

# St. Patrick's Boys' School

## APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

### Dates for your Diary

First Holy Communion	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports Day (weather permitting)	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
School closed (Bank holiday)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Fan the Flame Mass (Sixth Class)	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June

### First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 1:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. This ceremony is for children from the Boys' and Girls' Schools. We wish God's blessing on all of the children and their families on this very special occasion.

### First Confessions

Congratulations to the boys who made their First Confessions recently. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always completed before the children make their First Holy Communion. Fr. Con visited the school and made this a very memorable occasion for the boys. Thank you to Ms. McDaid and all parents for preparing the boys for this sacrament. The class celebrated with ice-cream on Tuesday afternoon.

### Fun-Walk

The Parents' Committee has organised a Fun-Walk for children, parents, family and friends on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone enjoyed the walk along the Slí na Sláinte route. This was a lovely opportunity for the whole school community to walk together. Refreshments were served in the school afterwards.

### Parents' Association Draw

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent PA draw. The prize was a Ninja air fryer and the lucky winner was Anita Coyne, Arlo's mum. Congratulations to Anita and the Coyne family.

## **50/50 Draw**

The Parents' Association are running a 50/50 draw every Wednesday for the five weeks in May. The lucky winners this week were John & Aoife McElhinney who won €130. Thank you for your great support.

## **School Diary**

The school diary is the main means of communication between teachers and parents/guardians. It tells you what homework your child has every night. Teachers may also write notes about your child's achievements or concerns the teacher may have. You are requested to countersign notes. You are asked also to sign the diary every day.

## **Swimming**

Swimming lessons have started for third class in Templemore Sports Complex. Lessons have been organised for Mondays. Children will have six lessons. The cost is €5 per child per lesson. Please bring this amount to your class teacher every week.

## **Feis Domhnaigh**

Feis Domhnaigh will go ahead this year for the first time since 2019. We look forward to participating in Gaeilge, Speech & Drama and choir. The Feis will be held from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **In Your Shoes**

We asked for donations of used runners and sports shoes that children have grown out of. These will be shipped out to poor African countries by Finn Harps Football Club. We are delighted to support it. It fits very well with our Green Schools work and children have been given the opportunity to help other children. Thank you for the donations of over 60 pairs of shoes.

## **Enrolment**

Application forms for enrolment are still available from the school office, phone 9374136 or email [stpatsboyscarn@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsboyscarn@gmail.com). Alternatively, you may call in to school office to collect a form.

**School Uniform Orders 2023/24:** Order forms will be distributed at the beginning of next week by email and hard copy.

## **Mobile Phones**

In the interest of the safety of all pupils, children are not permitted to have mobile phones at school. Parents/guardians are kindly requested to make sure that devices are not brought into the school. Any mobile phones found will have to be collected from the principal by parent/guardian.

## **Green Schools**

The Safe Routes to School project has started. The (SRTS) have acknowledged the great response to the survey by the parents of our school. We look forward to seeing work take place at the front of the school and around the town in general.

## **Sports**

Soccer: Congratulations to our 5 a-side team who were crowned Inishowen Champions on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April in Rashenny. They now compete in the Ulster Finals on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Good luck to Rian O'Donnell, Ryan McLaughlin, Aaron J. Doherty, Alex Bradley, Donal O'Carroll, Cillian McElhinney, Carter Taitt and Kenzie McColgan Kelly. Ten games have now been completed in the in-school lunchtime soccer tournament. Team B (Aaron Doherty) will play Team E (Adel Manna) and Team A (Darragh O'Donnell) will play Team C (Alex McDaid) in the semi-finals.

GAA: We have been invited to take part in the GAA John McLaughlin (R) memorial competition. One boy from sixth class will represent the school in a GAA skills competition.

The school entered three hurling teams in the JP Bradley Memorial tournament which was enjoyed by all the boys who played a number of games on the day. Congratulations Alex Bradley and Darragh O'Donnell represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscol hurling skills competition on Tuesday last. Both boys have now been invited to play at half-time on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> in O'Donnell Park.

The senior boys played Scoil Iosagain in a gaelic match yesterday in Buncrana with the hosts being the winners on the day. Alex Bradley represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscol football skills on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Cathal Doherty and John Gibbons continue to do football, hurling and fitness skills during this term.