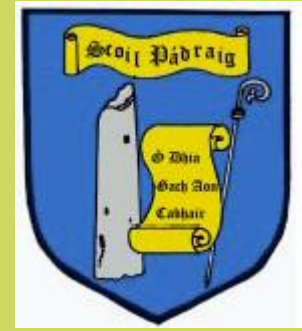


# St. Patrick's NS Newsletter



## Term 3, 2023/24

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe that another school year has gone by. The time has truly flown on my first year as principal of St. Patrick's NS. I want to thank you all sincerely for your cooperation and support throughout the year. It has been lovely for me getting to know you and your children.

I also want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the school staff who have worked so hard during the year on making this a wonderful school for your children to enjoy. We have had a very busy, but very fun, year. Some recent highlights are outlined below:

- Active Week
- School Tours to Pudden Hill, Let's Go Gormanstown and Carlingford Adventure Centre
- Sponsored Walk and Family Fun Day
- Coastguard Visit
- West Midlands Theatre Company performance
- Sports Day
- 6th Class Play

I would also like to thank the Parents' Council for their support during the year. They have organized and funded many events and activities for our pupils and parents, which enhance the entire school community. We are lucky to have great support for the work they do. The final events of the year – 6<sup>th</sup> Class Lunch and School Disco (for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils) - will round off an action-packed year.

### Reminder – Summer Closure

School will finish for all classes on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm. School buses will collect children at this time.

## 2024/25 Calendar

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August: School reopens after summer holidays

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Mid-Term Break

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Christmas Holidays

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: St. Brigid's Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February: Mid-Term Break

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March: St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May & Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: June Bank Holiday Closure

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: School closes for Summer holidays

## *Active Schools Flag*

We were delighted to receive the news that we have been awarded the Active Schools Flag in recognition of the work that has been ongoing in the school for a number of years, but in particular this year. We are all so grateful to Ms. McDonnell, Ms. Egan and the Active School Committee for their hard work in planning so many fun activities for us all this year. The highlight of the work that has been done is the development of the Active Walkway, which could not have happened without the hard work of many volunteers, led by Barry Flood and Peter Macken. This is a wonderful facility that we hope to be able to enjoy for many years to come.



## *School Self Evaluation Update*

Thank you to parents who responded to our Wellbeing Survey. We also carried out surveys of staff and pupils. We were delighted that the results were very positive and the feedback we received will be used to help us to identify areas in which we can improve over the coming years. This will form part of our School Improvement Plan will be shared with you all in the next academic year.

## *Farewell to 6th Class*

Our wonderful 6th Class pupils will be leaving us today and will be sorely missed. They are a wonderful group of young people who have bright futures ahead of them. We wish them all well as they transition to Secondary School. In particular, we wish to extend a fond farewell to those families whose youngest children will be leaving us – Byrne family, Chisnell family, Culligan family, Dennis family, Joyce family, Lynn family, McHugh family, Nolan family, Sands family, Smyth family and Winters family.

*“One classroom door closes, but a world of possibilities opens.  
Embrace the adventure of summer!”*