



### CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June saw two of our school teams compete in the Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park. This was a fantastic day for our school and it was great to see so many children and parents in Croke Park supporting our teams.

First up were the girls' camogie team, taking on Pope John Paul II National School. After a slightly shaky start, the girls settled into the game particularly well. After some great scores and two goals from Siobhan O' Regan and Aoife Long, we were 2-3 to 2-1 in front at half time.

The second half was a fiercely tight and competitive affair with both teams trading some great scores. Our girls dug deep and after a tense finish, they came out on top on a scoreline of 2-6 to 2-3. This is a fantastic achievement for the girls, especially after winning the Corn Tadhg Ó Cionnaithe football competition back in October. Joint captains Laura Ryan and Aoife Long got to lift the Corn Olly Quinlan trophy after the final whistle. *A huge well done to all the girls and to their management team, Ms. Lynskey and Ms. O'Gorman.*



Up next were the boys' senior hurling team, taking on Scoil Mobhí. The boys started very well and were 3 points to 2 up after 10 mins with great scores coming from Hugh Sweeney and Adam O'Reilly. After conceding a few scores, the boys found themselves trailing 1-7 to 0-3 at half time. The boys gave a great account of themselves in the second half. They showed unwavering determination and resolve throughout the game in such testing conditions. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be our day and the scoreline at full time read Scoil Mobhí 4-12 St. Attracta's S.N.S 1-7. A huge well done to Scoil Mobhí, but our boys should be very proud of their efforts.

*Well done to the boys on getting to Croke Park and thanks also to their management team, Mr. Coughlan and Mr. Kenny.*



### GREEN SCHOOL

Members of the Green School Committee recently helped launch a fabulous new initiative to celebrate Bike Week 2023. As part of Bike Week each class in the school took part in the Cycle on Wednesday competition on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Ms. O' Gorman's class where 54% of pupils cycled to school on the day.

*Well done to everyone who took part in the competition and we hope you continue to cycle to school as much as possible in the future.*



# TRIP TO ZAMBIA

A huge thank you to all the boys and girls who generously supported the Zambia Building Project. The sum raised was €1,473.90 which exceeded our wildest expectations. The children of Nsoke Community are hugely thankful to all the boys' and girls' generosity and kindness. Ms. O'Leary's son, James, came back in on Tuesday to show everyone what a difference their donations made to the lives of the girls and boys in Nsoke and they will be forever remembered in this wonderful tight knit community in Zambia. ***A big thank you to all the parents for supporting this project because without your support this could not have happened.***



## UCD ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, we had a fantastic day at the annual Cumann na mBunscol athletics event, this time held on UCD's new running track. We had teams competing in the u12 girls' and boys' relays, the u14 girls' and boys' relays and individuals participating in the long jump, shot putt, 600m long distance and in the 60m sprint competitions. All our athletes competed excellently on the day against some brilliant opposition from all over Dublin. It was great to see the St. Attracta's students showcasing their talents in so many areas.

Our first medal of the day was won by Ciara Lane in the 600m long distance when she came home in 3<sup>rd</sup> place after an exceptional run. This was shortly followed up with Luca Moran winning silver in the high jump. This was a fantastic achievement for Luca and our first medal in this category in a long time. After two brilliant runs, our U12 boys relay team took home bronze in a fiercely competitive final. This team consisted of Noah Nartey, Reuben Harnett, Conor Kenny, Dara Molloy and Oisin Veale. Finally, after an exceptionally close finish, our U14 girls took home silver in their relay race. This team consisted of Aoileann Kennedy, Ciara Lane, Anna Kellegher, Aoife Long and Laura Ryan. A huge congratulations to all our medal winners.

***We are very proud of how well all our athletes competed on the day. A huge well done to you all. A huge thanks also to Ms. O'Leary, Ms. McDonagh and to Vigeeta Moran who gave so generously of their time in coaching the children.***



## 5<sup>TH</sup> CLASS TRIP TO ST. ENDA'S PARK

All 5<sup>th</sup> class pupils took a guided tour of Rathfarnham Castle in May. It was wonderful to learn so much about the history of this local amenity and to hear about all the stories associated with the Castle down the years.



Ms. Clifford's 5<sup>th</sup> class pupils on their Rathfarnham Castle tour.

## STUDENT COUNCIL THE BUZZY BEE

What a year the Student Council have had, they worked tirelessly throughout the year. They all worked so well as a team with every member having a voice and being listened to. They were the force behind so many great ideas from bake sales to early tracksuits in May, but their greatest achievement was publishing the St Attracta's Buzzy Bee in June. They have been an absolute pleasure to work with and we are all so sorry to say goodbye to our wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> class students, Michael, Adam L, Jack, Adam S, Harry D. and Mira who represented their classes so well this year.



# GIRLS SOCCER

St Attracta's Senior Girls' Football team had their much anticipated Dublin Senior Cup Final against Sacred Heart Srulleen on Thursday June 15th. Supported by their 6th class classmates, the girls played out an incredible match, with two goals from Anna Kelleher the difference in a 2-0 victory.

Unfortunately, the second final for the girls did not go as successfully for the girls. Meeting a resolute and talented Monkstown ETNS, the girls were frustrated throughout the day. A late goal by Caoilfhionn Ní Bhaoill sent the game to extra time, but the game would finish in a 2-1 defeat.

The girls have had the most remarkable season, with sensational performances throughout. The level of camaraderie and sportsmanship, both in victory and defeat, has been remarkable and has made the school very proud. This talented group of girls have inspired the pupils of St Attracta's for years to come and we've no doubt that that they will continue to achieve amazing things in the future.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS TOUR CAUSEY FARM



## 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS TOUR BALTINGGLASS

On Thursday and Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, each 6<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed their school tour in Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre. All students enjoyed fun-filled days with many activities. Thank you to all those at Baltinglass for helping to make the day so special.



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, we had our annual sports day in St. Attracta's S.N.S. This was a wonderful event for staff and students alike as the sun beamed down on the DLR pitches.

The day started with our 3<sup>rd</sup> class sprints, followed by our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Next up were the relays. These were hugely competitive across all four standards with some exceptionally close finishes.

Each class then had the sack race before we finished proceedings with a toddlers' race, a past pupils' race and a parents' race.

*A huge well done to all our winners and to all children who took part across the various races and activities. A huge thanks also to Ms. McDonagh for organising the day and to Mr. McCann for setting up the track.*



# ASSEMBLAGE ART

Ms. Ryan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Assemblage Art with Visiting Artist Niki Keane  
by Kate Sweeney & Steffi Morgan Tallon

We did assemblage art which is using or re-purposing rubbish/litter that some people might have thrown away. We did it with Niki Keane over the course of 4 art classes, we finished in early May.

In the first class we stuck tissue paper onto some canvas board to use as our background. In the next class we chose our colours and our rubbish/materials and layout for our art piece.

In the third class we stuck them down and painted the whole piece with Gesso, which is a thick white paint that will make it easier to paint over with coloured paint. In the very last class, we painted them and that's how we made our assemblage



Class of 2023 ❤️



## 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS LEAVING CEREMONY

On Wednesday 28th June, we celebrated a leaving 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 a selection of graduation songs. 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.

*Thanks very much to the Parents Association who organised ice creams for the 6th Class students on the day.*

### CLASS ALLOCATIONS 2023/2024

22/23	Current Teacher	23/24	Next Year's Teacher
2	Ms. Foley-Friel	Rang 3	Ms. Ryan
2	Ms. Kelleher	Rang 3	Mr. Fitzgerald
2	Mr. Sweeney	Rang 3	Ms. Grealis
3	Mr. Coughlan	Rang 4	To be Confirmed
3	Ms. Carey	Rang 4	Mr. Bradley
3	Ms. Ryan	Rang 4	To be Confirmed
3	Ms. Lynskey	Rang 4	Mr. Coughlan
4	Ms. McGuinness	Rang 5	To be Confirmed
4	Ms. Grealis	Rang 5	Ms. Bhreathnach
4	Ms. O' Gorman	Rang 5	Ms. Sweeney/Ms. McGuinness
5	Ms. Clifford	Rang 6	Ms. Leonard
5	Ms. Sweeney/Ms. Bhreathnach	Rang 6	To be Confirmed
5	Ms. McCarney	Rang 6	Ms. McDonagh/Ms. McEvoy
5	Mr. Bradley	Rang 6	To be Confirmed

## CHILDREN MOVING SCHOOL

If there are any children from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Class transferring to another school in September 2023, please inform the school principal, Mr. Maguire as soon as possible.

## END OF YEAR WORDS

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 with school tours, Sports Day, class trips to Marlay Park as well journeys to support our school teams in the various sporting finals.

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

Our School Holiday Calendar for 2023/2024 has been emailed to all parents/guardians and it is also available on the school website at [www.sasns.ie](http://www.sasns.ie)

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