

CLOSING DATE AND REOPENING IN AUGUST

This school will be closed on Friday 28th June at 12 o'clock. The school will reopen on Wednesday 28th of August at 8:50 a.m. We hope you all have a fantastic summer, we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in August.

By **Sarah & Thobza**
3rd Class, Mr. Molan

BOYS FOOTBALL

At the start of the year we played a 7-a-side Glanmore Blitz tournament, we



came 3rd in our group. We played a number of

matches including a thrilling quarter final match in Donabate with lots of goals. One of those league match's was against St. Peter Apostles in Collinstown Park to cap off the year. We look forward to some great matches next year.

By **Patrick Collins & Cian Shanahan**
5th Class Ms. Gorman.

MARTIAL ARTS PROGRAM.

Martial Arts is a sport similar to karate. Martin Bannon was our instructor's name. It went on every Thursday for 6 weeks and the whole school got to take part. It was good exercise and fun doing

the games. Thanks to Martin and Active South Dublin for organising it.

By **Aaron, Jayden, Johnny, Kyron, Lara, Sophie** – Ms. Parnell's Class



STEPPING STONE FOREST

Our stepping stone forest is thriving. Last year we planted 100's of trees outside the 6th class block. Some trees are nearly 2 meters tall, we can already see the 'walls' of our classroom coming alive. There's wild flowers growing and insects / birds nestling between them already! There are some benches in the middle of the forest where we like to rest and relax when the weather is dry. We can't wait to see progress over the rest of the year.

By **Danika, Helen, Kai, Lacey, Molly, Nico** – Ms. Burke's Class



SCHOOL SHOP

Hi, I am Keela and I work in the school shop with Savannah, Mia and Adrienne. It is really fun to work in the school shop. We are learning how much change to give back to the other children. The school shop opens every morning from 8.50 a.m. until 9.00 a.m. Throughout the year such as Halloween, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day and Easter, Adrienne sells fun items from the shop such as Christmas themed pens, St. Patrick's Day badges and Halloween decorations. The shop is fun for all the students.



Our principal Mr. Ryan gives vouchers throughout the year to students who show good behaviour and excellent work. Students can bring these vouchers to the shop and then redeem them. All profits made from the shop go back to the children. This year we were able to have the ice cream man attend the school and every student got a free ice cream. He will also be coming back for this year's sports day, which is always an exciting day for everyone here at St. Bernadette's School.

By **Keela, Savannah & Mia**
5th Class Ms. Gorman.

BIKES AND BIKE SHEDS.

We have two bike sheds in our school. One in 3rd and 4th yard and one in 5th and 6th class yard. It is good to bring your bike to school because you get lots of exercise.



I think using our bikes is better for the environment and more of us should do it. Always keep your bike locked up to keep it safe. We hope more students use their bikes in the new school year. By **Ollie Byrne and Callum Wynne.**
Ms. Dillane 4th Class

ACCORD DAY MAY 2024

In the Month of May we got a talk about how our bodies grow and function over time. The Woman teaching us was very kind and sweet. She was also very understanding. She told us about the importance of taking care of our bodies. She made the learning opportunity the best possible experience. Overall, my opinion on it was we learned most of the important stuff. It was kind of awkward but also very funny.



By **Derin**, Mr. Cunningham's 6th Class.

ACCORD DAY MAY 2024

At the start of May we had a talk about relationships and puberty. The woman  was very patient with us, she taught us on how to take care of ourselves and taught us about our body parts. It was fun and informative.

By **Ola**, Mr. Cunningham's 6th Class.

ENTRANCE EXAMS

Over the last few months we have done our entrance exams for secondary school. Some of the schools we have done it for are St. Kevin's, Collinstown, Pobail and St. Seton's. We had to make sure to be there on time before they started in the morning. They were mainly maths exams, but there were also word problems in them. During the break,  the schools gave us a bit of lunch which was nice. All the staff there were friendly and nice!

By **Mr. McGrath's 6th Class**

CONFIRMATION 2024

Our Confirmation took place on Friday May 31st this year. It was a very busy day! We all had to be in the church for 10:45a.m. so we could get our albs on,  get our readings and find our seats for us and our sponsors. Fr. Hugh said a lovely mass that went on for about one hour. We were well prepared as Mr. Cunningham, Mr.

McGrath and Mr. Kelly had brought us down to the church a lot to practice. The choir had a nice selection of songs and they sounded great thanks to Mrs. O' Riordan and Mr. Troy. Everybody looked great in their outfits. Everyone had something planned for afterwards: some people went to the restaurant, others had parties, and a few people went to a hotel with their families. It was a great day that we won't forget!

By **Mr. McGrath's 6th Class**

EMERALD PARK

Emerald Park was good fun. We got there for 10.00 a.m. on the dot, but  were surprised at just how busy it was even at that time! There must have been 30 other schools there!

There were a few new attractions this year in the Tír na nÓg section of the park: Na Fianna Force and Quest. Na Fianna Force was fun as we got to go upside down in loops, while Quest was good but a little short. The chips and tenders we got were massive! We were disappointed to see the queue for Cú Chulainn was so long, but it was funny hearing Mr. Cunningham and Mr. McGrath scream when they were on it! We were super lucky with the weather too!

By **Mr. McGrath's 6th Class**

THANK YOU

Ken, Gerry and Neil

Thank you to Neil, Gerry and Ken for all the work that they do in our school all year long. When we kick our footballs onto the prefab roof Ken and Gerry always get them back down for us. They fix things and build things to make our school look better

Tyler Langan 4th Class

S.C.P. Michelle and Dayna

We want to say thank you to Michelle and Dayna for everything they have done with us this year. We really love going to the breakfast club every morning. My favourite thing we have done this year was go to the Aviva for the Ireland match. It was so much fun. We had to say goodbye to Dayna this month and we are very sad.

Preston Langan 3rd Class

Annette

Thank you to Annette for always keeping our school clean and tidy. I see Annette working hard all the time. We are grateful to have Anette in our school.

Mya Gilligan 3rd Class

Jean Lunch Lady

Thank you to Jean for always preparing our hot lunches. Jean is always happy and bubbly. Jean drops our lunches to our classes' everyday. Thank you Jean.

Mason Gilligan 5th Class



THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The board of management meets regularly to oversee the running of the school. The board is made up of the Chairperson Ms. Eimear Berry, The Secretary Mr. Jim Ryan and a group of parents and Community **thanks** representatives. The board of management works really hard to make sure we are always learning and that our school is running smoothly. Thank you.

Blake Hinchon 6th Class
School Secretary Liz
Liz is our school secretary. Liz is the first person people meet when they come to our school. Liz answers the phone and works on the computer. Thank you for all your work Liz.

Aaron Foley 3rd Class

GIRLS FOOTBALL

This year the girls team only lost 2 of  their matches, we lost in a 7 a-side tournament it was sad, but we came second in a 5 a-side and the girls did amazing. We got a few goals to make us feel more confident and had loads of fun going to our games. The best thing is that you're playing a sport and having fun with your friends.

By **Kyra Higgins**
6th class Mr. Mc Grath.

GREENSCHOOLS – 7TH GREEN FLAG

Our school has achieved 7 green flags for being good to the Earth. These are for litter and waste, energy, water, travel, biodiversity, global citizenship litter and waste and our most recent flag was for global citizenship energy. In May, we were invited to the green schools awards ceremony. We got a taxi to DCU. While we were waiting we walked around. Then we went inside and there was a load of fun activities like giant Jenga and whatever number you got you had to say something about your flag topic. After that we went into the theatre and got our seats and waited for our school to be called. When our school was called, we went up to the stage, got our flag and our certificate. When we were done we went upstairs and got lunch. We went to the park and finally we went home. It is good to be on the green schools committee because we help the environment.

By: **Maisie and Fletcher**

(Ms. Gorman's 5th)



SANTRY SPORTS

On May 23rd my team and I went to Santry for an athletics competition. It was a big stadium and there were lots of schools there. Firstly, all of the schools went walking on the running track, we held up our school flag and were shouting our school name. After that we sat back down and waited for it to start. They called the under 12's and under 14's for the sprint race. Since there was a lot of schools only the first 2 people from each race made it to the final. I made it to the final and came third, I got a medal and lots of pictures were taken. For the relay races we all tried our best, my team made it into the final but unfortunately we did not finish in the top three. It was a great experience.



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Rachel Adenle

Mr. Kavanagh 6th class.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all our cleaners for making our 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th class blocks and prefabs super clean every day. From everyone in our school, we hope you all have a wonderful summer.

OUR KIDS CODE

In April a woman called Grace came in to teach us all about coding. We went on a website called Makecode.microbit.org. All of us were able to code a game with the objective of lasting as long as possible. We learned about the different coding blocks and found out about the different terms they use in coding such as sprites. On the 24th April, we



did more coding in the prefabs with a man named Michael. We made a watch that we could play rock paper scissors with by shaking our wrists. We used duct tape, a motor, two batteries and a special tool called a micro bit. We used makecod.microbit.org to write our code. On Thursday 13th of June we were in the hall making a dance mat with Grace. We used paper plates, tin foil, crocodile clips and a tool called a makey makey. We used a website called Scratch to write our code. We think everyone had a great time.

By **Robert Monroy & Alex Reilly**

5th Class

2ND V 3RD CLASS FOOTBALL MATCH

On Monday 24th June, we're going to have a football match against 2nd class. My brother Jim is in 2nd class and he is 8 years old. He is better at football than

me, he practices everyday. He might slide tackle me. I think 3rd class will win. I think the score will be 4-2.

By **Helen Kelly**, 3rd Class

3rd class are going to play 2nd class in a football match. We are going to beat 2nd class! I think the score will be 5-0 to 3rd class. I think Jayce will get man of the match. I hope everyone has lots of fun in it. I have been practicing at home all day long with a football out in the grass. I play for St. Francis football club in Baldonnell. I play anywhere on the football pitch.



By **Blake Breen**, 3rd Class

I think we will beat 2nd class in the football match. I think it will be fun because there will be a lot of people. I remember when I was in 2nd class and we played 3rd. I like football and I play it in the yard with my friends at lunch time.

By **Brandon Do**, 3rd Class

SCHOOL CREST

We wear our school crest because it represents our school.



It is a cool crest as it has a football, a globe, and a book on it. If you would like to buy a crest, there are two types available from our secretary Liz. They can be sewn or ironed on and cost €3.00 each.

Alex Garvey, Cameron, Harding & Theodore Dutton Page,
3rd Class Ms. Carrick

SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday 25th June, we will be doing sports day. We're all excited to do sports day. I think the egg and spoon race will probably be there. I used to like when we played football in 2nd class on sports day. I thought the sack race was really funny because people kept falling.

By **Lara McCann**, 3rd Class

On sports day I want to wear shorts, I hope it will be sunny! I hope we can play sports all day long. I remember the bag racing and when we went to Collinstown Park for sports day last year. There might be tennis. The whole school was happy!

By **Ayla Glynn**, 3rd Class

On Tuesday, sports day is happening. I think that there is going to be racing and football on sports day. I'm looking forward to racing mostly because I don't really like football. I hope that there is going to be sack and egg racing. We're going to be outside for the whole day.

By **James Perry**, 3rd Class

CEREMONY OF GRATITUDE

We held a short ceremony of Gratitude on 20th June to express our thanks to everyone who plays a vital role in the running of our school. We are all so lucky to have so many people helping to make our school a fun place of learning and discovery. The children

read some short words of thanks, the choir sang beautifully (led by Ms. O' Riordain) and candles were lit to represent & give thanks to everyone. The hall was decorated with some of the children's written work showing their favourite memories from the past year. Some of the 5th class children helped to create and decorate some Thank You posters for display. The hall looked so bright with everyone contributing to make a fun & colourful spectacle with their bright coloured t-shirts! A really lovely ceremony to show how much we all care about our school and all the hard work that takes place each day. A very special thank you was mentioned for all the parents and grandparents who play such an important role in our school.

Thank you, we are so grateful for all you do.

Ms. Mc Hugh

SUMMER REPORTS

Our summer reports will be sent home in June. I'm happy our reports are getting sent home to my family so that they can see how well we have done in all our subjects throughout the past year. Happy Holidays!

Parker Coffey, Lily Touhey, & Jade Kennedy.

3rd Class (Ms. Carrick)

St. Bernadette's
S.N.S.



6th Class Report Card

3rd CLASS SCHOOL TOUR

We went to Causey Farm. It was good.



It was fun jumping in the bog. I liked going out to the horses, we rubbed them and we picked up grass and fed them. We could make huge bubbles and one of mine went up in the air. My favourite was the bog and getting on the tractor to the bog. The tractor was funny. The chickens were chasing us!

By **Kyron Rafferty**, 3rd Class

I liked when we done the mirror maze because people kept bumping into things. Both of the teachers came in as well and I bumped into the mirror. The bog was very good. The way that I jumped in got me stuck! I took all the bog and muck away from me, put my hands underneath and then I got out. We got to see all the farm animals, they were so cute. We got to feed and hold some of them. I enjoyed it very much!

By **Sophie Armstrong**, 3rd Class

On our school trip we went to Causey Farm. We met the farm animals and we jumped in the bog. The bog was so funny because everyone was jumping in and getting stuck. I almost got stuck in the bog and we had to race to the end. We had to crawl out. After the bog

we did giant bubble blowing. My favourite part was jumping in the bog and rubbing the puppies. We went on a tractor and everyone was singing songs.

By **Lacie Langan**, 3rd Class

ACCORD TALK 5TH CLASS

On the 2nd May, the children in 5th class received a talk on from ACCORD – a Dublin Schools' Relationships programme presented by trained facilitators. The children were introduced to all aspects of development into adulthood. The aims of the programme are to assist the students in creating a better sense of self-worth, to enhance their skills necessary for decision making, to encourage healthy, respectful relationships at an age appropriate level and to help prepare the children in a reassuring way for some of the changes that will occur over the coming years. The children that participated in this one-day programme listened well and were all excellently behaved.

Ms. Mc Hugh

UPDATE ON STAFF FOR 2024-2025

We would like to thank our staff members who are travelling on to new pastures. Ms. Gorman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Mc Loughlin and Ms. O' Mahony. We wish them all well. Returning to the staff in August, we welcome back Ms. Grant & Ms. Priest.

CLAY WORKSHOPS

Gabi McGrath, our creative associate came in to do clay with 3rd, 4th and 5th classes. She helped us make clay pictures on Monday. We had to make flat 2D shapes to start with. Using rolling pins, we made

circles, love hearts, semi-circles, squares, rectangles and diamonds. Then we used bamboo sticks



to make our designs in the clay. Gabi only gave us primary coloured paints, we were allowed to mix them to make different colours like pink or dark blue.

Today we are making 3D shapes like bowls, cups, and spheres. We are really looking forward to it. It was super fun to play with the clay and make things with it. They will make lovely presents for our families. Thank you Gabi!

By **Aaron, Lara, Sophie, Kyron, Jayden and Johnny.**

3rd Class, Ms. Burke.

RESOURCES

Dear Parents & Guardians,
Please give €30 to the office so your child can have fun activities and school accessories for the school year. The €30 is for PE equipment, arts & crafts, photocopied sheets, copies, drama, buses for trips during the year and other activities. In school, we need to

bring pencils, pens, rubbers & rulers. No mobile phones or chewing gum are allowed in school.

LIBRARY TRIPS

The library is great to have near the school. 3rd class went there for a Lego Workshop.



4th and 5th went there to meet an illustrator that worked on an

Irish dancing book. 6th classes go down to the library to change their books every few weeks.

By **Amber Lily Cunningham**

AS CLASSES TRIPS

The AS classes have had a very busy term, going on many trips. From school tours to Causey Farm to Corkagh Park and many more in between. The trips were enjoyed by all the kids, and lots of learning had on all of them. The kids really enjoyed having the opportunity to use what they had learned outside of the classroom.

By **Cal, Colin & Conor.**

THE CAUSEY EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL TOUR

On Wednesday, 26th June all the fourth class children will be going to the Causey Farm. The Causey Farm Experience is based in Girley, Fordstown, Co.Meath. We are all so excited to go to the Causey Experience. We all think it will be amazing. There is a lot to see and do there like Giant Bubble Blowing, Bog Jumping, Giant dominoes, Mineshaft Tunnels, meeting the farm animals. We also get to ride in a tractor to a bog challenge course. We believe there are also some picnic spots. We all really hope to go for a picnic as well. The Causey Experience



Tour will last about three and a half hours. We are leaving at 9:00 a.m. and will be back at 2:30 p.m.

We can't wait to go. We will also be getting a bus to

The Causey Experience. The farm animals we might get to see include sheep, ponies, pigs, cattle, donkeys, alpacas, llamas, goats, hens, geese, rabbits and turkeys and would you believe a retired camel! The third class children also went and had an amazing time at the Causey Experience. All the children must wear their oldest clothes and shoes (wellies if they have them) and must bring a complete change of

old clothes. Bog jumping is very messy but it is FANTASTIC fun!

Written by **Emmie Brunton &**

Georgia Shanahan

THE BIG SING

On 19th April the school choir performed as part of The Big Sing in The National Stadium. We had worked hard practicing 11 songs since Christmas. We sang in 4 different languages – English, Irish, sign and Hindi. Our favourite song was Dance the Night Away! We knew all the songs off by heart on the night and we even got to sing with Jake Carter. Lots of our parents and guardians came to watch us. A bus brought us home at 10.30 p.m. We were all very tired but loved the show and we had a great night. We can't wait to do it all again next year.

By **Emma Leddy and Rita Kelly**



CEREMONY OF LIGHT

St. Bernadette's S.N.S. 6th Class had their Ceremony of Light on 20th April in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Rowlagh) to prepare for Confirmation on the 31st May 2024. Most of the 6th Class students went and it was a good evening to enjoy!



By **Yasmin Altunisik**

GLENDALOUGH

We went on a trip to Glendalough on Friday 22nd May. Glendalough is in County Wicklow and the drive from Dublin to Wicklow is an hour. We entered Glendalough and a nice woman showed us the welcoming stone that we were allowed to touch as it gave forgiveness. The same lady brought us to this tower in a graveyard, the Glendalough Round Tower which is over 30 metres (98ft) tall. It is huge in person. We also got to touch the Round Tower. The Round Tower was made by



hand, there were no machines then, Glendalough has many nice buildings. Then we took a few minutes to explore. We just took a nice long walk and followed some trails. Around 1 o'clock we had our lunch and then we were back walking. We found

the waterfall. It was so beautiful and relaxing we were allowed to take pictures. We went to the river. It was quiet and funny because we found 3 to 4 ducks, one was grey and the other few were brown. There were a few different types of trees. I can only remember the Oak Tree. Then after that walking we got goodie bags and went on the bus and headed back to school and we were just in time to go home at 2:30 p.m. It was a great day.

By **Lacey McEvoy**

FRENCH CUISINE IN 5TH CLASS

On Friday 14th June, Ms. Ryan's 5th class tasted some French cuisine. We all loved it! There was brie (a French cheese), macarons, baguettes, pain au chocolat and croissants.



Then we watched a little video about the French Revolution. It was so fun to learn about new places and what they eat there. We got to learn some French words like hello and all got a chance to speak some French. After that we made brochures to tell people all about France. I'm so happy we did it because if we didn't I wouldn't know about the French revolution or about the foods. It was fun and super tasty!!

By **Kate Hardiman Bradley and Karl Guidon Doyle** -5th class Ms. Ryan.

GRADUATION



At the 6th class graduation, each class walked out to a song of their choice. Mr. Ryan and the 6th class teachers made a speech. Artwork and pictures were displayed in the hall. Some students gave a word of thanks and we talked about our favourite memories. Parents were invited to the graduation. We were presented with a candle and bracelet. It was an amazing occasion.

By **Victor Loginov**

5TH CLASS SCHOOL TOUR

On 11th June, on a great Tuesday, 5th class went to Hidden Valley on our school tour. I woke up at 8:00 a.m. with a smile on my face. I quickly ate my breakfast and ran to school so I would not be late. When I got to school all my friends were already there. Once we had all had a snack and gathered our belongings we headed for the bus. On the bus we were all talking to our friends and had lots of fun. It took us approximately an hour to get to Hidden Valley in Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. All of our hearts were beating with adrenaline from the excitement of it all. Once we got off the bus, we were split into groups to go and do the activities. Ms. Ryan's class went downhill tubing first while Ms. Gorman's did laser tag. The tubing was so much fun! For the

last 5 minutes, our instructor even let us go on the big silver slide in the playground too. After the tubing it was our turn to do the combat laser tag. Our



instructors, Glenn and Darcie, were great. They made jokes with us and even played with

us. We were split into two teams and played a few different rounds of different games like VIP and a map game. One team won 2-1 but we all know it wasn't about the winning it was about having fun! Next, we headed for lunch. Everyone was sooo hungry! It was great because we got to sit with our friends and chat and we even got to go the shop where we could buy ice creams, cookies, rocky road and lots more! After lunch, we played mini-golf. We got to play with our friends and on the second hole I hit a hole-in-one! On another hole, there was a spinner with random challenges on it and I had to turn my golf club upside-down when taking a shot. I hit it and got a hole-in-one! Finally, we all got back on the bus and got home to school around 2:20p.m. We all had a great time and would all highly recommend it for a school tour next year

By **Kenzie O'Brien and Hallie Shields**
Ms. Ryan's 5th Class

NEWS2DAY VISIT 5TH CLASS



On January 30th at 10:00 a.m., News2Day

visited Ms. Ryan's 5th class. We got picked because we had a really good answer to the question of the week. Before they came in everyone in our class were ecstatic! We watch News2Day all the time in school and were so excited to be on it. It felt like we were waiting for ages but then Barry and Kieran finally came in. Barry is the presenter and Kieran is the cameraman. We were doing projects about landmarks around the world and got to show them to them. We did the Burj Khalifa and the Great Barrier Reef. Then they interviewed some of us and some people needed a few tries because they kept laughing. After that Barry talked to us and made jokes and we got their signatures. We had so much fun and I can't believe we were on the TV!

By **Emmie Gissane and Lorcan Rafferty**

Ms. Ryan's 5th class

STANDARDISED TESTING

In May, we did the Sigma-T maths tests and the Drumcondra English tests. Every child in Ireland does these tests. I found them tricky and long but I'm glad they are over. These tests are

important because they help our teacher next year to know where we need to learn more.'

By **Callum Perry,**

Ms. Dillane's 4th Class.

Last month, we did our Sigma-T maths tests and our Drumcondra English tests. These tests are called 'standardised tests'. This means they are the same for every child in Ireland. The results tell our teachers what we will need more help with next year. I found some parts easy and some parts challenging.'

By **Laura Baricel,**

Ms. Dillane's 4th Class.

GAA WITH PETER

Thank you Peter for coming to St. Bernadette's Senior School to train 3rd and 4th classes. We really enjoyed playing GAA. We learned new skills like hand passes and lots more.



Poppy Doyle and Amelia Bingham

H/S/C/L.

The HSCL Coordinator provides support through Home Visits, Parent classes/courses (recreational and educational), Transition Programmes and offers information on other family supports available locally. Please contact me if you have any further questions. hscl@bernadettes.ie

Gillian Lynch