



# St Pius X College Press f t

## Newsletter

**'To Promote Partnership, Develop Talents and Encourage Participa-**

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## Goodbye Ms Bartley, we will miss you!



St Pius X College bids farewell to Ms Bartley after 6 years of leading the college.

During her time at the College she has always maintained a passion for the all-inclusive education of each student.

The Senior and Junior pupils presented Ms Bartley with farewell gifts and said;

*"We will miss you and thank you for making this a great school"*

Ms Bartley said;

*"I will be really sad to leave our wonderful pupils who have such pride in their school. I will miss a wonderful staff, who with the Board of Governors,*

*champion the pastoral and academic progress of all our pupils."*

In September 2018, Ms Bartley will become the 7<sup>th</sup> Principal of St Genevieve's High School in Belfast.



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**St Pius X  
College  
Hosts  
their  
annual  
Spelling  
Bee**



**Critical  
Literacy  
Success**

**“Some of our  
happy and  
successful  
Yr.9 students  
showing off  
their  
certificates  
after  
completing the  
'Young News  
Readers  
Project' in  
association  
with The Irish  
News, St  
Mary's  
University  
College and  
CBI.”**

**C.Quinn**

# Spell Holidays...



Some of the successful pupils who took part in our 'Year 8 Spelling Across The Curriculum Bee'



# ‘Mysteries in History’



Thanks to all our feeder primary schools:

New Row, St. Patrick's PS Loup,  
St. Patrick's PS Moneymore,  
St. Mary's Bellaghy,  
Holy Family PS Magherafelt,  
St. Columbs's Cullion and  
St. Trea's PS , Ballymaguigan

for hosting Mr Coary and  
Ms Mc Nulty who delivered a  
lesson on 'Mysteries in History'  
to Key Stage 2 pupils.

The lesson explored some of  
the most famous mysteries  
including the assassination of  
JFK, the fate of Hitler and the  
9/11 attack.

The level of knowledge was  
excellent as was the pupils'  
ability to assess sources and  
draw conclusions as young  
historians.

**Ms B Mc Nulty**



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017/18

A student council is a representative structure for students only, through which they can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students.

Each student council will decide on its own role and what activities it will carry out, in accordance with the rules laid down by the board of management. It is important that students, teachers, principal, board of management and other staff are clear what the role of the student council is. It is useful for the student council to look at its role each year and amend it if necessary.

Student councils give students the opportunity to be actively involved in the school. This is of benefit to the whole school community.

A good Student Council does the following,

- creates a positive school atmosphere;
- creates a caring school environment, which is supportive and inclusive;
- a vehicle for student participation;
- beneficial impact on issues such as discipline, bullying and staff-student relations;
- creates educational opportunities for students;

- provides an interactive learning environment;
- students can develop communication and leadership skills, responsibility and accountability;

valuable resource to management, teachers and other students.

St Pius X College Student Council will enable pupils to become more active participants in their own education and to make a positive contribution to the school environment and ethos. Our school community aims to: '... promote partnership, develop talents and encourage participation'

*By Mr J Devlin*

### Year 8 Pupils Join the Council...

#### ANNA DONNELLY YR 8

Anna Donnelly was elected on to the Student Council this year and has taken everything in her stride. She will continue to work hard for her peers with the Student Council next year.



#### CAHIR SPIERS YR 8

Cahir Spiers was very nervous joining the school council and was shocked when he discovered that he was elected! He has really enjoyed being a member of the council and looks forward to working again on it next year!



## ST PIUS X COLLEGE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017/18

### PATRICK Mc CUSKER YR 9



Patrick McCusker was elected on to the Student Council this year and has enjoyed it so far. He looks forward to working with it again next year.

### CAOIMHE McATAMNEY YR9



Caoimhe McAtamney has been in St Pius X College for two years now and really enjoys it. She is also a member of the anti – bullying team.

### LUKE DOYLE YR10



#### JUNIOR PREFECT STUDENT VOICE

Luke Doyle is also the Junior Prefect for Student Voice on the Junior Leadership Team. He hopes to make a change in the school and make it more enjoyable for all future students.

### SHANNYN DOHERTY YR10



Shannyn Doherty was voted on to the Council by her peers in year 10. She is determined to make positive changes for the better in our school and make it more enjoyable for the other students here.

### MIGUEL RODRIGUES YR10



Miguel's promise is to make every-one's voice heard and for no one to feel left out or alone in St. Pius X. "I will show my dedication to this school as I believe it to be a massive opportunity for young minds like us! Thanks for all of your votes, it means a lot for everyone to give me this role and trust me in it, and I will deliver."

### MOLLY QUINN YR 11



Molly Quinn decided to join the school council as she wanted to have a say in different matters and act as a voice for both herself and her peers.

### FABIAN RAFFERTY YR 11



Fabian Rafferty is a hard working young man who works incessantly for all of the students in year 11.

### KATIE – ROSE McERLAIN YR12



"I am here for any issues you have or anything you would like to see change in the school. I hope I can give a great voice for the students. "

### CHIKA OKORONKWO YR12



"I stood forward for the school council even though I was nervous about what I could contribute"

### AOIBHIN TEAGUE YR 13



As a year 14 member of our School Council my aim is to ensure that the voice, thoughts and opinions of my fellow peers are heard in our school.

### NICOLE McKENNA YR13



"I will be trying to showcase what we as a council will be trying to achieve throughout the year and hopefully make the school better for the students."

### SARAH GRAY YR14



"I believe that it is, along with the teachers, the student body that makes St Pius X College the great school that it is".

### GRAINNE KEARNS YR 14



"I wanted to be on the school council because I like to be involved in different aspects of the school, and working with different people as a team to come up with different ideas."

### CHARLIE DOYLE YR14



"I joined the council to try and give back to the school and my way of doing this was to make sure all students have a voice and to make sure their views are acknowledged. "

## School council achievements in 2017/18

The election process completed at the beginning of the year and our new School was elected.

Introduction assemblies to each year group. The representatives for each year group introduced themselves to each of their year groups.

School Council Forum. The members of the School Council took part in an evaluation forum providing valuable feedback to Senior Management about the way forward for our Council.



Meeting with SLT regarding issues for the year groups. The Council members met with the Senior management of St Pius X College to put forward the views and concerns of their peers

The School Council noticeboard was redesigned and maintained by the School Council.

**J Devlin**

## St. Patrick's Primary School Moneymore enjoyed a wonderful taster session from the Drama and Music Department of St Pius X College.





On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June all of the year 10 pupils of St Pius X College and Magherafelt High School met to hear stories told by two members of an organisation called The Truth and Reconciliation Platform. The two speakers were Eugene Reavey and Alan McBride. Eugene Reavey is a native of South Armagh whose three brothers were murdered during the troubles and Alan McBride lost his wife in the Shankill Bomb which happened on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1993. Both men told the very touching stories of the loss they endured at that time.



# St Pius X College Principal Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to all our Year 8 prize-winners from 8F, 8I, 8N and 8L at this month's Principal Awards ceremony.



Our very talented Year 8 musicians: Clodagh, Aoife, Hannah, Cathiona, Patrick and Katie who provided the beautiful music at our Principal's Award ceremony.



## Year 9 Geography Fieldwork – Eco-Orienteering Glenshane 2018

Congratulations to all our Year 9 students who recently during June completed the Glenshane Eco-Orienteering Challenge. During two morning sessions in the forest, a total of 140 students and their Geography teachers and assistants completed the activity. The challenge combined map reading, geographical knowledge, adventure and teamwork. Excellent times and scores were recorded, aided by great weather. Well done to everyone who took part!



## And in another forest nearby...



“All our Year 8 pupils took part in a sponsored walk in Drum Manor, Cookstown on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June for Action MS. The total raised by the children was an outstanding £ 3,860.”

## St Pius X Annual Environmental Science Primary School 3-day June Workshop



This month our Science and Geography departments once again collaborated successfully with our Literacy, Numeracy and ICT co-ordinators to run a series of cross-curricular primary school workshops.

155 Primary 5 students and their teachers and teaching assistants, from 4 of our feeder primary schools, passed through the college for the first time during this productive 3-day period. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Anahorish and Holy Family, Magherafelt, before Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June saw St Patrick's, The Loup, and New Row, Castledawson, arrive on the shores of our little pond.

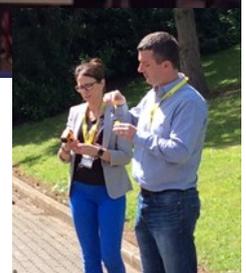
Working in our science labs with Ms Hanson and Mrs Diamond, the students investigated the biotic life of our conservation area. Then, after a much needed refreshment break of hotdogs/toast and ice-cold juice in our school canteen, the findings of the investigation were presented in a glossy, informative leaflet using I.C.T., literacy and numeracy skills in our computer labs with Mr Doyle, Mr Quinn and Mrs Mc Stocker.

The glorious morning finished with an awards ceremony where each pupil was



presented with a certificate and a medal for their hard work from the principal, Ms Bartley. Primary Schools Co-ordinator, Ms Mc Nulty, also presented the students with pens and pencils supplied by Magherafelt Council. Much appreciated sponsorship for this event was obtained from Keenwood Joinery, Bob's Hair Salon and Barry Electrics. A memorable and exciting time was had by all. Well done to everyone involved!

### Meanwhile...St Pius X College hosts highly successful RMets Geography weather conference



# St Pius X Sports Day Highlights June 2018



**A wonderful day was had by all!**

## 'To Promote Partnership, Develop Talents and Encourage Participation'



## Teileann 2018

*Good luck to the 28 pupils who will be attending the summer college in the beautiful Gaeltacht area of Teileann. Wishing you a very successful and enjoyable course. Ádh mór oraibh!*

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## AND FINALLY...

Many thanks to all those who have contributed articles for this our 8th edition and to the St Plus X College Press Editorial Team.

### RESULTS DAY

- ◆ **A Levels – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018**
- ◆ **GCSE – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**

