

St. Paul's Newsletter



February, 2012

School Events.....

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all enjoyed your mid-term break and are recharged for another busy term ahead.....The following are but some of the events that took place in our school during February and more to follow in March.....

The Sacraments



Confirmation

St. Paul's boys and girls will be confirmed on **Saturday, March 24th at 11am** in St. Paul's church. They are busy preparing for this very special event.

Communion / First Confession

'Do This in Memory Mass'

The date for the next 'Do This in Memory' Mass is **Sunday, March 4th at 11am** in St. Paul's Church.

First Confession

All children making their First Holy Communion in May are busy preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The date of the **First Confession** is **Tuesday, March 13th, 2012 in St. Paul's Church at 11.30a.m.**

One parent from each family is asked to attend.

Swimming

The **5th** and **6th** classes are currently swimming at the Askeaton arena and their six week course will **finish on Monday, February 27th**. All classes from **1st** to **6th** will have then completed the aquatics strand of our P.E. curriculum.

School Holidays....

St. Patrick's Day



Our school will close on **Monday, March 19th** in honour of St. Patrick's Day and will **re-open on Tuesday, March 20th** as normal.

Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz is an inter-schools competition hosted by the Credit Union.

The Credit Union local round took place on **Feb. 4th in Mungret/St. Paul's GAA Club**. Congratulations to all teams who represented our school so well and in particular to our **U13's who won** the regional competition.

They will now go forward to compete in the 'Chapter Final' which takes place on **Sunday March 4th, 2012** in the **Castletroy Park Hotel at 3pm**.

Our **U13's winning team members** are Jack Roche, Cathal Morrissey, Siobhán Downes and Henry O'Keeffe.

It is a wonderful achievement for our school. Many thanks to Mr. Carroll for organising this annual event.

Note : Events

- Confirmation
- Do This in Memory Mass
- First Confession
- Swimming
- St. Patrick's Day
- Credit Union Quiz
- Spelling Bee Competition
- Educational Trips
- Diocesan Visit
- World Book Day, 2012
- Sympathy



More News.....



Eason's 'Spelling Bee' Competition

The Eason's Spelling Bee is Ireland's first national spelling challenge.

Congratulations to **Fiona Gleeson, Ms. Geary's 5th class**, for recently winning a place in the provincial final in Eason's Spelling Bee. Fiona was one of five contestants from Limerick City and County to compete in the heats.

Also in attendance were **2FM, photographers** from the Limerick Leader and representatives from Eason's Spelling Bee team. It was a nail-biting competition, seeing the last two contestants going head-to-head on the word 'ambiguous', but Fiona seized the prize with her cool and collected spelling of 'authorship'. Martin, Kathleen and Orla Gleeson, Fiona's parents and sister, were also in attendance, and were delighted to cheer Fiona on with the rest of St. Paul's school. We are all very proud of Fiona and wish her the very best in the upcoming final.

A special 'Thank You' to **Ms. Geary** for her co-ordination of this event in our school.

Educational Trips

Our **three first classes** will go on an educational tour of **Bunratty Castle** on the 21st of February.



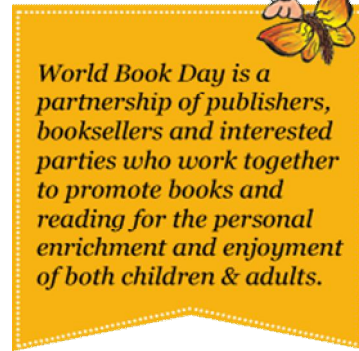
Paul Carroll's 5th class went on an outing to Lough Gur on the 15th of February.

All thoroughly enjoyed their outings.....

Diocesan Advisors

The Religious Education Primary School Diocesan Advisors will visit our school on the **Feb 27th and 28th**. Their primary aim is to support teachers in their role as religious educators. Support is offered through visiting the classrooms to meet with the children and provide help and advice to all teachers.

World Book Day



WORLD BOOK DAY 2012

THURSDAY, MARCH 1st

A number of events will occur throughout the school. Some Senior Infants, First and Second class children will visit **O'Mahony's bookshop for storytelling and Puppet shows** and two of our 4th classes will visit author **'Judy Curtin' in the Crescent Bookshop**.

All children will receive a €1.50 token towards purchasing a new book. It is a wonderful way to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading.

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the wife and family of a former Board of Management member, Donal Lynch who sadly passed away last week.. Donal served on the board for many years and was very well respected by all board members and staff for his invaluable contribution, support and wisdom. He was always on hand to give his help and advice. His warm smile will be missed in St. Paul's N.S.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam dílis.

Thanking you.

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