



St. Fintan's NS

End of Year

A word from our principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support to our wonderful school. Your children are a credit to you. They have all worked to the best of their individual ability and I hope they enjoyed the past year in St Fintan's. I would like to wish the very best of luck to the outgoing 6th class children Class of 2024. I wish them every happiness in their new schools.

I would like to thank you, the parents/guardians for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. Parental guidance is so vital to our children as it helps them to develop respect, self regulation, self confidence and empathy.

This last term has been a very difficult one for the whole St. Fintan's Community. Not surprisingly though, the St. Fintan's family came together to support each other during these difficult times.

In the wise words of Dalai Lama, "As human beings we have responsibility to care for humanity. Expressing concern for others brings inner strength and deep satisfaction. As social animals, human beings need friendship, but friendship does not come from wealth and power, but from showing compassion and concern for others."

I want to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. I look forward to meeting you all at the school gates as the children return to school on Thursday 29th August.

Enjoy the break and keep safe.

Kind regards,

Ms C Farrell



Football Final

There were huge celebrations at Parnell Park last Thursday as the Boy's Gaelic Football team won their Fingal League Final, against St. Brendan's Loughshinny, on a scoreline of St. Fintan's 0-15, St. Brendan's 1-3. Having fallen at the final hurdle last year, the team were determined to go one better

in 2024. The experience of having played in the previous year's final really stood to the team and, apart from a very brief spell at the beginning of the second half, St. Fintan's were in total control, being first to every ball, breaking tackles, hunting in packs and never losing focus.



Coaches, Ms. Byrne and Mr. Mac Lochlainn, could not have asked for a better performance and the winning margin of 9 points was thoroughly deserved. While it was a brilliant all-round team effort, with every player contributing, special mention goes to Eoin Lynch and Dara Fox Reynolds...the former for his excellent score-taking and the latter for his wonderful fielding.

There was great excitement in the stands as the super St. Fintan's support, from 3rd class to 6th, really got behind the team with their chants, banners and war-paint! And what a proud moment for captains Patrick Burke and James Coffey as they held the cup aloft at the end.

Athletics

We have had a busy year at St Fintan's with athletics from cross country, to track races and field events. All the children represented St Fintan's NS so well, with Amy Mae O Neill in 5th class finishing 3rd place overall in the U14 High Jump competition at Morton Stadium in Santry. Well done to all the children involved!



Junior Infants

Junior Infants have been having a great time over the last few months, exploring different themes during play time such as the farm, the restaurant and the garda station.

Back in March we were treated to a drumming workshop which proved really popular with the children. They loved making music and exploring sounds with the different types of drums.

Junior Infants and 5th & 6th classes have been getting together for Reading buddies twice a week and this has been a huge success. Both age groups gain so much from this time and they really look forward to the sessions.

We of course made the most of the nice weather and went outdoors for our PE lessons and Spring walks in May which were both great fun and we look forward to spending more time outdoors as we enter our final month of term!



Senior Infants

Senior Infants have been busy exploring the theme of 'Pirate Island'. We loved coming up with our pirate names and learning about the history of pirates. We did some lovely art pieces too! We worked hard on our projects exploring on 'Growing and Changing





First Class

We have had very busy few months in 1st class! We loved Seachtain na Gaeilge and had such a fun trip to Croke Park to learn more about the GAA. We even got presents of a slotar for every student!

We have been learning about weight in maths and enjoyed weighing using non-standard units of measurement and pan balances.



Second Class

2nd class had a very busy and memorable month. We started GAA with Brian and love practicing and developing new skills each week. We will have pro GAA players by the end of the month!! We spent time preparing for our First Holy Communion. The children were so enthusiastic learning their songs, prayers and poems for the special day and worked incredibly hard creating beautiful artwork to decorate the church with. The ceremony itself was wonderful and they certainly made their teachers and families very proud!!



Third Class

3rd class are enjoying their GAA lessons every Thursday. We all had a fantastic day out in Parnell Park, supporting the 5th & 6th class boys at their GAA football final!!!

In Ms. Byrne's class, the students have been busy gathering research for projects based on The Egyptians. We will use Book Creator online to create our projects. The students also worked very hard and creatively in constructing houses as part of Art/ Gaelige. I think we might have a few interior designers among us in Room 10!!!

Ms. Smith's class have completed projects based on Antarctica. They made beautiful clay penguins and icebergs to link in with this theme too! After having built up their classroom rewards this year, they got to take a well-deserved trip to Insomnia! The students have also been enjoying tennis each Monday in Sutton Tennis Club.



Fourth Class

It has been a very busy term in fourth class. Our Peace Proms choir made a return for both the Communion and Confirmation. Both classes sang beautifully and we were very proud of them. A special thanks to Aisling Mac Canna who played the violin so elegantly at the ceremonies. We are looking forward to singing on Grandparents day this Friday - one last hurrah!

We also supported our boys football team in Parnell Park in their final. It was a fun day out and a great win for Fintan's!

Both classes completed swimming lessons during the month of May, which we really enjoyed. We can't wait for our school tour and other fun activities in the month of June!



Fifth Class

Ms. Morgan's fifth class have had a busy but exciting May! The children have been busy practicing their procedural writing by also planting their very own sunflowers to grow in their own gardens. This month has been full of exciting sports news as the children also got to go and support our football team during their wonderful victory in Parnell Park, they loved getting the chance to cheer on their classmates! Finally, the children had a great time welcoming their Grandparents into the school!

The highlight of the month of May for both 5th classes was undoubtedly our visit to Sutton Golf Club. Despite the dreary conditions, the children had a fantastic day exploring the gorgeous surroundings at the club. The children learned about the rich history of the Sutton Golf Club, got a chance to try their hand at some greenkeeping, and also had lots of fun playing different games on the putting green. Many thanks to all those at the club for organising the day. A special thanks to the club's junior convener and St Fintan's dad, Kieran Cussen who was instrumental in making this day possible.



Sixth Class

We were delighted to celebrate the 6th class Confirmation on May 17th . The work that each child put into their preparation was admirable and we hope that the memories of the day last forever. It was a wonderful day and each child did themselves, their family and St. Fintan's proud.



Ms. Cogavin's class are busy preparing for the Junior Entrepreneur Project - '*Magni Stationary*' which will be on sale in the school very soon - watch this space!!



Linda Maher

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