

St. Patrick's S.N.S. Newsletter



Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is open every morning from 08:30 - 08:50. Please ensure your child is seated by 08:50 in the kitchen as latecomers can't be served after then. All students of St. Patrick's Senior School are welcome. If your child is not attending the Breakfast Club, do not send them to school before 08:40 as yard supervision only commences then.

Courses for Parents/Guardians/Grandparents

Classes that are currently taking place are Yoga, Cookery and Healthy Food Made Easy. Please contact Sarah on 085 2390092 if you would like a place on any course.

Hot Lunches

Due to the success of hot lunches last year, they have now commenced again for all classes.

Secondary school places

For all parents/guardians of 6th class pupils, now is the time to apply to secondary schools. Every child in 6th class received a leaflet detailing important information about local secondary schools, including dates for open nights and closing dates for applications. It is important to visit schools with your child and apply to more than one school. If you have any questions about secondary schools or applications, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah on 085 2390092.

One Book One Community

This month St. Patrick's SNS, Riversdale CC, and Ladyswell NS were collaborating on the project *One Book, One Community*. A group of students from St. Patrick's read the book 'Brilliant' by Roddy Doyle. During the month of October the students accompanied by their teachers, came together with the other schools at Riversdale CC to take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities relating to the book. On Friday 27th October a quiz and awards ceremony took place. We would like to thank all the students and parents who came along and participated in the event.

Check out our school website!
www.stpatrickscorduff.ie



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Principal's News



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a great start to this new school year. The children's behaviour in general has been very good and uniforms are being worn every day by almost every child. Please send a note with your child to explain if they don't have their uniform on. School attendance has also been very impressive. We have had 95% attendance so far this year. Thanks to all of you who ensure your child is present every day.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Midterm Break:
School closes Friday
27th October and re-
opens Monday 6th
November.
**Parent Teacher
Meetings: Thursday
23rd November**

Our Parent/Teacher Meetings are on the 23rd of November. It is so important for the children that parents/guardians and teachers work together. Please make a special effort to attend your meeting.

Lastly, if you have any problems or worries with regard to any aspect of school life, it doesn't matter how big or small, please call the school to speak to me. The door is always open to parents and guardians. If you would like to meet a teacher, please phone to make an appointment and a suitable time will always be arranged.

Enjoy the mid-term break.

Laura Mulligan

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Sports News

Gaelic Football

- The Boys Junior Gaelic Football team had a successful season, finishing in second place, only 1 point behind the winners. Well done to everyone involved!
- The Boys Senior Gaelic Football team won two games and lost two games last month. They made it to the quarter final where they were unlucky to lose to Scoil Mhuire, Rathmines. They will have more games in the new year as part of the Fingal League.
- This has been one of the best years for Girls Gaelic Football in St. Patrick's SNS. The year began with a record number of girls trying out for the team. They made it all the way to the semi-final in the Shield division! They lost the semi-final by three points. The girls were disappointed as a win would have meant a trip to Croke Park but they were also so proud of the effort and improvements made throughout the season. The captain Roqi and vice-captain Nicole led the team admirably.
- A big thank you to all the teachers who gave up their time to coach our Gaelic teams this term - Mr D O'Flynn, Mr Walsh, Mr C O'Flynn, Mr O'Hara, Ms Quinn and Ms O'Shaughnessy.

Green Schools:

This year we are continuing to work hard to earn our Water flag and also renew our two previous flags for *Energy* and *Litter & Waste*.

Here are some interesting facts we have learned about *Water in our World*:

- 97.5% in the world is salt water. Only 2.5% is fresh water which is needed to sustain all life.
- The average daily water consumption per person in Ireland is 150 litres. This is one of the highest in Europe.
- 1 in 10 people on Earth still do not have access to a regular, safe water supply.
- By 2025, almost 50% of the world population will struggle to meet their basic water needs.



Remember to **"Let the tap have a nap!"**



We also have some exciting craft projects in progress, including building a milk carton igloo and a bottle cap mosaic. The whole school is working hard to collect enough clean milk cartons and bottle caps for these crafts.

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Important Information

- When collecting children or dropping in forgotten lunches or books, please go to the main office. Knocking on the external doors of classrooms can be disruptive for the teachers and the pupils.
- We are currently looking for volunteers to come in and help cover our new school books. The covering of books is necessary to preserve the good condition of the books in our rental scheme but it is also a time consuming process. The more volunteers we have, the quicker this process can be completed.
- There has been a case of head lice within the school. We are bringing this to your attention so that you can be vigilant. Anyone can pick up head lice. However it is most common among children who often put their heads together during play or share brushes, combs and hats. Head lice do not reflect standards of hygiene in the home or the school, they are just as willing to live in clean hair. It is best to check your children's hair on a regular basis using a special fine-toothed comb (available from any chemist). A variety of effective shampoos and lotions are also available at the chemist should you need them. Delay in identifying and treating affected children can result in a cycle of repeated infestation with treated children rapidly becoming re-infected.

Credit Union Saving Scheme

We would like to remind parents that the local credit union runs a saving scheme for children within our school. Bernie from Blanchardstown Credit Union visits the school once a week to facilitate this scheme. Saving regularly is an important life skill which should be encouraged from a young age.

Student of the Week

Check out our school website www.stpatrickscorduff.ie to see our recent students of the week!

Internet Safety—Tips for Parents

- Make sure that there are proper parenting controls installed on any device your child uses. However please remember that nothing is completely childproof so be vigilant even with parenting controls turned on.
- Put the laptop/computer in a family area and only use browsers specifically for children. Look for software to restrict what your children can see on their device.
- Join your child online, use what they are using and learn from them. Use it as time spent together.
- Keep reminding your child that no matter what happens they must always look for help from a trusted adult if they are even the slightest bit worried by anything they encounter online.