

St. Patrick's School Newsletter

September 2021

Welcome to St. Patricks!

St. Patrick's opened its doors on the 1st of September to our new student intake. September is always a time of change as our graduates leave to start their next chapter and our new students arrive. We would like to say a big St. Patrick's welcome Nathan, Jack, Sean, Aron, Emily, Liam, Ben, Tristan, Yasin, Shay, Sam, Barry, Eve, Noah, Fergal, Liam, Sarah, Joseph, Alex, Ky, Bridget, Brandon and Calvin. We hope you will all be very happy in St. Patrick's.

We'd also like to introduce Juliet Phelan to our teaching staff, Lisa Prendergast and Marie Moore to our nursing staff. Its great to have you as part of the team!

Drumming Workshop

Its safe to say St. Pats has rhythm and a good helping of soul. So who better to put a bit of structure on this than Conor Moore and his drumming workshop. Conor is no stranger to St. Pats being a regular before lockdown and joining us for the July Summer School. It was a delight to see the students rocking and bopping to the beat. Jer was boogieing along the corridor, its safe to say though that Daria and Wiktoria stole the show! Conor will be back on Monday and we hope to see more him throughout

the year. Here are a few pictures from the workshops.



Dates for the diary.

Monday 4th October
Conor Moore final
Drumming
Workshop.

Thursday 7th
October - Martina
Lacey Dancing
Returns!

Tuesday 12th
October Parents
Zoom Meeting 7pm.

Friday 22nd October
Autumn Mid-term

Monday 1st
November School
Reopens

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion has always been an important part of the school year in St. Patrick's. Sadly due to the Covid19 lockdown we have missed our usual end of May slot for two years. It was fantastic therefore to welcome eight of our students and families to St. Senan's Parish Church to celebrate their First Holy Communion on Friday 24th September.

There was an air of excitement around the school all week with talk of dresses and suits for the big day. We would like to congratulate John, Robyn, Charlie, Andy, Mia, Ciara, Shea and Leah who were all magnificent on the day.

After the Sacrament we made our way back to school for a cup of tea and snacks in the bright September sunshine in our new outside dining area.

A special thank you to Fr. Paddy for his help and guidance and the beautiful ceremony. As always thank you to the parents and the staff of St. Patrick's for their help on the day.

Here are a few pictures of the big day more can be found on our facebook page.



St. Patrick's School Calendar 2021 - 2022

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- 30th & 31st August - Staff workdays.
- 1st September Students Return.

Spotlight on Class Willow

The willow class welcomed a couple of new students to their number in September. Calvin and Brandon are fitting in nicely and working hard in their new class. They did find a few moments between the work to get out and about to enjoy all the School and local area has to offer. Here are a few pictures of their September



Donations to St. Patrick's School

St. Patrick's School would like to thank the following for their kind donations.

Patricia & Catherine € 400

Mr Bill Kelly & Family - Michael Mulcahy 'Night Flight' Original Painting 1986

Statue 'Our Lady of Medugorje' Elizabeth Connors

Crime Scene Investigation!!

St. Patrick's School isn't generally known as a hotbed of crime but everyone rested a little easier this week in the knowledge that one of our very own had been made a Honorary member of An Garda Síochana. Sean Barnes was invited by the Gorey Barracks to join their ranks. Although well known around the school for flagging down speeding teachers politely, yet firmly using his loud haler to ask staff to 'Step-out of the Veh-i-cal' we were not expecting the long arm of the law to extend so far into our midst.

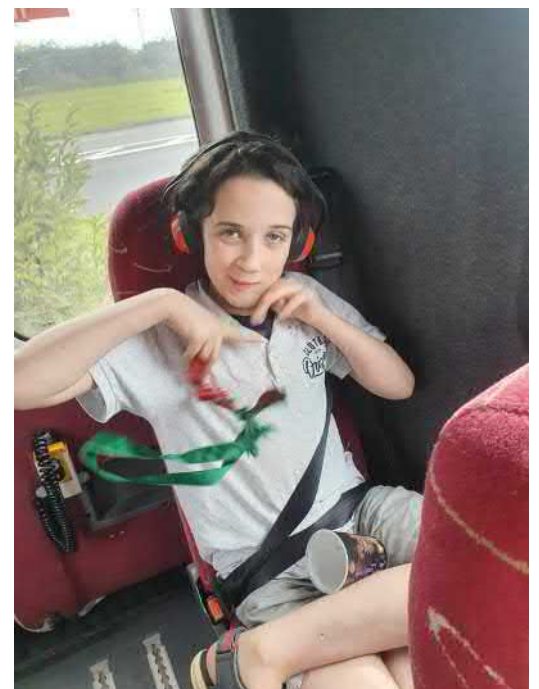
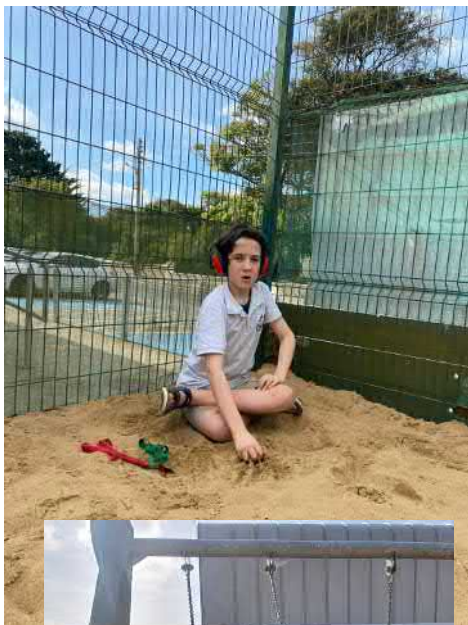


Here is Sean enjoying his passing out ceremony at the Gorey annex of Templemore and an image of him and the Ban Gardaí under his command.



Out and about with Class Rowan

A few pictures here from our Rowan class who have been out on tour and enjoying the school grounds and surrounding area. They headed down to Rosslare to take in the sea air and enjoy the beautiful weather. They look to be having a ball!



PDS Monday 27th September 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians

The new PDS officially began on Monday 27th September 2021. Parents and Guardians were contacted through the summer to ask if they wished to access HSE services through the geographical offices in Enniscorthy, Wexford, Gorey and New Ross or through the school as previously.

I will be meeting the head of the Wexfords PDS next week to discuss the services students who elected to receive them in school can expect. As many of you will be aware the minister has guaranteed the school based services will at minimum be the same as before the PDS.

I plan to hold a **Zoom Meeting on Tuesday 12th October at 7pm** to discuss the new service and the schools response to it over the coming months.

Zoom Code - 2813869450

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