

EASTER NEWSLETTER 2015



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"They may forget what you said, but they will not forget how you made them feel." Carl W Buechner

The mornings have brightened and Easter is almost upon us. The great jubilee celebrations that took place on the 13th February now seem a distant memory. My thanks to His Grace, Bishop Eamonn Walsh, who visited twice during term, once to celebrate the Jubilee Mass and again to minister the sacrament of Confirmation to our sixth class boys.

Another feature of our term was the award of \$4,500 bestowed by Intel on our school. This was a terrific achievement for Sinéad Lally and her science team as ours was one of only 12 projects in the world to have been selected. My thanks to Niall Moore who advised us to apply and offered us some very useful guidelines and tips.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a most enjoyable week. There were concerts, parades, performances, quizzes and much more besides. Bhí an Ghaeilge le cloisteáil ar fud na scoile . . . not to mention music and singing. Thanks to our coiste Gaeilge for their considerable planning.

Our final term promises the usual treats with First Holy Communion, school outings, sports days and our, now annual, Wicklow Way Walk for adults. Keep an eye on our website www.piusxbns.ie for dates.

Dermot Lynch
Principal

Tennis

Tennis has been Bjorn again in St Pius!!!! The boys will compete in the Leinster Primary Schools Tennis Leagues. Sixteen boys tried out for the team last week in Templeogue Tennis Club and for them Love meant nothing. The boys will compete in Division 1 this year



and their travels will take them to Sutton, Castleknock, Clontarf, Blackrock, Ballsbridge and Rathmines. They are hoping to serve up some great results for the school and we wish them and Mr. Gough all the best in their matches. We would also like to thank TTC for their continued support and use of their superb facilities.

Upcoming Events

May 16

First Holy Communion

June 14

Wicklow Way Walk

June 30

Summer Holidays !!

Intel Foundation Awards Major Prize to St. Pius X BNS

We are delighted to inform you that St. Pius X BNS are the recipients of an Intel Foundation Award. A past pupil, Niall Moore, dropped in earlier in the year to let us know that Intel was planning to award ten bursaries for innovative educational projects as part of a worldwide initiative. With the guidance of Niall, Sinéad Lally, set about putting a comprehensive proposal together to develop a Science Library in St. Pius X BNS. After many weeks of deliberation, the judges announced their decision. Bursaries would be awarded to . . .

Malaysia: Go Green
Vietnam: Mobile Library
Shanghai: Youth Centre
Carolina: Special Olympics . . .
. . .and . . . wait for it . . .

St. Pius X BNS Dublin, Science Library Project: 4,500 dollars!!!!

Ms. Lally and her team will begin implementation over the next few months aiming to maximise exposure to science to as many students as possible and to cement the status of St. Pius X BNS as a science and technology school.

Choir

The boys in the choir are having a busy year learning a repertoire of new songs to help celebrate our Jubilee celebrations. This year for the first time, the boys joined forces with the girls' choir to perform at our Jubilee anniversary mass. This required a great deal of practice and rehearsals. The boys even had to give up some of their break times to ensure they gave an outstanding performance, which indeed they did. The Jubilee Mass was broadcast online and the feedback the choir received for their performance was terrific. The children also enjoyed the novelty of performing with the girls.

Never ones to take a rest, the choir then went straight into rehearsing for 2nd class First Penance. Again, they gave a wonderful performance and really added to the occasion. They continue to increase their repertoire by learning and rehearsing the hymns for the upcoming First Holy Communion in May. The choir always adds to the solemnity and beauty of the occasion and is working really hard to deliver another outstanding performance.

Meanwhile, back in the classrooms, the fifth class boys are very close to completing their repertoire for the National Children's Choir and are eagerly anticipating their performance in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght at the end of April. This has been no mean feat for the boys. With a complete programme of 19 songs there has been a huge amount of hard work put in by both boys and class teachers alike.

Running Club



The running Club in St Pius X BNS has been going from strength to strength. The 5th and 6th class boys have been training very hard every Friday after school down in Bushy Park. The 5th class boys got the chance to represent the school at a race in Butler Magee Park in Tallaght. All the boys did extremely well. Well done to all who took part.

The commitment has been remarkable and the boys are looking forward to representing their school again in some upcoming races. The runners are encouraged to go out for a few runs or fast walks with their family over the Easter break to help them keep up their fitness.

Keep up the good work and don't forget "Every run is a good run". **Lorcan Coyle, Louise Smith and Michael Smyth**



Well done to our **Junior Quiz Team**, Rory King, Darragh Sutcliffe, John Patrick Chew and Charlie McNamara who were runners up in the Credit Union local quiz."

We are asking all parents to please refrain from using/blocking the Disabled Car Parking Space outside the gate.

Summer Project

The St Pius Summer Project 2015 will take place from Wed 1st July to Friday 10th July. As there is a reduced number of committee members available this year there is a requirement for further volunteers to run the project. If there are specific events (new or existing) that you can volunteer to help plan, organise and run on the day please contact Lisa Nugent (087 6490831) or Tracy Pryce (087 7994897), the newly appointed co-ordinators. Enrolment will take place on the morning of Saturday 9th May. All parents will continue to be required to supervise 2 activities during the project. Information on previous projects on the website at www.stpiussummerproject.com

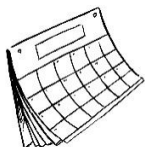
Jubilee Dates to Remember

Art Exhibition – 29th & 30th May

Golf Classic – 22nd May

Garda Band – Gala Concert – 28th May

Children's Fun Day – 19th June



Dates to Remember

Closed Friday 27th March @ **12 Noon**

Reopens Monday 13th April 2015

Closed Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May 2015

Closed Friday 22nd May, for the Referendum

Closed Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June.

Closed Tuesday 30th June at **12 Noon.**

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015

Bhí seachtain na Gaeilge 2015 an-ghnóthach I Scoil Pius Naofa X i mbliana. Is iontach an spiorad a bhí mór-thimpeall na scoile agus tháinig daltaí agus múinteoirí go léir le chéile chun cultúr na tíre a chéiliúradh agus an teanga álainn atá againn a labhairt. Bhí clár breá imeachtaí ar siúl, mar shampla, tráth na gceist, céilí, comórtas ealaíona, léamh le cara, paráid Lá le Pádraig, gaelgóirí na seachtaine agus ar nós buaic na seachtaine, an cheolchoirm! Chomhghairdeas do gach uile pháiste a ghlac páirt agus a thug brí don tseanfhocail “Beatha teanga í a labhairt”.

GOLF

The golfing season is now underway and the boys are thoroughly enjoying the experience. We are fortunate to have teamed up again with the Spawell club professional David who is on hand to tutor the boys for the duration of the golfing calendar. We will finish our current session in May with the Castle Schools Cup and hopefully a Gala day in the Spawell. Further updates on both these events will be announced via text and the School website. We have currently received the equipment needed to introduce the Trigolf programme. We plan to have this up and running within the P.E. curriculum after the Easter break. We are very excited about the introduction of this venture and look forward to its inception in April.

Fire Drill

Our most recent fire drills have brought us to the green area in front of the Church. Evacuation of the school might be necessary in the event of a fire and the area on **Wainsfort Grove** was deemed most suitable as an assembly point. Should such an exodus ever occur 'for real', we shall send a text message to alert you to collect your children from there.

Wicklow Walk

We plan to have our 5th instalment of the Wicklow Way Walk on Sunday 14th June and weather permitting it promises to be a fun and enjoyable occasion. We would be delighted to welcome all newcomers and anyone who has any connection with St Pius X School.

We would also encourage and invite any parents/families of past pupils to join us to mark our 50th Anniversary of the school's opening. The walk begins from Glenmalure car park and finishes at Mucklagh Iron Bridge near Aughavanagh. Thereafter we will be transported to Brooklodge Hotel in Macreddin village where we will enjoy some well- earned nibbles and refreshments.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day (Child of Prague statues at the ready!!!)

Please be advised this is roughly a 12-13 Km journey involving some steep inclines and uneven terrain and is only suitable for adults. Further updates on route and planning will follow via school website, texts and letter.



HURLING

Since Christmas our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class hurlers have been training hard on our school astro and more recently in Bushy Park. Numbers are extremely high and with over 90 boys turning out for training, we decided to enter four teams in the Cumann na mBunscoil competitions this year. Our 3rd class hurlers played their very first game for the school against St. Joseph's Terenure before the Easter holidays. The talent on display was superb and with over thirty hurlers in 3rd class we fielded two teams. The boys put in a magnificent performance on the day. Our junior green, navy, and white teams will take to the field for competitive action after the Easter holidays and expectations are high for this talented bunch of hurlers.

The first piece of silverware this year was captured by our senior team in Sancta Maria when the boys in green won the final of our pre-season tournament against our neighbours St. Joseph's. All focus turns to the Corn Marino where we wish the boys the very best in their quest to reach a second final in two years and the boys are relishing this challenge.

Coaching continues during school for our Junior Infants, 2nd and 4th classes with our GPO coach - Tommy O'Mahony. We must also mention the great work of Faughs Hurling Club and thank them for their continued support. If there are any boys who wish to join Faughs please contact Tommy on 08681 14643. A special mention must go to our new junior infants who are taking to the ash and sliotar like ducks to water. Already emerging talent is evident and the future of hurling in the school is indeed looking bright.

Finally a big thank you to all teachers involved: Mr Dillon, Mr Smyth, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Corcoran, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Redmond, Ms. Ní Loinsigh, Mr. Murtagh,



HAPPY EASTER

