



# St. Attracta's Senior School

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NEWSLETTER

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## SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Cheiliúramar Seachtain na Gaeilge le linn mí Márta. Seachtain na Gaeilge is an annual celebration of the Irish language and aims to encourage everyone to use and speak Gaeilge.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated in SASNS from the 13th to 16th March. The pupils took part in a range of activities during the week including art activities as Gaeilge, Is mise, Lá glás, a céilí for each standard and a whole school concert on Thursday March 16th with two fabulous performances from Fiona Zhong on the harp and Sarah Munir Saeed on the piano.

A special thank you to Ms. McDonagh for organising Biongó as Gaeilge for the pupils which they really enjoyed.



## INTERSCHOOLS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

On Thursday March 24th, Divine Word in Marley held their Inter-Schools General Knowledge Quiz for sixth class pupils from the surrounding area.

After eight challenging rounds, there was an extremely close finish. In the end, we are delighted to announce that St. Attracta's S.N.S came first out of all the schools.

The St. Attracta's SNS teams consisted of Adam Larkin, Michael Harney, Conor McLaughlin, Lily Ball, Aoibhe Keating, Amy Davies Finn, Alannah Buckley and Matthew Lynam. These boys and girls represented our school so brilliantly on the day and they should be very proud of themselves.



We would like to congratulate the St. Attracta's team on their wonderful achievement and a huge thanks also to Ms. Nelly for preparing the children so well in advance and for accompanying them on the day. **Well done.**

## GIRLS' SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

The Girls' Senior Football team have had an incredible run of form in their competitions so far this year. In the league, they won both their matches, qualifying for the semifinals of the Girl's City League Division One competition. In this, they faced St Vincent De Paul Girls' School, Marino. Playing with home advantage and with the whole school as an audience, the girls played valiantly, winning 5-2 at the end of a free-scoring affair. They progress to the final, with the details to be finalised.

In their cup campaign, they similarly got off to a brilliant start, winning their first two matches to qualify for the quarter finals. There, they met St Kevin's Girls' School, playing the match away at Kilnamanagh. Despite being underdogs for the game, the girls held their own in an incredibly tight and tough affair. They emerged after extra time victorious, winning 2-1. They now face Belgrove Senior Girls' National School in the semifinal on Monday 22nd May at Meadowbrook.

**We wish the girls continued good luck in their endeavours.**



## SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

The Boy's Senior Soccer Team recently played their last game for the 2023 season. Although their match against Drimnagh Castle ended in a narrow 2-1 defeat the boys can hold their heads high.

A selection of the 6<sup>th</sup> class boys also played in a 5-a-side blitz on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Wayside Celtic. One victory, one draw and two defeats meant the boys, unfortunately didn't progress to the next round of the competition.

**Despite the results this season, the boys can be proud of their efforts – their commitment to never give up will serve them well in the future.**



## CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Our senior boys hurling team got their Cumann na mBunscol campaign up and running with a comfortable win over Holycross NS in Deerpark on a glorious sunny afternoon. Our second game was a much tighter affair against Scoil Chrónáin in Broadford. After a pulsating game, both teams shared the spoils to maintain their unbeaten records. Our third game in this competition was against Gaelscoil Shliabh Rua. This also resulted in a comfortable win for St. Attracta's meaning the team were high in confidence heading into the next game, a local derby with Our Lady's B.N.S. After a tight encounter in Marlay, St. Attracta's eventually prevailed, meaning bragging rights stay this side of Ballinteer for another year. Our final group game will take place this Thursday 18th May in Broadford against Holy Family. It would be fantastic to see you all come out and support the boys.

### Girls Senior:

On the 20th of April, the Senior Girls had their first competitive camogie match of the year vs Scoil Maelruáin SNS. The girls had a very successful start to their campaign, securing a 2-02 to no score win over their opponents in Aylesbury Park.

The girls headed to Ballyboden on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May for their second competitive game. They had a triumphant victory over Holy Rosary Primary School with a 6-11 to 0-2 win. The girls are hoping to keep their winning streak going in the remainder of their group games.

### Our Junior Boys:

The Boys' Junior Hurling team has recently begun for those in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes. There is a huge amount of boys partaking in the training sessions, with 41 on the panel. This incredible amount of interest shows the strong hurling roots in St Attracta's for the years to come!

The boys have had two matches so far this year, against Taobh na Coille and Divine Word NS. These games represented many of the children's first time playing for St Attracta's SNS and they were up against older opposition and despite this, the boys have showed great heart and determination in both matches. Though the results have not gone their way, they have never given up or dropped their heads, and these matches will undoubtedly stand to them in the future.

**We wish the boys the best of luck in their final two matches and we thank parent, Rich Fanning, for all his great work with the boys.**



# OLYMPIC HANDBALL BLITZ

Our four Olympic Handball teams – Under 13 boys and girls and Under 11 boys and girls were invited to an Olympic Handball Blitz in St. Damian's School, Perrystown on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023.

They played a series of matches outdoors and were all hugely successful.



Thanks to the team's coaches – Ms. O'Leary, Iníon Ní Lorcáin, Ms. O'Gorman, Mr. Walsh and Ms. Leonard for all their time and dedication during the year.

# CAKE SALE



We had our second cake sale of the year on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023. Huge thanks to our Parent's Association members and to all the other parents who volunteered their time to help us out that morning. We couldn't have had it without you!

Many thanks also to the wonderful parents who baked fabulous cakes which we used as raffle prizes.

Between the cake sale and the raffle, we raised nearly €1,700.00.



# TRIP TO AIRFIELD



On the 29<sup>th</sup> March, all third-class students walked to the Airfield Estate in Dundrum. Ms. Lynskey's 3<sup>rd</sup> class have been taking part in Agri Aware's 'Incredible Edibles Program' and have been learning all about food origin and Irish agriculture.



The children arrived in time for the egg collection and were told all about Airfields' 30 different hens and learned some interesting facts. Did you know that hens evolved from dinosaurs?

After the egg collection, the children headed over to the milking parlour to witness the dairy cows being milked. The children learned how cows produce milk and were shocked to learn that Ireland produces over 8 billion litres of milk each year!



# NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT



Students from 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in this year's National Children's Choir concert. The children had 17 difficult songs to learn and spent many hours a week practicing from November to April.

It was all worth it in the end when the children, along with hundreds of other children across schools in Dublin, performed for their teachers, parents and other relatives in the Tallaght Basketball Arena.

It was a huge success, and a night that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are all so proud of the children who took part and made the night so special.

## REFLECTION ON LENTEN MORNINGS

For five Wednesday mornings before Easter, it was fantastic to have some of our pupils join us in the Oratory for a few moments of reflection, prayer and music.

This was completely student focused with our pupils leading us in prayer and reflection. It was also fantastic to have both our junior and senior school choirs involved who added some much to the whole occasion. It gave us all an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus in advance of celebrating Easter.

A big thanks must go to all the teachers who helped organise this each week, but a special thanks must also go to our pupils for turning up in such great numbers.



### DLR Pitch Refurbishment Project

Work has commenced on the refurbishment of the DLR pitches which will include a 30m sprint track, paddle court, basketball court, gym area and FIFA standard all-weather pitches. The estimated completion date is October 2023.



## CONFIRMATION



Our Service of Light will take place on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St. Attracta's Oratory. This is a lovely ceremony for our Confirmation candidates and it's another step on their journey towards receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Confirmation ceremonies will take place on the following dates:

**Ms. Leonard's class: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm**

**Ms. McCann/Ms. McEvoy & Mr. Walsh's classes:  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm**

**Confirmation photos will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.  
The children can wear their Confirmation clothes to school on that day for the photos.**

## THE BUZZY BEE

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class Editors are finalising the latest edition of The Buzzy Bee. It will be published on our school website before the end of May.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Service of Light.....	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
5 <sup>th</sup> Class School Tour (2 classes) .....	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
5 <sup>th</sup> Class School Tour (2 classes) .....	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
UCD Athletics.....	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
School Sports Day.....	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
School Closed.....	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class School Tour .....	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
4 <sup>th</sup> Class School Tour to Tayto Park.....	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
6 <sup>th</sup> Class School Tour (2 classes) to Baltinglass ...	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
6 <sup>th</sup> Class School Tour (1 class) to Baltinglass.....	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Summer Holidays.....	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June