

End of Year Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Monday 24th June

Friday 28th June

Thursday 29th August

Monday 30th September

6th class Graduation

School closes at **12.30pm** for Summer Holidays

School reopens for new year

School closed

Santry Races



We were represented in Santry this year at u12 and u14. We had a relay team and an individual sprint. Congratulations to Finn for qualifying for the sprint final. Well done to all the boys for a really competitive and enjoyable day.



SPORT



Our school hurling team had some fantastic wins this year, they finished 2nd in the group which meant an away quarter final against North Dublin NS Project of Glasnevin. Unfortunately, after a great match against a formidable team, we lost!



Congratulations to Liam Reddan of 6th class who represented our school at half time in the Dublin v Meath Gaelic football Leinster Championship match. A fantastic opportunity to play in Croke Park!



Students from 4th, 5th and 6th classes paired up and took part in the Lionel Munn Primary School golf event in Kilmashogue Golf Club, St Columba's College. All boys played really well and a special shout out to their parents who acted as caddies!

Paired Reading

4th class enjoyed their paired reading activity with Junior and Senior Infants this term. They made the most of the sunshine and read to their reading buddies out in the junior yard. They really enjoyed discussing the stories and selecting the books with their reading buddy.



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Our Soccer Team



Our soccer team have gone from strength to strength this year. They played exceptionally well as a newly formed soccer team and had unbeaten games up to their two finals. The whole school came out to cheer them on as they left for their final matches played in AUL and Wayside. Unfortunately they were beaten after a very closely played game. A great achievement for our players and coaches. Well done boys, the school are very proud of you.

The Daily Mile

We have been taking part in this school initiative for a few years now. Everyday our classes go outside for a short run, clocking up the miles as they run or walk round the yard. Radio host Ray Darcy has been travelling the country visiting schools who take part in The Daily Mile and last month he came to see us. We had an assembly in the hall with Ray and his team. We sang the Daily Mile song and Ray interviewed some of our pupils for his radio show. Then we took to the yard to complete some miles with Ray. It was great fun and wonderful to hear some of our boys on the radio that afternoon.



6th class Confirmation



Our 6th class boys made their Confirmation last month. Pictured is some of the beautiful artwork that was on display in the church. 3rd, 4th and 5th class boys came to sing in the choir and did a marvellous job. Congratulations to our 6th class boys and to their teachers and SNA Sinead for preparing them all so well.



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Sport in OLBNS



We have had a great year of sport in OLBNS with the Daily Mile, soccer tournaments, rugby coaching, GAA coaching, gymnastics, Santry trials and to cap it all off we celebrated our Active Week at the start of June. Thank you Ms Flattery for organising our week of activities for Active Week.

Our annual Sports Day for 3rd to 6th classes, took place in Marlay Park. There were sprints, throwing, a cic fada, the egg and spoon race, the long jump, a sack race, the three-legged race and the cross bar challenge. We had a brilliant day.

Our junior to 2nd classes had their sports fun day on the school premises and thank you to 6th class who helped run the day of activities.

Thank you to Ms Lane for organising Sports Day and for looking after all our sporting timetables, activities and resources this year.



Classes 8 and 9 news



We got the bus to Dun Laoghaire and had a picnic, then went to the cinema to see Inside Out 2.



Class 8 and 9 went to Dublin Zoo for their school trip this year.



Class 8 and 9 have been enjoying their weekly walks to Marlay Park this year. The nicer weather means it's ice cream time.

School Tours

Our summer term has been filled with activities and one of the highlights of the end of the year is the annual school tour. This year our boys went to Lilliput, Emerald Park, Clara Lara, Fort Lucan, Dublin Zoo and Clonfert Farm,



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The Lunch Bag



For the past few weeks The Lunch Bag have been providing our hot dinners every day at lunchtime. This has been a great success. The boys are enjoying having something hot to eat at lunchtime. Thank you to our very own dinner lady Tara who has been keeping all our boys well fed with roast dinners, wraps, curries and paellas to name but a few. We look forward to continuing this next term.

6th class Graduation

After 8 years of primary school we said goodbye to our 6th class boys. Their graduation Mass and celebration took place on Monday night in the hall. Pictured below is our 6th class enjoying their last yard time with one final penalty shoot-out.



Goodbye

This year we say goodbye to Ms Flattery, who has taken the difficult decision to move back to Galway. She will be greatly missed. Sarah has been a great asset to our school. Her involvement with our Gaelic football and soccer teams has been crucial over recent years. Sarah is a superb teacher and whilst we will miss her we know that her new school in Galway will be thrilled to have her.

Boys,

As the end of the school year approaches, I want to take a moment to congratulate each and every one of you for all your hard work throughout the year. You have shown dedication, perseverance, and a passion for learning that is truly inspiring.

I am so proud of all the progress you have made, both academically and personally. You have grown in so many ways and have proven that you are capable of achieving great things when you put your mind to it.

As you go into the summer break, I encourage you to take time to rest, relax, and recharge your batteries. Spend time with family and friends, explore new hobbies, and most importantly, have fun and enjoy yourselves.

Remember, there is no limit to what you can achieve if you believe in yourself and work hard. Keep pushing yourself to be the best version of yourself and never stop learning and growing. I am excited to see where your journey takes you next year and beyond. Have a wonderful summer break and see you all back in school soon!

Ms O'Keeffe



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