 2nd year in a row!

The Senior Navy's had a stellar performance this year in the Terenure College Blitz. The team played against local schools St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, Ballyroan, Damian's and Colmcilles and were unfortunate to finish second place after an unlucky end in the game against Ballyroan. The boys showed unbelievable skill, sportsmanship and determination in all games and should be very proud of themselves.

Well done to all the boys involved and we are excited for next year's season already with such a talented bunch! A final mention must go to Kevin (our G.P.O. from Templeogue Synge Street), Terenure College and Philip Wallace for organising this great event.

Our 2nd and 3rd classes recently took part in a blitz in Bushy Park and put on an excellent display of football. Many thanks to Kevin for organising this great day out and it was a wonderful opportunity for the boys to get a taster of playing in a Pius jersey – there are certainly some future stars coming down the line so the future of football in St. Pius is a very promising one! Huge thank you to all the parents for your continued support and also to all the teachers involved in football. To the boys, continue to practise the basic skills over the coming summer months and we look forward to seeing you all in September - fresh, fit and ready for the challenge of another year of school football.

ART COMPETITION

The overall winners of the art competition have been chosen (one winner per class level) and are as follows:

Junior Infants: Brandon Lynch (Mr. Kealy)

Senior Infants: Cormac Hardiman (Ms. Corcoran)

1st Class: Sean O'Brien (Ms. Stewart)

2nd Class: Garrett Brennan (Ms. Carroll)

3rd Class: Hugh Fennell (Mr. Faherty)

4th Class: Aaron Dillon (Ms. Dunne)

5th Class: James Todd (Mr. Geraghty)

6th Class: Ashen Wijayarathne (Mr. Dillon)

Winners' pictures will be framed over the summer and placed on our art corridor wall for posterity.

Well done all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Reopens: Monday 2nd September 2019

October Mid Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November inclusive

Christmas Break: Closing 12 Noon on Friday 20th December and reopening on Monday 6th January 2020.

February Mid Term: Closed Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February.

St. Patrick's Weekend: Closed Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March 2020.

Easter Holidays: Closed 12 Noon on Friday 3rd April and reopening on Monday 20th April, 2020

May Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 4th May

June Bank Holiday: Closed Friday 29th May, Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June.

Summer Holidays

Closing at 12 Noon on Tuesday 30th June, 2020.

SOCCKER

What a remarkable St Pius X soccer adventure for 2019. We entered 2 x5 a-side teams in the Spar F.A.I. School competition. Team 1 had 2 wins and 1 loss to the eventual winners of the group. Team 2 had 2 wins and 2 losses and performed magnificently throughout the competition. We entered the cup competition for the first time narrowly beaten by last year's overall winners Hollypark 2-1 in the last 16.

We finished joint first in the Schools League competition and were beaten in the play-offs by St Oliver Plunkett's school in Malahide. Sincere thanks to Mark Caslin of Larkview F.C. for his continuing support via the use of the facilities and pitches in Larkview for home games and training sessions. Many thanks to you the parents for your involvement and support. Sincere thanks also to the soccer coaching team of Ms. Goddard, Mr Coughlan, Mr Curtin, Mr Murtagh and Mr Ryan. Special thanks to John Sullivan (League of Ireland player) for his coaching sessions and commitment to the boys.

Here's hoping that next year 2019-2020 for St Pius X will be a memorable one.

GOLF

We have come yet again to the end of another successful golfing calendar culminating in our participation in the Castle Schools Cup. All involved had a tremendously enjoyable experience. Fortunately, the weather gods were very kind to us and the boys played to their best in the favourable conditions. In fact we achieved our highest score since our initial involvement in the competition. Sincere thanks to Hilary Haydon for his time and sponsorship of the event. A sincere thank you to the boys, their parents and our backroom team of teachers (who supervised our training sessions in Spawell and in the P.E. hall) for their participation and support throughout the year. Many thanks to Peter and David, the golf professionals in the Spawell for their time and expertise. Keep practising and playing over the Summer months.

We look forward to another enjoyable and eventful year in September and we envisage even greater numbers willing to participate.

BATTERY RECYCLING

We had a very successful battery re-cycling campaign in St Pius X B.N.S. for 2018/19 culminating in winning the WEEE Pledge 2018/2019 Battery Recycling Challenge Competition for the most batteries collected per student in South Dublin County Council!

We will receive a certificate and a mention on WEEE website. We are also the proud recipients of an exciting workshop from Anyone4science to be organized during 2019-2020 in our school.

We are encouraging the boys to become the next generation of "guardians of the planet" by re-cycling our wasted and unwanted batteries.

In addition to this, W.E.E. pledge to make a donation to Laura Lynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice. We will be helping families to make the most of short and precious lives.

So please encourage the boys to collect old wasted batteries and deliver them to the school. Please visit the website www.weeepledge.ie for further details and interesting activities.

Thank you as always for your support and co-operation.

