



St. Anne's National School

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Roinn A Hurling Winners 2023

Rackard League Hurling and Camogie Finals

In a fantastic achievement for our school, both the boys and the girls qualified for the Rackard League Finals in Wexford Park played last Friday evening. First up were the girls. After strong performances in the group stages, Horeswood and Ballindaggin were defeated in the playoffs to secure a final berth against reigning champions Ferns. The girls were defeated on the night but it was an amazing achievement to reach the final and most of the girls are available again next year. Huge well done to team coaches Ms. Power and Ms. Barry.

Our boys are the Roinn A champions from last year and, after an undefeated campaign, qualified to meet neighbours Piercestown/Murrintown in the decider. Playing with style and grit we ran out convincing winners on a 3-11 to 1-6 scoreline and get to keep the famous Nicky Rackard Cup for another year in Rathangan. Well done to Mr. Murphy for having the boys so well coached.

School Athletics

A team of over 30 athletes travelled to Enniscorthy Athletics Track with Mr. Codd and Mr. Byrne on Tuesday for the Rackard League School Sports 2023. We are delighted to report that we had numerous finalists and secured several medals.

U12 Boys' 100m- Noah Levingstone – silver

U11 Girls' Long Jump- Lucy O'Brien –bronze

U10 Girls' Relay- Mia Moran, Cáit O'Connor, Gracie Kelly, Aoibhe McLoughlin- silver

U12 Boys' Relay – Noah Levingstone, Liam Murphy, Joey Jones, Henry Fogarty- bronze

Thanks to Mr. Codd for running off trials in the school and coaching the pupils on the day.

6th Class Retreat

6th class went on retreat to Ballyvaloo last Thursday as part of their preparation for Confirmation. A great day was had by all. Thanks to Mr. Murphy, Ms. Barry and Fr. Maguire.

Dates for your diary

- 1st Communion Saturday 27th May
- Midterm- school closed June 5-9



Roinn B Camogie Finalists 2023.

Active News

Ms. Power will be organising our annual **Active Week** from 19-23 of June. Details will be published in our next newsletter. At the moment we are continuing with our Walk on Wednesdays and Dance on Fridays.

Fundraisers

The Bake Sale run by 5th class recently raised €603.50 for Crumlin Children's Hospital.

Greenschools' News

Following on from the **litter and waste audit** done by the Greenschools' Committee last term, the senior end of the school took part in a **Community Spring Clean** in conjunction with Duncormick Area Action Group. Junior Classes took part in a Spring Clean around the school grounds and in the GAA pitch. 2nd Class are still taking part in the Picker Pals initiative and even appeared in an episode of Picker Pals TV! Keep up the great effort keeping our environment clean and tidy.

Sensory Garden

The Greenschools' Committee met with Frances McDonald who is kindly helping us out with the development of our Sensory Garden. Thanks to the following also: Danescastle Fruit Farm for compost, Gary Monaghan who helped dig our trench and all classes who were involved in planting our beech hedge. Lots of classes have also been busy sowing and looking after vegetables: carrots, lettuce leaves, peas, potatoes and some flowers.

All Households received an An Post brochure advertising **No Mow May**. Maybe you have an area in your garden that you could dedicate to Ireland's wild bees? By not mowing a patch of lawn, some pollen rich flowers will pop up naturally and help our wild bees!

Self Help Africa

Self Help Africa is an organisation that supports communities to plant trees which can provide food, income and shelter. In Africa, the people least responsible for climate change are feeling its worst effects. Self Help Africa gave us tree saplings that were planted during Tree Week in March. As part of our current flag **Global Citizenship – Litter and Waste**, Rathangan NS will in turn hold a **Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser on Friday 19th May** for Self Help Africa so they can plant more trees in Africa.

All classes have been busy learning about some native Irish trees. Each class will display a tree project on their classroom doors: Jun Inf Horse Chestnut; Snr Inf Holly; 1st Oak; 2nd Ash; 3rd Elder; 4th Hawthorn; 5th Hazel; 6th Birch

Class of the Month

The Greenschools Committee are doing spot checks this month in all classrooms – Remember to make sure taps are off, lights turned off, chairs pushed in and the right things are in the right bins! Finally, a huge thank you to Nicky our caretaker who has built new **compost bays** (to recycle our fruit and vegetable waste) and a **garden shed** for our gardening equipment – all mainly from salvaged timber.