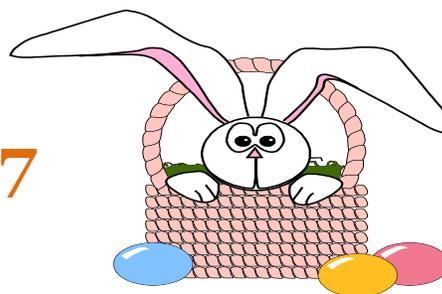


St. Angela's N.S. Easter Newsletter 2017



Dear Parents

The **Board of Management** would like to thank you for your generous response to our appeal for financial help. Your **contribution** helped us to meet our commitments and to continue to provide the facilities which our pupils enjoy. Many families responded to our request and we are very grateful to them especially at a time of financial hardship for so many within our community.

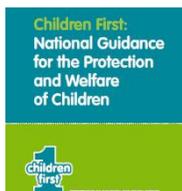
We ask for your support for a **FUNDRAISING CLOTHES RECYCLING COLLECTION** in our school. Clothes may be dropped off in the school after Easter break from Monday, 24th April to Friday 5th May.

I would also like to remind you of some forthcoming dates on the school calendar:

Easter Break – School Closed	Monday, 10 th to Friday 21 st April
First Holy Communion	Sunday, 7 th May @ 12 noon
Confirmation	Sunday, 14 th May @ 2 pm
School Closed / Bank Holiday	Friday, 2 nd and Monday, 5 th June
Summer Holidays	Wednesday, 28 th June

Extra-Curricular Activities will **end this week** for all pupils **except** for Football. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the teachers who give of their time so generously to facilitate the 'after-school classes. The opportunities offered to our students are second to none and this year we had a large array of after school classes.

The girls who attended Rainbows had a lovely pizza 'wrap up party' and again we owe a great debt of gratitude to our members of staff, past and present without whom we would not be able to offer this very special programme.



Child Protection & Anti-Bullying

The Board of Management wished to confirm it has met its obligations in respect of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Procedures. Annual reviews were carried out using the relevant checklists.

Parental Involvement



Once again we acknowledge the great support we receive from our Parents' Association who meet regularly for the benefit of the students in our school. Following on from a great Christmas Fair and assisting with concerts the committee actively organised and facilitated a fun day for all pupils here in March. Every child in the school benefited.

Equipment /Resources bought



With thanks to yourselves, the Parents' Association and the Board of Management this term new resources were bought for the school. These included new and improved exterior lights, 5 new PCs for the Computer Room and 2 long-throw projectors for classrooms.

Considerable investment was made in a new pilot reading initiative, called 'A to Z', both in terms of books and supplementary class resources. We must extend our thanks to the teachers involved in this project, both class teachers and the Learning Support team who have co-ordinated it. It has benefited all students involved. Our Basketball hoops were also lowered so more girls can enjoy the sport.

Art, Music, Drama, Dance & Singing etc.



Last September girls in 4th and 5th, together with their teachers, SNAs and Sr. Margo began work on the repertoire of songs for the National Children's Choir. On Thursday, April 6th, 500 students from 10 schools will sing in 1 voice in what promises to be an amazing occasion. Many thanks to everyone involved in the event. It is a terrific opportunity made possible by a lot of hard work on behalf of the organisers, teachers and children.

Following on from very successful Christmas concerts the girls were enabled to be involved in many aspects of the Arts this term, both during class time and in extra-curricular events.

Our school band was much admired during the parade and all classes took part in activities organised to celebrate 'Seachtain na Gaeilge'. Many classes availed of opportunities to visit the Linenhall for Art workshops.



Our Scór team represented us so well in the West Mayo Finals in Carnacon in Solo singing, Ballad Group, Instrumental Music, Sean Nós Dancing, and Set Dancing sections. Special congratulations to the ladies who reached the County Final of the 'grúpa ceoil' section. Thanks to Mrs. Granahan, Ms.

Jennings, Iníon Ní Ghrúinéil, Marie Walsh & Noel Kilkenny for their support and sharing of their expertise.

Comhghairdeas to Bean Uí Chógáin's group who participated in Féile Scoil Drámaíochta. Having won three awards in Mayo they progressed to Spiddle and represented us with great aplomb. They also took part for the first time in the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre Awards awards.

Many classes marked World Book Day with some lovely activities and events taking place both in school and some classes visited the library and book shop to mark the event.



We were very well represented in the various local areas of Community Games Handwriting & Art and are very proud of the girls who are going forward to represent us in Art & Swimming in Connaught and National Finals later in the year.

Congratulations also to our Credit Union quiz teams who performed very well and to Annie Mollah for being our Spelling Bee this year! Thanks to Ms Spelman for co-ordinating the entries of our quiz teams.

Thanks also to the Learning Support team for facilitating the provision of the 'Friends for Life' programme which is a social skills programme that is being run in 3rd class currently. We have a very aesthetic bunch here!

Sport



This term has been a very busy and successful term on the sporting front. Special thanks to Martin Costello & the Davitt College TY students who have been involved in coaching our 4th & 5th class girls in Gaelic football. We extend our gratitude also to Mayo Cumann na mBunscol for inviting us to play in an exhibition a game during the Cavan/Mayo League game. This was a really enjoyable experience for our ladies. Thanks to Ms. McNamara & Ms. Kelly for training the girls both at lunchtime and after school.

Thanks also to Ms. Moran for co-ordinating and running the school soccer league for 5th/6th Class. This helped us to field 2 teams in the Mayo FAI Schools' Competition and we are delighted to report that we have secured a place in the Schools' FAI Connaught Finals in May in Milebush.

Thanks also to St. Joseph's TY girls and Ms. Moran & Ms. O'Malley for facilitating spikeball lessons for 6th class students.

Next term tennis lessons, swimming lessons, Cumann na mBunscol participation, rounders and hurling training is being organised for different classes. Sport is alive and well in Scoil Naomh Aingeal.

Science Technology Engineering & Maths (STEM)



Our school computer room is now fully operational with 26 refurbished PCs. Our staff engaged in after-school training this term and it is great to see classes using the facility so much. Thanks also to our teachers in 3rd & 4th who are actively teaching Science through Irish this term as part of a project to investigate the benefits of a teaching another subject through Irish. As you can imagine this involves great commitment and enthusiasm. Thanks to 2nd Class for teaching us about Internet Safety this month. Ms. Donnellan keeps us up to date with the lovely slideshows in the hall which are embedded in our school web site.

Our new site www.stangelasns.ie was launched by the current INTO President, Rosena Jordan who is herself a very proud past pupil of St Angela's. You can follow us on Twitter @stangelasns to keep up to date with the latest news and activities. As part of Engineers Week our 5th class took part in a STEM workshop and our 6th class visited a Science show in Davitt College. Other in-school events and activities are planned for next term!



Green Schools



We welcomed Laura Dixon from An Taisce here for her 'renewal visit' as part of our work towards our 6th Green Flag on Global Citizenship. Thanks to Ms. English for her great work in co-ordinating the Green Schools Programme in the school. We especially want to thank the committee for their great input.

Ladies from 2nd & 3rd Class are doing a great job monitoring our 'Close Doors and Lights Off' campaign. Finally, as part of raising awareness about Fair Trade it might be timely to remind the Easter Bunny to bring Fairtrade eggs to Castlebar!

Sacramental Preparation

Congratulations to the ladies in 2nd Class who made their First Penance and we wish the girls well in their preparation for their First Holy Communion and also the girls in 6th who are busily preparing for Confirmation. Thanks to Fr. Seán and the parents who actively participated in the 'You Shall be My Witness' programme which was run here this term and to the students from St. Joseph's who facilitated the 'Peer to Peer' programme here for 6th Class also. Thanks again to our Grúpa Ceoil who added greatly to the Aifreann on Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

Some Gentle Reminders



✓ Schools starts at 9.00a.m. Infants are dismissed at 1.40 p.m. and school finishes for all other pupils at 2.40 pm. The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before and after these times.

- ✓ Park & Stride in the fine weather!
- ✓ Absences must be explained in writing. Good Attendance and Punctuality make a big difference to your daughter's education!
- ✓ Continue to sign homework diaries.
- ✓ If you need to speak with a teacher, please make an appointment.
- ✓ School Tracksuits are to be worn on tracksuit days only
- ✓ We want to keep our school head lice free so please monitor your child's hair using a fine toothcomb regularly.
- ✓ Inform the school of any changes in contact details, including mobile numbers, addresses etc.



Finally, The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge the commitment of all staff, both teaching and non-teaching staff, the support of the parent/guardians and the enthusiastic co-operation of the pupils who work together to make the school a centre of excellence in primary education.

Mise, le meas,
Nessa Maloney, Principal, April 2017