



Parent Association Newsletter



Letter From The Chairperson—June 2022

Dear parents and guardians,

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end and what a busy year it has been. With the school closing for the summer holidays, it is now a full school year that Ms Morrogh has been in situ as Acting Principal. On behalf of the Parents' Association, I would like to thank her for the considerable contribution she has made to the school. I know that Ms Morrogh has had to contend with numerous obstacles over the school year but none of these prohibited her from keeping the school running as efficiently as ever and we are all enormously grateful for her support and leadership. I would also like to express our gratitude to the St Patrick's staff who do so much for our girls and boys.

As always at this time of the year we say goodbye to the 6th class girls and the Senior Infant boys. It has been wonderful to see the 6th class girls wearing their hoodies with such pride and we wish both groups of children and their parents and guardians all the best with the next part of their educational adventure.

The Parents' Association has had a busy year and it has been great that we've been able to meet in person after a long period of virtual meetings. I'd like to thank all Parents' Association members for their time and energy over the school year and I'd like to specifically thank Darren Walsh for his work over the past number of years putting together our newsletters, this one included. Darren and a few other parents will be leaving the Association as their daughters will be finishing 6th class.

It leaves me to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind regards

Keith Parker

Chairperson



PRINCIPALS LETTER - June 2022

Dear Parents,

What a busy, joyful term we have had here in St. Patrick's. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoy so many of the activities that have resumed in recent months, such as school tours, visits to the theatre, sports days, hockey, basketball and GAA. We hope to provide you with a flavour of some of our latest events in this newsletter and you can also keep up to date with school news on our social media pages on Twitter and Instagram.

A massive tribute must be paid to all of the staff for their ongoing positivity, hard work and incredible commitment to the children of St. Patrick's; it is a true privilege to work with them. The Student Council and HPS team have achieved so much throughout the year, and we are particularly proud of the role they played in our enormously successful Be Well Week.

A big thanks to the members of the Parents' Committee and Chairperson Keith Parker for their support and for organising non-uniform day, the cake sale and makeover day. We are also very grateful to the parents on the library team who have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the library will be up and running again next year.

We were delighted to have 20 children from the Ukraine join us this year and we thank all our families for your warm welcome and generous support.

Earlier in the year our dear colleagues Máire de hÓra and Joanne Ryan retired from St. Patrick's. They have been hugely valued members of our school community for many years; we thank them for their wonderful service and commitment and extend every good wish to them in their retirement.

Finally, a special mention to our 6th Class girls and our Senior Infant boys who will be leaving us at the end of June. We look forward to their graduation ceremonies this week and hope that they will be very happy in their new schools.

Your sincerely,
Niamh Morrough
Principal



Our Trip to Trinity College Dublin

On Tuesday 5th of April Ms Dunleavy's 5th class went to Trinity College Dublin with Ms Hawkins second class. We went to Trinity to hand over to Dr. Jane Maxwell our Lockdown Journals.

Last year after the school re-opened in March, everyone wrote a piece about lockdown. Then Miss Dunleavy sent them out to the printer to be made into books. Dr. Jane Maxwell in TCD said she would like the journals to go into the archives for future generations to read so they can learn more about Covid 19.

We travelled to TCD by DART. We got on the DART at about 9am and we got back to Bray around 1pm.

Trinity was huge. We had our photo taken by a professional photographer and everyone liked his jokes.

Some people liked seeing the students walk by others were looking at the students' fashion sense. A lot of people were shocked at the size of the place because one square led to another, and it was bigger than you would think.

Only a few people went into the Long Room, but it left an impression on them.

Overall, the trip to Trinity was a fun trip

By Lily Leonard, 5th class Miss Dunleavy



Back row Orlaith O' Briain, Arianna Griffith, Isobel Murray, Mollie Brien Niamh Arcan, Maci Clancy, Niamh Davies, Zoe Kavanagh, Daryna Vilanova, Bonny Quinney, Xiyin Chen, Jessica Mathews.

Third row from the front: Brillia Baby, Rachel Plummer, Aileen Brown, Alice Gibson, Ciara Duffy, Nicole O' Keeffe, Lily Leonard, Millie Curley, Laura Bernaz Botnaru, Alexia Illie, Roisín Stapleton, Leah Brady

2nd row from the front:

Serena Shortt, Sofia Karpova, Sienna Sweeney, Reeve Carrol, Aoife Hogan, Evangeline Bridge, Olivia Ormonde, Olivia Canavan, Fern Melia, Sophie Murtagh Greaney, Hannah Hannon, Saorla Doyle, Síofra Massey, Hollie Harvey-Treeson, Hannah Brien, Tara O' Toole

Front row (seated):

Shauna Lyons, Ruby Murphy, Molly O'Sullivan, Aileen Demel, Isabelle Meehan, Sophia Corp, Ariya Farrell, Lia Coibanu, Alice Hayde, Ellie Devlin, Arianna McKeon, Andrea Suguitan, Chloe Codyre, Rachel Murphy

Our School Tour

We had a great time on our school tour. It was our first ever school tour! We went To Airfield Farm. We went on a big bus. When we got to Airfield, we met our tour guide. She brought us to a cabin and we left our bags there. We saw cows being milked by the farmer, donkeys and piglets. After lunchtime we got to play in the trees. We got to make butter and go in to the chicken pen. Before we went home we got to play in the playground. It was a great day!

By Ms. Catterson's First Class



Write a Book Project Awards Ceremony, 13th June, 2022

By Orlaith O'Briain

5th Class Ms Dunleavy

In June I went with my parents to the Write a book awards ceremony in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney.

All of the merit winners from 4th, 5th and 6th class were invited. There were over 100 boys and girls there. Awards were presented for books written both in English and Irish. We received a certificate, a medal and a copy of the Write a book 2022 Anthology of Stories. The ceremony was presented by Justine Heffernan the Write a book project co-ordinator and we received our medals from Niamh Murray, director of Blackrock Education Centre. We also had a special guest, the author Justine Saumande, who gave us a very interesting and funny talk with lots of advice about writing books. I loved listening to her!

I sat with Penny and Isabella from Ms Shanley/ Ms Ryan and Ms O'Carroll's classes. I was very nervous but it all went well and we had a good time.

Before we went to the awards my family gave me a little gift of some new books from my favourite series, Wings of Fire, and on the way home we went for something nice to eat.

It was a great day that I will always remember!



Our Sports Day

It was our sports day. We went straight outside to the yard to have our sports day. Our families came to watch. We did a potato and spoon race, a running race, a jumping race, a racket and beanbag race and a quoit on head race. When we were finished our races, the grown ups had a turn at the potato and spoon race. It was so fun, we cheered and danced to the music. We hugged our Mummies and Daddies and babies and Grannies. We had ice pops in the outdoor classroom, they were yummy. I loved them. Then we went and played in the field. We dressed up. We could get our hands painted. We played x's and o's. We played jenga and sand and high jump. We bounced on space hoppers. We played bowling. I liked hook a duck. Then we went to the yard and we played dodgeball, basketball, hockey, tug of war, skipping and hoola hoops. It was a very fun day, we loved it. We had a really great time!

By Ms Ashall's Junior Infants

15 June 2022

Thank You. You are a lifesaver.

To everyone at St Patrick's Loreto Primary School,

We received your wonderful donation of €1,078 on 13th June 2022 and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you personally for such a kind and generous gift. Please accept this as a formal receipt of your donation.

Like you, we are deeply concerned by what's happening in Ukraine. Violence has forced tens of thousands of Ukrainians from their homes and many are now desperately trying to reach safety.

Together with your support, Red Cross teams are working around the clock to get urgent, lifesaving aid to the most vulnerable. In these circumstances, your gift will be a lifeline.

Your generosity will enable us to scale our humanitarian response and continue to help protect children, women and men caught up in this crisis.

Such compassion and generosity inspire everything we do here at the Irish Red Cross. We are so grateful for the support shown here from groups like St Patrick's Loreto Primary School.

So, on behalf of everyone here at the Irish Red Cross – and on behalf of the many people whose lives you have helped to save – thank you for caring as much as you do.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Phelan
Corporate Partnerships and Philanthropy Manager

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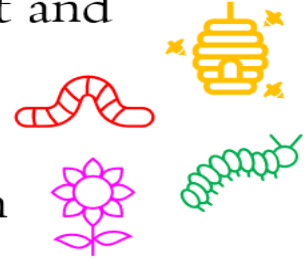
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Our School Tour

(Mrs McCormack/ Mrs Cunnane's Class)

We went to Airfield Estate and took a bus to get there. We saw chickens, cows, goats, sheep, piglets, calves and donkeys. We did a bug hunt and we found caterpillars, worms, woodlice, bees, flowers and slugs. We went to the playground. It lashed when we were going home.



Orla Duffy



We went to Airfield Estate. We saw donkeys. We went on a bus.

It was lashing rain when we were going home. We saw piglets. We did a bug hunt. We saw goats. It was a lovely school tour.

Jade Banks Fojas

We went to Airfield Estate. We went on a bus. We saw chickens and cows. We saw pigs. We went on a bug hunt. We



found lots of different bugs like ladybirds and worms. We planted sunflowers all together. We had a great day.

Pippa Ormonde

Summer Poems

(Mrs McCormack/ Mrs Cunnane's Class)

Sandcastles are built in summer
Umbrellas are not used any more
Music makes people dance
Mangos are yummy
Excellent weather
Raspberries are delicious

Sophia Dan



Swimming is fun

Umbrellas are on the beach

Marshmallows are yummy

Music is loud

Excited for holidays

Roses are pretty

Olivia Doyle



Sand is everywhere

Umbrellas are up

Music on the beach

Mountains of ice-cream

Eating marshmallows

Riding my scooter

Mia Chen



Sand is warm

Underwater fish swim

Mermaids in the sea

Music is noisy

Exciting days

Running in the sand

Sandisiwe Ndlovu



Sandcastles are built

Up over water

Music on the beach

Marshmallows are squishy

Everything is beautiful

Roses on the table

Olivia Florea



Strawberries are yummy

Underwater is fun

Mushrooms growing

Marshmallows are tasty


Eggs hatching in the summer


Roses smell good

Arabella Fusco




Budding Gardeners Project

We grew dahlias from  bulbs.

 We grew lettuce and
wildflowers from seeds.

We completed our
Gardening Journals and
designed our own Dream
Garden.



 Our dahlias are huge and about to
flower. We have fresh lettuce.
It was great fun.



Sadhbh Dempsey Reid

(Mrs Mc Cormack/ Mrs Cunnane's Class)

Dublin Zoo

We went to Dublin Zoo for our school tour. We went on a coach and my partner was Finley. The Rainforest Ranger, Emily, taught us all about Asian elephants, tapirs, monkeys and sloths. We learned lots of facts from Emily like the Zoo doesn't take any animals from the wild and that elephants have massive teeth. Then we split into groups to go and see the rest of the animals. My favourite animals were the sloths, penguins and monkeys. Then we had lunch and went to the gift shop. A monkey tried to escape the island when we were there and the zoo keeper told us to move onto the next animal. I liked the tigers, snow leopards, sea lions, wolves and flamingos. My favourite part of the day was seeing the animals. I especially liked the penguins as I did a project on them before we went. I got a teddy in the gift shop. I loved this school tour!

By Sorcha Vandamme (Ms. Walsh 3rd Class)

Dublin Zoo

We went to Dublin Zoo on our school tour. Our favourite animals were the red pandas, wolves, Bolivian squirrel monkeys and the crocodiles. We went to three different playgrounds and our favourite was the Play Forest. It was full of slides, bridges, animals and sand. We learned a rhyme from our Zoo teacher, Emily. It sounds like this, 'Eyes at the front I seek and I hunt, eyes at the side I run and I hide.' We liked visiting the gift shop at the end of the tour.

by Amelia Nyczka and Emma Lynch (Ms Walsh 3rd Class)

Dublin Zoo

My class, and the other third classes, went to Dublin Zoo on our school tour. We all went in two coaches and we had to go in pairs. When we got there, Rainforest Ranger Emily brought us to the Asian elephants. She told us that the Zoo hasn't taken an animal from the wild in 60 years. Emily told us a rhyme to help us to know which animals in the wild are hunters and which animals are prey. It went, "Eyes on the front I seek and I hunt, eyes on the side I run and I hide." This is true for all animals except monkeys. My favourite animal is the painted dog because they can hunt animals bigger than them. We went to the gift shop at the end of the tour and I got a cute little elephant key chain.

by Rose O'Malley (Ms. Walsh 3rd Class)

Dublin Zoo

For our school tour, we went to Dublin Zoo. My favourite animals were the wolves, the painted dogs and the dholes. We saw lots of animals. We learned a rhyme from our Zoo teacher, Emily. The rhyme went like this, 'eyes on the front I seek and I hunt, eyes on the side I run and I hide.' The rhyme teaches us the difference between predators and prey. Emily told us lots of facts about the Zoo and the animals. It was lots of fun at Dublin Zoo. The monkeys were lovely but my favourite animal was the painted dog because it seemed very interesting and it looked cute.

by Kya Kenny (Ms Walsh 3rd Class)

Dublin Zoo

For my school tour, I went to Dublin Zoo. The animals were fantastic and I learned a lot. At first, we went to the lawn and ate a snack. Then Rainforest Ranger Emily guided us to the Asian elephant area, where she explained to us that elephants eat plants and hay. Next, she showed us an elephant tooth and told us that elephants grow and re-grow their teeth six times in their lives. She also informed us that for 60 years the Zoo hasn't taken any animals from the wild. 60 years earlier, Dublin Zoo's goal was to entertain people. Now, years later, their goal is to protect the animals. Emily taught us a poem. I learned that animals with their eyes on the front are predators and animals with their eyes on the side are prey. But the exception is monkeys who have their eyes on the front but they mostly eat plants. Then, we saw tapirs and Emily taught us about them. Tapirs are boar-like animals. After that, we split into smaller groups. My group journeyed into the Reptile House. There, I saw really cool and fascinating animals. At the very end, near the exit, there was a tortoise enclosure. But if you looked closer you could see a little mouse in the enclosure scuttling towards the vegetables, taking a bit and then scampering away. It was adorable! Next, we took a look at all the other animals. Lions and tigers; they were amazing! But the most fascinating creatures for me were the penguins swimming very well. After our tour, we went to a gift shop and then we were back at the bus, back to where we had started. I had a very good time at Dublin Zoo.

by Anna Grasseti (Ms Walsh 3rd Class)

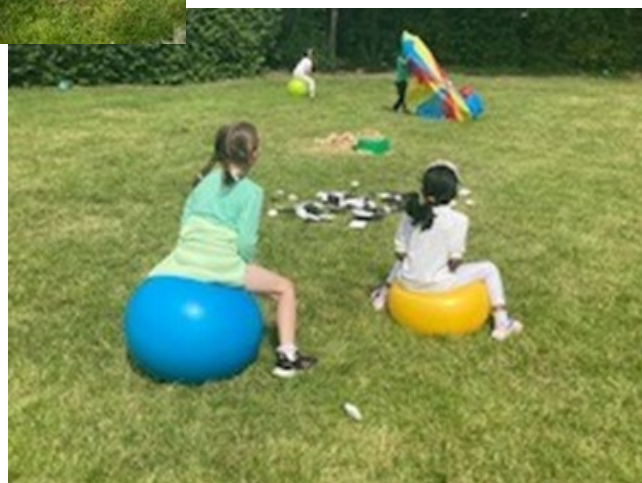
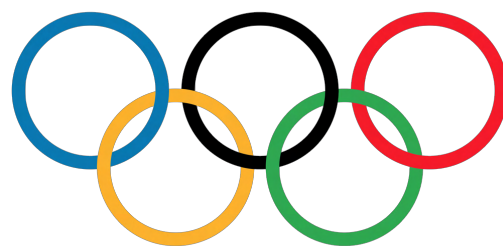
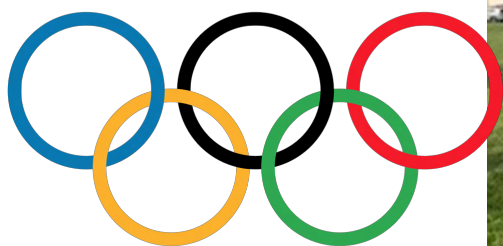
Dublin Zoo

We went to Dublin Zoo on 13th June. We went there in two coaches and all 3rd Class went together. Everyone had a partner and my partner was Sophie. Every class had a Zoo guide. Our guide's name was Emily and we were Rainforest Rangers. We saw Asian elephants and we went to the South American house where we saw two sloths and a lot of monkeys. We also saw tapirs. After that, we split into groups. My group went to the Reptile House first. Next, we saw the lions and the tigers. Then we saw the hippo but we only could see its back sticking up out of the water. We visited the African Plains and saw the giraffes, rhinos and apes. We went to the water area and saw the Humboldt penguins and the sea lions. After that, we had our lunch and then went to the gift shop. We learned a rhyme about the difference between predators and prey. Here is it, 'eyes on the front we seek and hunt, eyes on the side we run and hide.' Although, monkeys and apes have eyes on the front, they are not predators. They are herbivores, which means they only eat plants and fruit.

by Aoife Kenny (Ms Walsh 3rd Class)

We really enjoyed Sports Day this year. Our grown ups got to come and watch us do our races. We got to have lots of fun with the activities, we had a yoga session and we got to play dodgeball, hockey and basketball!

By: Ms. Catterson's First Class



SPORTS DAY

Ms Doran & Ms Travers's 1st Class

We have had a great, busy term with planting sunflowers, painting sunflower pictures, constructing paper windmills, learning all about Australia, painting Aboriginal art, and researching and creating our Family Trees. 🌻



Fun-day

The student council has arranged fun-day for the whole school. We decided on which activities to put in the fun-day by voting. The whole school helped by giving us ideas for what to do. Fun-day may include the following: sand, space hoppers, guess the jellies, water obstacles, limbo/jump over and tattoos. We hope you enjoy.

Chloe Zhang (Student Council)

Hockey Fun

by Ella Breen

Spring time brought lots of fun things to St. Patricks one of them being hockey for 5th and 6th class with the amazing Ms. McDonnell. We have had lots of fun playing in Loreto. We've been doing lots of training, playing matches and we played a tournament. Ms. McDonnell taught us lots of new skills. We can't forget the big 6th Class v. Teachers match where the 6th Class girls played against Ms. Morrogh and some of the other teachers, the teachers won 1-0! The winning goal was scored by Ms. Moore. GO TEACHERS! But watch out next year!! We would like to give a big thanks to Ms. McDonnell for taking us up to Loreto, teaching us new skills and for organising all the matches and tournaments. We would also like to thank all the 5th and 6th Class teachers for everything they have done from hockey, to sports day, to all the school work this past year. So, thank you all.

Cake Sale

We had a cake sale on the 20th of May and raised €2,925 for Loreto Rumbek. Sincere thanks to the Parent Association for organising the cake sale and all those who supported it.



Our 5th Class School Tour by Alice Clarke and Róisín Stapleton

Our school tour was to Russborough House. The busses arrived at approximately 9am, the whole of 5th Class was divided between two busses. It took a lot of organising but 10 minutes later the two buses drove off.

It was very exciting and it took a long time for everyone to settle down!

There was a lot of singing on our bus mainly the song *Shakira Shakira*!

We saw a lot of beautiful landscapes and farms through the window, like swans on the lake, mother sheep nursing their babies and beautiful bright flowers beaming against the bright blue sky.

When we arrived, we got off the bus and into groups, dropped off our bags and headed to our first activities. There were lots of activities such as ziplining, a blind folded walk, an ariel adventure course, bush craft, making fires, roasting marshmallows, rock climbing and archery tag.

After the activities we headed for lunch. Everyone brought loads of sweets and we all shared. We got back on the bus happy and tired and drove off once again.

What an end to the 5th Class year!

Sport's Day and Be Well Week - 5th Class

by Keeley Perry-Breen

On the 14th of June we had our sports day! It was a very busy, fun day.

In the morning we did mindfulness and yoga, it was nice and calm before the exciting races and fun day activities. Then we walked into the big yard and played a little dodgeball before little break. (It was very competitive!) After break it was straight to the races. There were five colour teams in each class. Red, Yellow, Green, Blue and White. There were all sorts races including potato and spoon race; sack race; dress up race; running race. They were tiring but fun! We also did a three- legged race and a back-to-back race. It was very funny to watch. We were supposed to do tug of war but in between two teams the rope got really thin and almost snapped, it was called a draw. Lunchtime came and after that we had fun day activities, set up by the Student Council. There was hand painting, guess the teacher, high jump and more! Overall, it was a very fun and eventful day!!

The New Outdoor Classroom

You may have noticed some construction and fencing going on over the past couple of months. Pre-development this space was overgrown and full of hazards - an unloved corner of the school. However, thanks to the wonderful work of the gardener, Declan, this space has become a fantastic resource for many generations to come. Now we have a lovely, secluded seating area, surrounded by a fence constructed using native hazel which was harvested on the grounds of St. Patrick's and with a planted hedge of native trees.

Our new Outdoor Classroom is a wonderful resource which will allow all students to:

- use their senses.

- be active.

- experience the joy of being in nature.

- Care for living things.

Research has shown that children need to move and play outdoors on a regular basis to develop healthy sensory systems. Our vestibular balance systems need to develop and this happens in an organic and natural way when children engage with nature through walking on uneven ground and rolling down hills. This increases body awareness and sense of space in a fun way.

Outdoor learning provides our students with the opportunity to observe living things, helping them to develop a nature connection. This in turn leads to enquiry based learning which is an essential skill in science. By using our senses to observe the world around us we can develop authentic research based questions to investigate.

With our new Outdoor Classroom we will be able to visit an outdoor space regularly and develop a connection to place, promote knowledge of the natural world, create an attachment and connection to place which are all important in developing a connection to local landscapes and to the wider world,

The ultimate goal of our Outdoor Classroom is to increase the quantity, quality and benefits of outdoor experiences for children in St. Patrick's.

Huge thanks goes to Declan and his team for all their hard work in creating this beautiful living space in which our children can learn. We are very lucky to have his experience at our disposal.



We hope that all our pupils will glean great benefits from our Outdoor Classroom.

The good life was now legendary, self-reliant, rugged, gruff, hardy and very much like the old-time mountain life. The good life was the life of the mountain. The good life was the life of the mountain. The good life was the life of the mountain.

After we went to the gift shop everything was so much.
But we only had 40 and so we went to the little store.
The stuff was a lot cheaper. I got an orange cottoned
sweater which I will probably use for the gift that you get.
I hope it only took 10 minutes to get back to camp on
Dodge we were very lucky not to get caught in
traffic when we got back to school. Nothing but we go
home. It was the best school ever.





Dublin 200



We went on our school tour on Monday. We saw lots of cute animals I loved them all but my favourite one is the red panda. We also saw a man named Andy. He taught us about the rain forest. He sent us on missions in the reptile house. The first mission was to find camouflage reptiles. We did projects about animals in the zoo. Mine was a ring tailed lemur. We got the bus to the zoo. We arrived at 9:24 am. My favourites were the penguins, red pandas, dolphins and wolves. We went to the petting zoo. I got to pet a goat and sheep. Monday was so much fun I loved our school tour!



African SPURRED

Tortoise

The african spurred tortoise can be found in many countries in Northern Africa such as Burkina faso, central african republic, chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Sudan.



The african spurred tortoise is a herbivore, They eat grass, flowers, green plants and cacti.



These creatures live in semi-arid grasslands, scrub and savannah areas along the southern edge of the sahara Desert in Northern Africa.



baby-length: 2 inches weight: 37g
female-length: 50cm weight: 60kgs
male-length: 80cm weight: 90kgs



Tortoises have tough claws and strong legs to dig into the ground and create burrows, which protect them from predators.

The female and the male don't have a specific name but the baby does which is a hatchling.

african spurred tortoises are endangered because of habitat loss and over-collection for the pet trade.

african spurred tortoises are diurnal animals, which mean they are active at day the most

Emily 11/10/2020





BE WELL WEEK



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Communion and Confirmation 2022




How many pens do you think there are in the world?

Answer: 64,TRILLION!!

Ok, Ok, that might be a small exaggeration but the answer is still **HUGE!!**

Most pens are made from plastic, which is really bad for the environment,
so **think about reusing** your pens when you go back to school and giving those
pens a long and happy pen life.... 

Also think about **reusing** those cute little sharpeners, those water bottles and those
school bags again

REUSE- it's good for the environment! 



Sustainable Summer

Dignity Pack's

This year The Student Council in collaboration with the Parents Association have continued to successfully produce 200 Dignity Packs which were distributed to homeless organisations in Wicklow and Dublin with 25 going to Bray Women's Refuge. Women were our main focus this year, when designing the dignity packs. As a group we had to come up with ideas of what a woman would need in her daily life, such as sanitary products, hairbrushes, women's deodorant and lip balm. When it came to creating The Women's Refuge packs we decided to include an extra gift bag which contained sweets and treats and slippers.

Classes from 1st to 6th were involved in the process of assembling the packs in Ramthaí which took two weeks. This involved the construction of ziploc bags containing bars of soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes and all of their daily needs. When collection day arrived, junior and senior infants took part by creating a human distribution chain from Ramthaí to the front of the school.

We would like to thank everybody who was involved in making this year's dignity packs such a success.

Penny Standage Connaughton



SUMMER