



APRIL 2018

St Olaf's Newsletter

Message from Mr. Murphy

We are now into the final term of what has been another exciting and fun-filled year at St. Olaf's.

Final preparations are underway for the celebration of Confirmation for our 6th class children (Friday 20th April) and our Choir, under the guidance of Ms Ní Ghríofa, have certainly been practicing very hard over the past few weeks.

*School
Closes on
Thursday
28th June*

*at
12.15pm.*

*School
reopens on
Thursday
30th August
at 8.50am*

Next up will be the 1st Communion (May 26th) which has always been my personal favourite event in the school calendar. Hopefully the sun will shine for us on the day given the dreadful Winter (and Spring!) we've had this year!

It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of a fantastic former colleague of ours, Mrs Mary Griffin who taught here from 1974 to 2002. She was such a lovely person and a really fabulous teacher, who brought so much joy and happiness to so many children over her 28 years here.

A special word of appreciation must go to our fabulous School Choir and their leader Ms Ní Ghríofa who sang so beautifully at the funeral Mass. May she Rest in Peace.



**FAMILY FUN
DAY
ON
FATHER'S
DAY
JUNE 17TH**

The Hurling Season is in full swing at the moment, despite the poor weather and sodden pitches. Congrats to our 3rd class hurlers who did so well in the recent Andy Gibbons tournament at Naomh Olaf GAA Club.

Hopefully one or more of our squads will get to the Finals in Croke Park again this year. Good luck to you all!



Congrats also to our Girls Olympic Handball team & their coach Ms Duffy who are the current Dublin u13 Champions and who represented Dublin in the recent Leinster Finals.

Tag Rugby has also really taken off this year thanks in no small part to the enthusiasm & interest of Ms Bloomer.

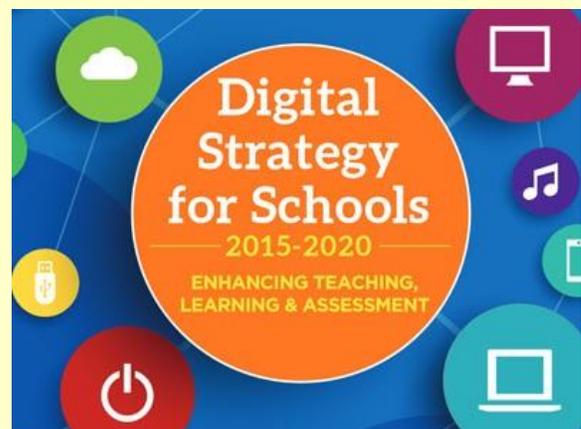
Mrs Brady & Ms Cooney will shortly be holding trials for our Athletics teams for the Annual Cumann na mBunscol Sports in Santry (end of May), weather permitting of course!

Dates to Mark in your Calendar

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- Poetry Feis – May 1st – timetable emailed separately.
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- Meeting for New J Infant pupils (2018) – Thurs June 7th @ 1pm
- Sport for All Day – Wed June 13th – weather permitting
- **Family Fun Day – June 17th from 2pm to 5pm.**
- Drama – End of year show Rang 3- 5: **Tuesday June 19th** from 9.30am in the Halla
- Graduation Mass **Tuesday June 26th** @ 9am in the school Hall
- Graduation Party **Tuesday June 26th** – more information to come.
- Second hand uniform sale on June the 27th from 1pm to 2.30pm in the school hall.
- Thursday June 28th – End of term – Home at 12.15
- Thursday 30th August – 1st day of new School year

The Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton T.D. recently announced that over 265 schools are to be funded through the School Excellence Fund and we are happy to announce that St Olaf's are among the successful applicants for inclusion in this project. More details later



St Olaf's Celebrates their 50th Birthday

This coming September 2nd 2018 the school will officially be open 50 years.

To start off the celebrations, a mass will be held in the Church of Ascension of the Lord in Balally Parish on Sunday 2nd September.

The school will officially start the celebration on **Monday 3rd September** at 9am. We will raise our banner and tea/coffee & biscuits will be served for adults in the hall afterwards. For the children some treats will be given to every classroom. Celebrations officially have started.

There will be something on every month throughout the year in the school with the current pupils. For example, we are planning to have a time capsule and each class will put something into it, we will reopen the capsule in 25 years' time.

To gather past-pupils together we will be hosting a cheese and wine evening in the school hall in September 2018, where we would love you to bring along any old photos or mementos as well your stories. We will take a copy of whatever you bring with your permission, so that we can include some of them in St. Olaf's 50th Memories Book, which will be on sale in 2019.

In November 2018 every child in the school will plant a daffodil in honour of our 50th year.

Our biggest event of the year **for adults only** will be our **Casino Night held in the Radisson Blu St Helen's Hotel Stillorgan on Saturday February 9th** .

There will be dinner, dancing and of course a chance to try your luck in our Casino. There will be a limited number of tickets available. More information to follow in October.

The next big event for all the family will be in The Mill Theatre where they will be hosting a drama production showcasing our children's talents. This will happen over a four-night period from the 8th and including the 11th of April 2019. Details will follow next year.

To round it all off there will be a big celebration for all the family in June 2019.

There will be plenty of emails throughout the year listing our events. We hope that you will be able to support and attend some or all of these activities.



From the Parents Association

Family Fun Day coming to St Olaf's School On 17th June Father's Day

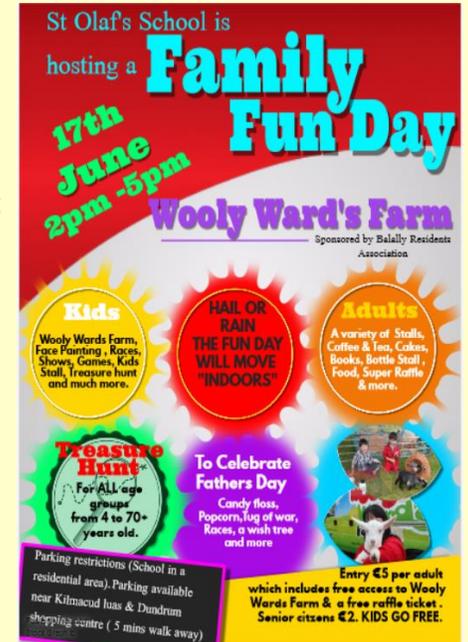
The Parents Association are opening St Olaf's school to the whole community. Tell your family, friends and neighbours about the great day out this coming Father's Day.

Bring your Dad and Grandad and let them celebrate it in style. We will be having Woolly Wards Farm, Treasure hunts, Races, Craft Stalls, Cake Sale, Book Stall, Face Painting, Kids Corner, Hot Food and much more.

Save the date in your calendar!

If any family member of the school is interested in showing/taking a stall on the day please advice Karen our wonderful secretary and she will put you in touch with those in charge.

Alternatively email olafs.pa@gmail.com.



Pub Quiz on March 8th held in Naomh Olaf GAA

The PA hosted another pub quiz on Thursday 8th March and we want to thank everyone who came out to support. In particular, we would like to thank the following businesses that sponsored our wonderful raffle on the night and a special thank you to the parents who donated many prizes.

The Brickyard Pub, Roly Saul Restaurant, Zizzis Restaurant, La Dolce Vita Restaurant, Global Cuisine Restaurant, OBriens Wines, Flemings butchers, Knights Barbers, Centra Stepside, Hermans Hairdressers, The Mill Theatre, Pilates Performance Ireland, Ogra Skincare, Get Fresh Superfoods (2 hampers), Local Pharmacy Beacon Shopping Centre, Tribeca Restaurant, Regional Broadband and Building Fix Ltd also donated Dundrum Vouchers.

We also would like to congratulate the Pub Quiz winner's team of four Simon & Annemarie Gray and our resident DJ Dave Kinsella and his lovely wife Breda. It went to tie breaker and the tie breaker question was:-
Up to what distance can a skunk spray and hit a target accurately. Answer:- 3 metres

Sylvia and Sinead our team leaders, want to thank all their volunteers for helping out on the night. And in particular our MC for the night Xavier Tynan.

The Pub Quiz raised €1182.

Appeal for helpers for the Confirmation & Communion parties

We need people to help out on Friday 20th April for the confirmation party and Saturday 26th May for the communion party. This is a great way to meet other parents and also learn what goes on behind the scenes to make our children's day very special.

It only requires a few hours of your time where you will be shown and guided what to do. Please let us know if you can help out.

Please leave your name and number with Karen or contact our team leaders

For Confirmation Sylvia Jay-Carey 085-7299602

For Communion Liz Maguire 085 174 4155 and Mary Pentony 086-165 2026.



Our Green, White & Orange Themed Disco

On Friday 16th March the Parents Association hosted the much loved St. Patrick's Day school disco.

As smart phone recording is not permitted at our discos a new photo booth was created and located in the Junior Infants area.

St. Patrick's themed props were provided and students either took their own photos/selfies or requested support from one of the volunteers to take photos of them and their friends.

To ensure all were included a parent was on hand to take photos for those without phones.



The new photo booth can be interchangeable to suit each event. It was a big hit at our St Patricks Disco

As they sway to the left and sway to the right



Michelle our team leader would like to thank all the volunteers who helped in the preparation and on the night.

A massive thank you to our very own **D.J Dave Kinsella** and **Sadbh Lawlor** from **Motion2Motion** who demonstrated a number of dance routines on the night. A big hit as usual with all the kids.

The St Patricks Disco made just over €1012.

Liberty Recycling

Liberty is a clothes recycling social enterprise and charity that provides people affected by drug and alcohol misuse with the stability, work experience, skills and confidence needed to move into mainstream employment, training and education, all within a supportive work environment. We would like to thank all those who did a clean out and donated their bags to the school.

Liberty Recycling gave us a cheque for €680 as they collected 170 bags from our school.
