



### STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### 2023/2024

This year's Student Council Elections took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

The elections are carried out in the same way as local or national elections and in this way, the children are taught about the democratic process. It's a very worthwhile venture in which our pupils really do make a difference.

Well done to our newly elected student council members below but a huge well done must go to all the children who put themselves forward for election. You should be very proud of yourselves.

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Ms. Ryan	3	Hazel Roche	Aaron McCabe
Mr. Fitzgerald	3	Sophia Couto McMahon	Scott Graham
Ms. Grealis	3	Lexie Drennan	Zach Matthews Carroll
Mr. Bradley	4	Soraya Belmaati	Henry Casey
Mr. Coughlan	4	Orla Gentles	Patrick Scott
Ms. O'Gorman	4	Alanna Greaney	Finnian Brooke
Ms. Quigley	4	Kate Morris	Fionn Fanning
Mr. Danza	5	Oisín Norris	Lucy Morris
Ms. Sweeney / Ms. McGuinness	5	Sophia O'Toole	Evan Tong
Ms. Shreathnach	5	Katie D'arcy	Evan Dooley
Ms. McDonagh / Ms. McEvoy	6	Ellie Gallagher	Oisín Coleman
Mr. Butler	6	Zofia Kwasiewska	Paul O'Connell
Ms. McCann	6	Abbey Whelan	James Bingham
Ms. Leonard	6	Emma Gallagher	Luke Shorten O'Reilly



### 4<sup>th</sup> CLASS TRIP TO DUNDRUM CASTLE

The pupils of 4<sup>th</sup> class recently went on a trip to Dundrum Castle with local historian, John Lennon. They learned all about the history of the castle, which dates to the Norman invasion of Ireland during the 12<sup>th</sup> century, as well the history of Dundrum village and some of the surrounding areas.

The school would like to thank John for taking the time to share his knowledge of Dundrum with our pupils and inspire the next generation of local historians!



### TOWER GARDEN

This Tower Garden, located in our reception, was sponsored by **Canada Life Reinsurance**, spearheaded by Fergus Cooney, Head of Sustainability. Through this we aim to educate students on healthy eating, sustainable food supplies while lowering our carbon footprint.

Tower Gardens use **98% less water** than typical gardening, **zero soil** and **90% less space**. We are delighted to have been chosen, along with Rockford Manor Secondary School, to show our school the benefits of home-grown food and the awareness of sustainability.

We are growing salad mixes, kale, rainbow chard, rocket, basil, and lettuce. **Now all we need are some tasty recipes for when these are ready to be picked!**



# CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL – JUNIOR BOYS' FOOTBALL



Our Junior Boys' Football Panel enjoyed an excellent campaign in their Cumann na mBunscol competition. The boys remained unbeaten throughout the competition securing five wins in total against Holy Cross NS Dundrum, Scoil Chrónáin Rathcoole, St. Martin's NS Brittas, Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige Churchtown and Scoil Bhríde Ranelagh. On two occasions in Broadford, we played two games against the opposition which meant more football for everyone. Every player on the 45 strong panel received game time during the campaign and their performances augur well for the future of Gaelic Football in St. Attracta's SNS.

*Many thanks to Ms. Quigley, Mr. Coughlan and Mr. Maguire for all their work with the panel since the start of September.*

## SENIOR BOYS' FOOTBALL

Our Senior Boys' Gaelic Football team enjoyed a hugely successful season in the Corn Chlanna Gael this year.

They got their Cumann na mBunscol campaign up and running back in September with three great wins over Scoil Naithí, Our Lady's B.N.S and St. Mary's B.N.S, Booterstown in the group stages. These victories resulted in our boys topping the group and securing a home quarter-final against Holy Family N.S, Rathcoole. Both teams served up a fantastic game of football in Broadford and after trading some great scores, St. Attracta's prevailed to advance to a semi-final.



The semi-final fixture pitted us against Drimnagh Castle Primary School. After a shaky start, the boys showed real character and determination to fight back and go into the break only two points down with the score at Drimnagh Castle 2-1 St. Attracta's 0-5. After a great start to the second half, the boys pushed on and closed out the game with the final score reading St. Attracta's 2-8 Drimnagh Castle 3-2. This was a great victory for the team against a very physical and competitive Drimnagh Castle side.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October saw our senior boys football team compete in the Cumann na mBunscol Corn Chlanna na Gael final in Croke Park against St. Joseph's B.N.S Terenure. This was a fantastic day for our school and it was great to see so many children, parents and grandparents in Croke Park supporting our team.

The boys got off to a great start with Eoin O'Boyle scoring a wonderful goal in the opening minutes. This gave us great momentum and we followed it up with some excellent points from Jack Carty, Dylan Geraghty, Cian Brooke and Conor Kenny. After a fiercely tight and competitive first half, the half-time score read St. Attracta's 1-5 Drimnagh Castle 1-5.

St. Joseph's got a fantastic start to the second half and scored 1-2 within the opening minutes. This really put our boys on the backfoot, but just like they have throughout the competition, they showed tremendous resolve, determination and character to get themselves back into the game. We got some wonderful scores through Cian Brooke, Eoin Morris and a well-taken penalty by Eoin O'Boyle. This left us three points up with the game going into the closing stages. Our midfield and defence were heroic in the final stages trying to prevent the Terenure outfit from scoring the all-important goal. Unfortunately, this pressure told and they scored a great goal with two minutes to go. Both sides had chances at the very end to win it, but both defences held out.

After a pulsating encounter, the final score read St. Attracta's 2-11 St. Joseph's B.N.S 3-8. Both captains got to lift the Corn Chlanna Gael trophy after the final whistle. Our boys should be extremely proud of their efforts and what they have achieved this year. The entire panel of players were a pleasure to work with and their commitment and dedication were exemplary throughout the whole campaign. We hope this day will be a source of inspiration and motivation for these young lads and we hope to see many of them go on to represent their club at juvenile and even at senior level in the future.

**St. Attracta's SNS Panel for Final:** A. Ryan, S. Brennan, O. Brennan, F. O' Leary, N. Nartey, A. Daly, E. Harney, K. Murray, D. Geraghty (0-1), E. O' Boyle (2-02), C. Brooke (0-5 2f), F. Boyle, C. Kenny (0-1), D. Farrelly, J. Carty (0-1)  
*Subs:* E. Gallagher for F. O'Leary, E. Morris (0-1) for F. Boyle, O. Coleman, B. O' Baoill, A. Fay, R. Lewandowski, B. Madigan, D. O' Sullivan, K. Connolly, C. Skrba



Mr. Kenny and Mr. Butler



# LOOK ART! *Look Out*

## All About Art!



New section of St. Attractas' Newsletter. We are all about our student's art! A platform to showcase some of the most breath taking creations from straight from the heads of Our Students.



3rd Classes worked on positivity and ownership of ones name, welcomed autumn with cute foxes.

5th Classes took ownership of their names through one point perspective, they Banksy-ed the Mona Lisa, and Picassoed themselves.



4th Classes were inspired by David Hockney, Autumn and portrayed some Roald Dahl Characters in 3D form,

6th Classes were inspired by Heather Gallar, Picasso and famous landmarks.



## Creativity is imagination, having fun.

Albert Einstein

# SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL

Firstly, we want to congratulate all the girls that attended training and put themselves forward for the team this year. We had an amazing turnout with 40 girls lining out every Monday lunchtime to be involved in this year's Cumann na mBunscol ladies football team.

We had two tough fixtures, but the girls battled hard for each other and put up a great display on both occasions. Even with one walkover we were unfortunate not to progress any further in the competition. The teams' coaches Ms. O' Gorman and Ms. McCann are so proud of the progress and team spirit the girls showed over the few weeks and their sportsmanship was to be admired even in defeat. *Maith sibh a chailíní!*



## MATHS WEEK 2023

Maths Week 2023 took place in the school from October 15<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>. The pupils had great fun taking part in a wide range of Maths activities including Maths trails both inside and outside the classroom and online Maths quizzes with other schools from across the country! It was fantastic to see the pupils develop positive attitudes towards Maths in the classroom and see that Maths is all around them.



Mr. Bradley's 4<sup>th</sup> class taking part in the online Maths Quiz



Ms. McCann's class taking part in Steve Sherman's Math workshop on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

## BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September we gathered as a whole school community to celebrate the Opening of School Year Mass in St. Attracta's Oratory. Fr. Moses celebrated our Mass with us and blessed our school community for the coming year. Some of our children brought forward symbols including a schoolbag, a globe, a football and a bible. These helped us reflect on the values of our school and clearly represents school life here in St. Attracta's. This was a lovely occasion for the whole school community. A big thanks must go to Ms. Grealis and Ms. McCann and to the school choir for providing such wonderful singing for this special occasion. Thank you also to all the boys and girls who participated so wonderfully in the Liturgy.

## GREEN SCHOOLS - WALK/ CYCLE TO SCHOOL

Recent CSO figures indicate that 57% of all car journeys are for distances less than 2km. As a proud Green School, we encourage as many children as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Please ensure that your child is wearing a helmet, high-vis clothing and has a good front and rear light on his/her bike. If you have to drive to school, why not try out a park and stride option whereby your child is dropped off at a safe location approx. 1km away and they walk the rest of the journey. We want to greatly reduce traffic congestion and air pollution around the school grounds and ultimately create a safer, more pleasant school journey for our children. We appreciate any support you can provide in helping us achieve this.

## SPHE/WELLBEING THEMES

Each month, as part of our School Self-Evaluation initiatives, we aim to promote one particular area of pupil wellbeing in our school. The theme for the month of October is 'Resilience, Never Giving Up and Work Ethic' while our theme for November is 'Kindness & Anti-Bullying'. All classes discuss the wellbeing theme of the month and the strategies that the children can use to promote their own wellbeing.

## ROLL CALL & PUNCTUALITY

The Department of Education has directed that pupils not present at the time of roll call must be marked absent and the entry cannot be changed. Therefore, any pupil not physically present in the classroom at roll call time will be marked absent. So, please make sure your child is on time for school. It seems unfair – particularly on the younger children – to be giving out to them if the reasons for being late are beyond their control. We ask parents/guardians to ensure that your child is on time for school with everything they need. Let's all work together to start school on time, to learn more and to make life less stressful for our pupils!