



***“Be patient with yourself***

***– nothing in nature blooms all year”***

**Happy Easter!**

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of our second term already! It's been a term filled with lots of activity both school and weather related! Firstly congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes who have begun their respective sacramental journeys to Communion and Confirmation by having their First Penance and Service of Light ceremonies. Both events were prayerful and reflective, with pupils making a real engagement with the responsibilities with which they have been entrusted. Huge credit to the 2<sup>nd</sup> class teachers **Mr. Kelly** and **Ms. Carroll** and to **Mr. Glynn** and **Mr. Dillon** in 6<sup>th</sup> for all they do in preparing the children for these important spiritual milestones. Thanks too to **Fr. Gerry** our Parish Priest for his help, guidance and patience in the preparation process.

Emerging from the restrictive season of Winter, sport began to make a return to school life in Term Two. Our tennis team recently scored an emphatic victory against Terenure College in Templeogue Tennis Club under the expert coaching of **Mr. Kealy**. Soccer teams at 5 a side and 11 a side level also were in action this term with impressive victories recorded. Well done to **Mr. Murtagh, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Coughlan** and **Mr. Faherty** for their management skills and commitment, particularly to 7.45 am frosty, training sessions in February! Hurling too is beginning with training sessions taking place in the latter end of March. With such numbers of pupils involved we are so fortunate to have over 10 teachers involved in coaching duties; under the watchful coordinating eye of **Mr. Dillon!**

As you would have seen from the amazing events displayed on our website, our school's Seachtain na Gaeilge was an unbelievable success, with pupils of every age engaging in speaking our native tongue! This year's schedule of events had new and exciting initiatives, like Craic agus Cómhra and daily radio addresses by our 6<sup>th</sup> Class presenters. Well done to all pupils, teachers and parents who made this year's Seachtain na Gaeilge the best yet. The school is particularly indebted to our Irish Dept (Roinn na Gaeilge) of **Ms. Pléamonn, Ms. Brogan, Ms. Dunne** and **Mr. Corcoran**, for all they do with this week and indeed for the promotion of Irish all year round.

As a quick aside, I'd recommend every parent keep a regular eye on our school website [www.piusxbns.ie](http://www.piusxbns.ie) for an insight into the amazing work the boys are doing and for important reminders and photos. It's updated incredibly regularly, often with multiple posts in the one school day!

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a safe and restful Easter break and we all will look forward to seeing you for Term 3 in April.

Bain taitneamh as na laethanta saoire agus feicimid gach éinne i mí Aibreán.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Lorcan Coyle  
**Principal**





### Quiz Teams

Congratulations to both our senior and junior quiz teams who were runners-up in the Credit Union Schools quiz. Both teams lost out by a single point!!! A fantastic performance by all our team members. The standard was very high with top teams representing all the schools in the area. The juniors scored 53/60 and the seniors 63/72 - very impressive standard of answering.

**Junior Team:** Ashen Wijayaratne, Derry Murphy, Donagh Murphy and Aaron Dillon

**Senior Team:** Gordon Tracey, Doire Sheridan, John Patrick Chew and Patrick Evoy

All our weekly quizzes are published on our website [www.piusxbns.ie](http://www.piusxbns.ie) where you can check out the leaderboards. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the year for the top finishers in each class.

### Smart Watches

It has come to our attention that some boys are wearing smartwatches to school. These come in many shapes and sizes. We would like to remind you that smartwatches with recording and/or telephone capabilities are prohibited.

As you are aware, the world of cyberspace can be a dangerous place. Some frightening facts have been published in the media of late, not least of which is the high proportion of young school children who have been in unsupervised contact with a stranger through social media. Please ensure that you discuss these and other dangers with your son. Our teachers and computer teacher repeatedly talk to the boys about online safety, but your input is essential. We have arranged for a representative from Cyber Safety Ireland to talk to our sixth classes in May.



### Choir

The school choir has been very busy this term. After their fantastic performances at the carol services in December, the boys took a short break in January. Since then, they have been working hard each week, learning a huge repertoire of new hymns for the Confirmation. Mr. Murtagh's 5<sup>th</sup> class boys were delighted to hear they had been chosen to join the choir and represent the school this year. Mr. Murtagh's boys along with the school choir performed beautifully together, making the ceremony of Light very special for the boys and girls of St. Pius. The boys look forward to showcasing their talents at the Confirmation on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

### Pupils of the month

Congratulations to all of our pupil of the month recipients who were awarded certificates at our last assembly.

Daniel Egan (3rd – Mr. Kealy)  
Shane Farrelly (3rd – Ms. Waine)  
Axel Dempsey (4th – Ms. O'Connor)  
James Prendergast (4th – Mr. Réamonn)  
Isaac Rush (4th – Mr Coughlan)  
Ryan Laing (5th – Ms. Redmond)  
Elliott Sage (5th - Mr. Murtagh)  
Joe Moore (6th – Mr. Dillon)  
Killian Daly (6th – Mr. Glynn)

## Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine

Mr. Dillon - Lorcan Friery  
Mr. Glynn - Daragh O'Toole  
Mr. Murtagh - Ben Morgan  
Ms. Redmond - Harry Dempsey  
Ms. O'Connor - Harvey Brennan  
Mr. Coughlan - Sean O'Brien  
Mr. Réamonn - Eoghan Booth  
Ms. Waine - Noah Morgan  
Mr. Kealy - Cillian Murphy  
Ms. Carroll - Finn Dempsey  
Mr. Kelly - Donal Atkins  
Ms. Brogan - Hugh Searson  
Ms. Pléamonn - James Moore  
Ms. Devenney - Sean Armstrong  
Ms. Dunne - Daire Fennell  
Ms. Brennan - Harry Coates  
Ms. Maxwell - Harry McCann  
Ms. Corcoran - Ailbe Heenan

## Seachtain na Gaeilge!

Chuireamar tús le seachtain na Gaeilge le craic agus cómhra sa seomra ilghnéitheach Dé Luain seo caite (an 12ú lá de mhí Márta) agus is cinnte go raibh craic le cloisteáil i bhfad is i gcéin ó chómhraí na buachaillí. Rinne na buachaillí an-iarracht a gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh lena gcairde agus is cinnte gur bhaineadar taitneamh as. An lá dár gcion bhí ár gceolchoirm blianitiúil ar siúl. Chualamar amhráin agus dánta ó na naíonáin suas go dtí rang a sé agus tar éis iad a chloisteáil táimid ag smaoineamh ar cuireadh a thabhairt do Louis Walsh teacht an bhliain seo chugainn!

Ansin ar an gCéadaoin, an lá brothallach a thit an bháisteach ó mhaidin go hoíche bhí an paráid againn. Ghléas na ranganna sóisearacha suas in éide Éireannach, éadaí glasa, éide ár Naomh, Naomh Pádraig pé rud é agus rinne siad paráid timpeall halla na scoile, bhí lucht féachana iontach beomhar acu – ár ranganna 3-6.



Ar an Déardaoin arís líonadh an halla le spraoi agus craic agus chonaiceamar ranganna cúig agus sé ag baint taineamh as tráth na gceist ollmhór. Cuireadh gach sort ceist orthu ó cheisteanna bunaithe ar thíreolaíocht go dtí cúrsaí spóirt agus ní dhéanfaimid dearmad ar an mbabhta ceol!! Bhain Mr Coyle an-taitneamh as an mbabhta sin!! B'í cúramach Michael Flatley!!

Mar chríoch ar an Aoine ligearamar ár scíth sna seomraí ranga agus rinneamar Léamh le Cara. Tháinig ranganna sinearacha agus ranganna sóisearacha le chéile agus léigh siad scéalta trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Ní dhéanfaimid dearmad cinnte ar na buachaillí ar raidió na scoile gach maidin. Thugadar réamhaisnéis na haimsire dúinn chomh maith le himeachtaí an lae. Go raibh maith agaibh leids agus go raibh maith agaibh a pháistí do bhur bhfuinneamh, beocht agus sár-iarracht an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus ár gcultúr Gaelach a cheiliúradh i rith na seachtaine. Mar fhocail scor 'Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí' agus bí cinnte an Ghaeilge a labhairt pé deis a fhaigheann sibh - páistí, tuismitheoirí agus foireann na scoile!

## Science

Science in St Pius was in full flow this term with a number of projects underway. Together with the normal science experiments with Mr Smyth, Ms Redmond's 5<sup>th</sup> class is taking part in an international project on sustainability with DCU. Only five schools in Ireland are part of the project which involves making our school and our lives more sustainable. We have already introduced recycling to all the classes with new bins. Mentoring with the younger classes is also taking place. The senior classes continue to work towards achieving our goal of receiving our 11<sup>th</sup> Award in science from Discover Science Ireland. Each class records the experiments it completes and puts them together in a project book. Classes are also starting to work with computer sciences and coding in particular. Through computers and science, boys are completing coding and programming tasks using online software and our own hands-on Lego kits.

## Gaelic Football

A big thanks to our (relatively) new Games Promotion Officer, Kevin Donovan and our local club, **Templeogue Synge St GFC** for all their help and support over the last year. Kevin's work with our junior and middle classes is impressive, and builds and develops their GAA skills in an inclusive, encouraging manner. It's hard to believe that GPOs have been coming to our school from **Templeogue Synge St** for over 15 years. We are grateful to the club for its constant guidance and assistance it has shown to the school. Its tireless work enhances and supports the great work of our own teachers who train over 80 pupils outside of school time. If you haven't already enrolled, Kevin is running an Easter Camp with Templeogue Synge St. Details have been sent by email or can be found from Kevin at 0861677748.

Training (which will include the usual blitzes and tournaments) will begin in Term 3 in preparation for the coming season. Please ensure that all interested players register and take part in these sessions and that details on the text system are correct.

## Running Club

Running Club is up and "running" once again every Friday after school in Bushy Park for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys. It is great to see so many boys take part in running club and new faces are always welcome to join. The school has been enjoying participating in the South Dublin running competitions with boys from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> taking part. We also look forward to the St. Enda's run coming up soon. Many thanks to all the teachers involved.

## Soccer

What a remarkable start to St Pius X soccer adventure for 2018. Our 5 a-side team progressed to the next phase of the Spar F.A.I. School competition. Our newly formed 11-a-side team emerged victorious after beating St Josephs of Clondalkin in the F.A.I. Schools league. This is our first tentative step in the F.A.I. Soccer School competitions since 1996!! Sincere thanks to Mark Caslin of **Larkview F.C.** for his kind sponsoring of the new soccer kit and for the use of the facilities and pitches in Larkview for home games. Hoping that this inaugural soccer season for St Pius X will be a memorable one. Many thanks to you the parents for your involvement and support. Sincere thanks to the soccer coaching team of Ms Waine, Mr Coughlan, Mr Faherty, Mr Murtagh and Mr Ryan.

## Golf

Following the successful Golf teaching and practice sessions in the school the emphasis will switch to Spawell after the Easter break. There will be alternating one hourly sessions for the two 6<sup>th</sup> classes every Mon 3pm-4pm sharp. Fortunately, we will have a resident professional at our disposal. The **Castle Schools Cup** will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup> in the castle Golf Club Rathfarnham. Further details will be posted. Keep practising!!

## St Pius X Wicklow Way Walk

Just a short note to remind all you walkers out there that we are endeavouring yet again to trek across the Wicklow countryside on Sunday 17th June (weather permitting). This walk will be a sponsored event. Funds will go towards the re-painting of the school. Further details will be forthcoming after the Easter break. Please be advised that the terrain is not flat and can be arduous and hilly at times so training is advised. A questionnaire will be distributed after the break to assign groupings and to determine each walker's level of proficiency.

Looking forward to seeing you in June!!  
Happy training!!!



## Hurling Easter 2018

Finally, after the harsh weather, up to 100 boys from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are now training on Wednesdays after school. Numbers are at a record high and with such great interest we have entered 5 teams in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions this year. This means that all boys training from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are on school teams. Junior games will be on Tuesdays and senior games will be on Thursdays after Easter.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> class hurlers are now out training and the talent on display is superb. We will have a blitz and some challenge matches for these *stars of the future* after the Easter holidays.

Our sixth class hurlers took part in a pre-season tournament against near neighbours St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and Scoil San Treasa.

Coaching continues during school for the younger classes with our GPO coach - Tommy O'Mahony. We must mention the great work of Faughs Hurling Club and thank them for their continued support. Also, a huge thank you to Terenure College for the use of their excellent facilities to train on.

A special mention must go to our junior and senior 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, too many to mention.

### FAUGHS EASTER CAMP

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April

10am to 2pm

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