

# St. Conleth & Mary's



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER



## June 2016

### Dear Parents,

As another very successful and action-packed school year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation, your help and your support during the past year. We greatly value parental support in the school and we are very aware that it is when parents and school work together that we create the best possible learning opportunities for all the children. I would like to say a special word of thanks to our hard-working Parents Association for their support, financial and otherwise, during the year. I would also like to thank the members of the Board of Management for their work, their help, their advice and for their interest in the school

In St. Conleth & Mary's we are lucky to have a very enthusiastic, committed and dedicated staff and I would like to express my appreciation to them for not only doing their job to a very high standard but for contributing very willingly to all the extra curricular activities which add so much to the school.

Of course a school wouldn't be much of a place without the pupils and I would sincerely like to thank each and every one of our pupils for their hard work, their co-operation and their very good behaviour throughout the year.

Some of our staff and students will be moving on to new places during the summer. I would like to wish them all the best and I hope that they have only good memories of the time they spent in the school. I would especially like to mention our Special Needs Assistant, Mary Roles who loses her post in the school due to a cut in the NCSE allocation. I would like to thank Mary for her hard work and her help over the past years and to wish her the very best for the future.

I hope everybody has a lovely summer and a safe and happy holiday.

Sheila O Neill

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to 2nd classes who made their First Holy Communion on Sat. May 28th. They looked lovely and behaved beautifully on the day. Many took part in the Corpus Christi Procession the following day. To mark this important event, the Parents Association treated them to a cinema outing on Thurs. June 1st, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Míle buíochas to the Parents Association.

### Parents Association Quiz

The annual, fun-filled quiz took place on Thurs., April 28th. The hall was filled to capacity. Thanks to the children who submitted questions, to quizmaster Ciaran O'Driscoll, and to the Parents Association, without whose commitment this much-anticipated and family-friendly event would not happen.

### Sporting News

- Well done to the Boys' and Girls' teams who took part in the Cross Country Event in Hawkfield on April, 22nd.
- Maith sibh to those who played in the Basketball Blitzes and the Girls' in-school league.
- To all our footballers, boys and girls, a big thank you for training hard all year and for representing your school so sportingly. Thanks, too, to all their trainers.
- A new and very popular extra-curricular activity this year was the 6th class Draughts Competition. Thanks to Mr. O'Sullivan who organised it.
- A big thank you to Tom Landers for continuing to provide lessons throughout the year in Volleyball.

### Mathletics in St. Conleth & Mary's!

Various Maths Competitions for 4th, 5th & 6th classes were posted on the Maths Board during the term. There was a great buzz along the corridor as children gathered at the board, solving problems based on topics such as Shape and Ratio. Prizes were presented to the winners.

### School Choir

Ms. Cullen, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Nugent, & Ms. Bolton would like to thank all the children who participated in Carol Singing, Peace Proms, School Masses, Sacrament Celebrations and Graduation. Your enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and wonderful singing made these events very special.

### St. Conleth and Mary's Book Week

Thanks to Ms. Conway for organising this annual promotion of books and reading. Events such as a Book Quiz, Poetry Workshop, and Poetry Writing Competition (based on characters from books) culminated in a special assembly on Fri. 20th May, at which all class winners read their poems and prizes were awarded. Reminder to all boys and girls..... keep on reading during the holidays!

### 1916 Revisited

Rms. 1, 4, 5, 7 & 8 thoroughly enjoyed the Patrician Show, Inis-free, based around 1916, in the Riverbank on May 30th.

### Yarnbombing for June Fest

We were delighted to be involved in this colourful community project for June Fest. Rooms 6, 7 and 20 learned to knit and produced lots of rectangles which were assembled to cover trees in the Liffey Linear Park. Thanks to the ICA ladies who came in to school to help us get started and to the many parents and grandparents who knitted with us. As the Irish proverb says, 'Ní neart go cur le chéile'.

### Active Schools

Active Schools Week, May 30th—June 2nd was a great success again this year. We had a Picnic in the Park on Monday, followed by a Teachers v Pupils Soccer Match. Thanks to John Clarke for managing the pupils' team. Tuesday was Sports Day. We also had Ultimate Frisbee sessions and a Senior v Junior Dance-off. Thanks to Ms. Bolton for organising it all (including the beautiful weather!)

### School Tours

- 2nds went to Let's Go Summer Camp in Kilcullen. 'Let's go again!' was the verdict at the end of the day..
- 3rds enjoyed Fort Lucan, where a great day was had by all.
- 4th classes visited Causey Farm, in Co. Meath and returned home tired and muddy after a very active day.
- 5ths spent a day in Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre, where they abseiled, rock climbed, orienteered, canoed and tried archery.
- 6ths went to Avon Rí in Blessington and returned with very happy memories of their final tour in St. Conleth & Mary's.

**A huge factor in everyone's enjoyment of the tours was the good behaviour of all the pupils. Maith sibh go léir!**

### Talent Show

Ablly compered by Aylana and Cameron (Rm. 8) and Sophie and Tosadi (Rm. 4), the Talent Show on June 20th was great fun. Pupils from all classes took part and demonstrated a huge variety of interesting talents and skills. Comhghairdeas le gach duine a ghlac páirt ann.

### A Special Treat

On Thurs. morning last, the Infant School Choir entertained the Senior School with a wonderful half-hour of music. Our pupils were highly impressed by the variety of songs and by the younger children's ability to remember so many words!

### End-of-Year Events

On Mon. 27th June, we held our final **School Mass** of the year. Thanks to all parents/guardians who attended and to the children for their prayerful participation. The Mass was followed in the evening by the **6th class Graduation**. While sorry to lose such fine boys and girls, we are happy that they are capably and confidently setting sail on the next phase of their lives. They will always be very welcome back in St. Conleth & Mary's. Thanks to the Parents Association, once again, for their support of this event.

**BAINIGÍ GO LÉIR TAITNEAMH AS NA LAETHANTA SAOIRE.**

