



St. Attracta's Senior School

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Newsletter – Nuachtlitir

May/June – Bealtaine/Meitheamh 2022

A Thuismitheoirí

As another school year draws to a close, I wish to thank all parents/guardians for your continued support and co-operation over the last year. It has been an extremely busy last term and with the safe and successful organisation of school tours, Active Sports Days, our Sports Day and class trips to Marley Park, it is wonderful to see some resemblance of normality return to school life.

The children have been fabulous throughout the year and deserve huge credit for their behaviour and standard of work. We hope that you all have a safe and relaxing break over the summer months.

Our School Holiday Calendar for 2022/2023 has been emailed to all parents/guardians and it is also available on the school website at www.sasns.ie

Shane Maguire, Príomhoide

PRIMARY SCIENCE AND MATHS AWARD

Once again this year we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Science and Maths award from Science Foundation Ireland. This award is in recognition of the wonderful science and maths work that is going on in our school. This included activities such as maths week, maths eyes, science experiments, engineering week and much much more.

A huge thanks must go to Mr. Coughlan for all his hard work with this throughout the year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council proposed a number of initiatives in recent times which were discussed by the staff. Some of these initiatives include portable goals for lunchtime soccer as well as using bigger footballs at yard time.

The Student Council also proposed the idea of getting more paintings around the school yard that the children can play on at lunchtime. Our Student Council members are researching these initiatives with the hope of having them in place in September.

It is wonderful to see the Student Council striving to make our school a better place for everyone.

A huge thanks to Mr. Kirwan for all his work with the Student Council.

UNIFORM SALE

Our Uniform Sale took place on the week of the 13th June.

We sold much of the stock held on site and any orders booked will be ready for the start of the new school year. **Parents/Guardians can come to the school on Tuesday 30th August between 9:30am and 11am to collect ordered items.**



REMINDERS

- All outstanding book rental texts should be returned in good condition before Wednesday 29th June.
- BOOK LISTS were issued to all parents/guardians on Friday June 17th and have also been posted on the school website.
- SCHOOL EXPENSES (listed on Book List) can be paid via Aladdin either in June or in September.



SPORTS DAY

On Friday 27th May we had our annual Sports Day in St. Attracta's SNS. There was great excitement in the build up to this and thankfully the weather was kind to us as the DLR pitches basked in some glorious sunshine.

We had sprints, relays, sack races and we even had a water relay. This was the first year of the water relay and it was a great success. It was fantastic to see the boys and girls in each class working together and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. We also had a parent's race, a past pupils' race and the proceedings finished with some of our future stars making their way down the track in the toddler race.

Well done to all our medal winners but well done also to all the boys and girls who participated in the various races. It was great to see so many children get involved and we can all agree, there was some exceptional talent on show amongst our student cohort.

A big thanks must go to Ms. McDonagh for all her organising and for putting the day's events together and to Mr. McCann for setting up the track.



SANTRY



In late May, some of our children had the privilege of representing St. Attracta's SNS at Santry as part of the Dublin track and field events. After great preparations, the children were raring to go and showcase their talents and that they did.

Firstly, Mason Parkin in 6th class, won a gold medal in the U14 80m sprints. This is an astonishing achievement for Mason and one I'm sure he will remember for a long time. Soren Doyle from Mr. Kenny's class then won bronze in the 600m long distance race.

Our U12 girls relay team, consisting of Éabha Anderson, Angelina Shields, Ciara Lane, Anna Kellegher and Aisling Ní Bhaoighill won bronze in their race. Finally, our U14 boys relay team, consisting of Mason Parkin, Jack Carr, Paddy Carty, Julio Caprice and Ricardo Ladera Castillero won a superb silver in their race. A huge well done must go to all the children who represented our school so well on the day.

A huge thanks must go to Ms. McDonagh, Ms. O'Leary and Ms. Leonard for all their work and to Vigeeta and Damien Moran who gave so generously of their time to help train our students.

A great day was had by all and well done again to our medal winners. We are so proud of you.

CAMOGIE BLITZ

On the 9th of June, the 5th and 6th class girls from the senior camogie team came 2nd in an Inter-School Blitz in Kilmacud Crokes.

The girls won their matches against Scoil San Treasa and Mount Anville and made their way into the final. They put up a great fight in the final but sadly lost against Our Lady's Grove in what was a very exciting match. We are so proud of the team!

A huge thanks must go to Ms. Murphy and to Ms. Reinhardt who have done great work with this team over the last few months. Attracta's Abu!



OUR 7th GREEN FLAG

Wednesday 25th May was a special day for the school as we celebrated the achievement of being awarded our 7th Green Flag for the theme Global Citizenship Energy. The Green Schools Committee joined with many other schools around the country for a virtual awards ceremony organised by An Taisce. This award has been the culmination of two years of hard work on the part of all the students and staff in the school.

Here are some of the activities students have undertaken in the school in relation to this theme:

- Walk on Wednesday
- Participation in Nationality Survey
- Participation in Global Awareness Survey
- Litter Picking /turning off lights around the school
- Monitoring of energy usage in the school
- Fundraising money for the Father Peter McVerry Trust
- Group and individual projects in relation to global citizenship, native trees, robots made from recycled materials and 3D models of famous landmarks around the world.
- Planting trees
- Battery collections and many more



The following day, we then raised the green flag with the help of our committee and our 3rd classes. So, if you're passing the front of the school, make sure you look out for our new green flag. However, just because we have our green flag, it doesn't mean we can forget about global citizenship energy. We can all still do our bit to turn off the lights, save energy in whatever way we can and be a good example to others. The responsibility is on us to look after this amazing planet that we live on.

A VISIT FROM DAVID GILLICK



Last week, one of our local heroes David Gillick visited our school. David is an Olympic track and field athlete who represented Ireland across the world for many years. He spoke to the 5th and 6th classes about his childhood in Ballinteer and how he developed a love for athletics at a young age. He also discussed his achievements in life and he explained to the boys and girls how he overcame various difficulties and disappointments in his career. The boys and girls then asked David some great questions about the Olympics, the medals he has won in his career and how he managed pre-race nerves.



Our 5th and 6th class students then went to the DLR with David where he did a great warm up routine with both standards. This was thoroughly enjoyable and one the children could use again and again. All the children then did a 1km run around the DLR with David to finish up his visit to St. Attracta's SNS. **Thanks David for giving so generously of your time and for the fantastic words.**

David also posed for some photos with some children who were wearing our new athletics singlets. **These were kindly funded by the Parents Association and a huge thanks must go to them for all their fundraising efforts.**

Soccer Tournament

Over the last few Fridays, each standard from 3rd – 6th class have taken part in a 5-a-side soccer tournament in the DLR Astros. Children were randomly put on a team with other children in their standard before they participated in knock-out games.

Some of the games were particularly close which led to great levels of excitement among those looking on. The level of sportsmanship demonstrated by each child was superb and we can all agree that we have some talented soccer players among our student cohort.

This was a resounding success and one that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Well done to the winners but also a huge well done must go to all the children who took part.

Thanks to Mr. Bradley and Mr. Kirwan who organised the tournament.

6th CLASS DAY

On Tuesday 29th June, we celebrated a Graduation ceremony for our 6th Class pupils. This was a lovely ceremony in the halla where the children recalled their favourite memories of the Senior School and sang their graduation song.

A montage of photos has been organised for this year's 6th class group and a digital copy will be sent to all parents via Aladdin.

The Parents Association have organised ice creams and pizzas for the 6th Class students on the day. **Thanks to the Parents Association for organising this for our 6th class students.**

Fundraising Efforts

A huge well done to Cara Waters, Emma Gallagher and Siobhan O'Regan from Ms. Grealis' 4th class who raised €50 that they donated to the Ukrainian Fund through UNICEF. The girls designed and created their own greetings card before selling them in their class.

Well done girls and it is great to see such creativity, generosity and goodwill among our student cohort.

Class Allocations 2022/2023

Subject to change over the summer months depending on teacher appointments

| Class 21/22 | Current Teacher | Class 22/23 | Next Year's Teacher |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 | Ms. Murphy | Rang 3 | Ms. Healy |
| 2 | Ms. Gormley | Rang 3 | <i>To be Confirmed</i> |
| 2 | Ms. McQuaid | Rang 3 | Ms. Carey |
| | | Rang 3 | Ms. Coughlan |
| 3 | Ms. Reinhardt | Rang 4 | Ms. McGuinness |
| 3 | Ms. McEvoy | Rang 4 | Ms. Grealis |
| 3 | Mr. Coughlan | Rang 4 | <i>To be Confirmed</i> |
| 4 | Ms. McGuinness | Rang 5 | Ms. Sweeney/ Ms. Bhreathnach* |
| 4 | Ms. Carey | Rang 5 | Mr. Bradley |
| 4 | Ms. Grealis | Rang 5 | Ms. Clifford |
| 4 | Mr. Walsh | Rang 5 | <i>To be Confirmed</i> |
| 5 | Ms. Clifford | Rang 6 | Ms. McEvoy/Ms. McCann* |
| 5 | Mr. Fitzgerald | Rang 6 | <i>To be Confirmed</i> |
| 5 | Mr. Kirwan | Rang 6 | <i>To be Confirmed</i> |

*Job Sharing Arrangement whereby each teacher will work five consecutive school days on/off

SET 2022-2023
Iníon Uí Lorcáin, Ms. McDonnell, Ms. Nelly, Mr. Kenny, Ms. McDonagh, Ms. O' Leary, Ms. Emer Durmin (shared with Whitechurch National School)

Goodbye!

Ms. Maureen O'Malley and Mr. Bennet Kirwan will be leaving St. Attracta's SNS at the end of this school year. Both of these will be a huge loss to our school and we thank them both for their service to the school and for their commitment and dedication to the children in their care.

We wish both of them the very best in their future endeavours.

CYCLE ACROSS CANADA 2022

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to wish Mr. Maguire the best of luck on his solo cycle across Canada this summer. Mr. Maguire is undertaking this cycle in the hope of raising funds for the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON

https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11442730_cycle-across-canada-2022.html

Go n-éirí an bóthar leat Mr. Maguire!



SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON on Wednesday 29th June. Happy holidays!