



OUR LADY'S GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL BALLINTEER Newsletter June 2017

Parking:

We would ask all drivers collecting pupils from school to please park in a designated space. It has been brought to our attention that some drivers are moving cones from the walking path in order to park. This creates a danger to all pedestrians, particularly younger children. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

End Of Year Reports:

End of year school reports, along with booklists for next year, will be posted out this week. If there are any matters you wish to discuss with class teachers or the principal, we would ask you to please make an appointment through the school secretary. Teachers are not available for unplanned meetings during class times but we are happy to arrange appointments for meetings on request.

End Of Year Fundraising:

This year, Our Lady's Boys' School 6th class are holding a large sale of work fundraiser in aid of a member of the school community who requires expensive Stem Cell Treatment for Multiple Sclerosis. This fundraiser will take place on Tuesday 20th June in the School Hall. In order to support this effort, Our Lady's Girls' School are asking that ALL donations of books, toys, videos, games etc to be sent to the Boys' School this year. Our Lady's Girls' School 6th Class will hold a Festival of Fun and Cake Sale on Tuesday 27th June and will also make a contribution to the Stem Cell Treatment Fund.

First Communion:

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 27th May. A huge thank you and well done to all the parents who provided a magnificent reception in the school hall afterwards, and also the Volunteer Gardeners who had the school entrances and grounds looking so well for this special event.

A very special well done to Nadia Stawicka who made her First Communion on June 27th, and the following week had her hair cut and donated to sick children, a very selfless, generous and commendable act.

Public Speaking:

Congratulations to Ciara Grant, winner of the 6th Class Public Speaking Competition 2017 who was presented with the "Moya Murphy Perpetual Trophy," and to runner up Isabel Bishop and joint 3rd place winners Ashleigh Finn and Andrea Caro. A huge well done to all the 6th Class girls who rose to the challenge of presenting a 3 minute speech on a topic of their choice in the school hall to an audience of their parents, their peers, the senior classes from our school and outside judge Frances Fox. A wonderful achievement for all! Well done girls!

Sports Winners:

Congratulations to all of the following pupils on their recent sporting success: Clodagh Murphy who won 3rd place in the Under 12 girls' sprint at Santry Sports.

Our Lady's Girls School Table Tennis Competitions:

2017 Table Tennis Championship Cup

Winner: Sarah Mandourah, 2nd: Talah Mandourah, 3rd: Alaine O'Connor, 4th: Ciara Grant

2017 Table Tennis Plate

Winner: Layla Hemp, Runner up: Grace Latimer

A big thank you to our coach Brendan Golden for another wonderful year.

Basketball:

Congratulations to the 6th Class Basketball team on winning the Dublin Primary Schools Mini-Basketball Blitz on Friday 2nd June. The girls travelled to the National Basketball Arena for the day, where their hard work and dedication throughout the year certainly paid off as they became overall winners of the Blitz! They displayed wonderful teamwork and great school spirit. Many thanks to the girls' classmates and parents, who provided a fantastic support team, along with Minister Shane Ross who called in to cheer them on. Congratulations on your win girls!

Boxing:

Well done to Emma Harding from 6th Class on her recent achievements in boxing, earning her a place in the National Stadium on Saturday last where she won a Best Junior Home Boxer award.

After School Activities:

Spanish, Science Club, Table Tennis and Basketball have all now finished for this school year. Many thanks to all staff members who volunteered to mentor and coach in the various sports this year, and also to our outside coaches.

Library Books:

All school Library Books should now be returned. Please keep reading during the summer!!

Uniform Sale:

The Parents' Association will hold a school uniform sale in the hall on Saturday 1st July. We would remind parents that while uniforms can be purchased from our official supplier, O'Farrell's in Stillorgan Shopping Centre, this is not a requirement. Uniform items may be purchased from any of the large chain stores and sew on school crests are available to purchase from the school secretary for €6. The Parents' Association have very kindly conducted a survey of uniform cost in some large shops. Details are available on our school website.

Parents' Association:

A huge thank you to our Parents' Association for all their wonderful support throughout the year and without whom we could not function nearly so well.

Reminder:

If your daughter is not returning in September, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Classes for 2017/2018:

Junior Infants:	Ms. Ní Mhurchú and Ms. Ryan.
Senior Infants:	Ms. Milmoie and Mrs. Molony (Maternity substitute for Mrs. Molony from September to be decided).
1 st Class:	Ms. McMunn.
1 st /2 nd Class:	Ms. Doherty.
2 nd Class:	Ms. Dooley.
3 rd Class:	Ms. Heffernan and Mrs. Morgan.
4 th Class:	Ms. Sharkey.
5 th Class:	Ms. O'Neill.
6 th Class:	Ms. O'Riordan.
Support teachers:	Ms. Ní Ghabhann and Ms. McCarthy.

We wish all our pupils and their families a Happy Summer.