

28th May 2015



Sports Day

The Senior Sports Day will take place between the Soccer Pitches at the Irishtown Stadium for 1st – 6th Class on Friday 29th May. Hopefully the weather will co-operate!

As normal, parents are welcome to take their children from Pre-School or Infant Classes to bring them to their sibling's Sports Day activities. Please speak to the Class Teacher if you plan to do so.

If you plan to take your child home early following the Sports Day, please ensure that you sign him/her out in advance at the School Office. Please see attached timetable for Friday.

Looking forward to the activities!



St. Matthew's N.S Senior Sports Day 2015

Friday, 29th May 10.45am - 12.45pm



Parents are very welcome to join us for our Senior Sports Day at Irishtown Stadium.

Children will be brought to the stadium from school and will return to school afterwards. Normal home-times apply. Parents who wish to bring their children home directly from the stadium must sign their child out in advance at the School Office.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Throwing</u>	<u>Obstacle Course</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Jumping</u>	<u>Races</u>	<u>Spectating/Lunch</u>
<u>10.45-11.05</u>	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
<u>11.05-11.25</u>	6 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
<u>11.25-11.45</u>	5 th	6 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
<u>11.45-12.05</u>	4 th	5 th	6 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
<u>12.05-12.25</u>	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	1 st	2 nd
<u>12.25-12.45</u>	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	1 st Presentation of Badges

** Due to Irishtown Stadium being under renovation, events will only be taking place in the cages and on the 11-a-side pitch. We hope you have a nice, relaxing day and enjoy the activities!*

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School Calendar 2015

Friday 29th May	Senior Sports Morning
Monday 8th June	Pre-School, Junior, Senior Infants School Tour
Monday 8th June	1 st & 2 nd Class School Tour
Saturday 13th June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 17th June	3 rd & 4 th Class School Tour
Thursday 18th June	5 th Class School Tour
Friday 19th June	Junior Infants host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Thursday 25th June	6 th Class Graduation Ceremony – 9am, School Hall
Friday 26th June	School closes for Summer Holidays at 12pm for all pupils
Tuesday 1st September	School re-opens at 8.30am

Standardised Tests

We have just completed the various standardised tests for this school year. 1st Class to 6th Class have completed a Numeracy, Literacy and Spelling Assessment.

It has always been our tradition to speak to parents individually to communicate and explain their child's results in these standardised tests. In order to continue our policy on communication, class teachers will be available to meet parents for a very short period to explain results to parents.

If you have a child in 1st Class – 6th Class, your child's class teacher will be available in the school hall on Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th June from 8am – 8.25am. Please come on the morning that suits you best.

Please note that teachers will be limited to a very short period per parent. If you have any concerns or wish to speak at length about the matter, please make an appointment with the class teacher. Meetings will take place on a 'first come, first served' basis.

School Tours

Class	Date	Tour	Total Cost
Pre-School Junior Infants Senior Infants	Monday 8 th June	Imaginosity, Sandyford <i>Depart school 8.45am Return to school 12.30pm approx. Bring Packed Lunch</i>	€16.50 Per Pupil
1 st & 2 nd Class	Monday 8 th June	Pine Forest Art Centre, Glencullen <i>Depart school 9.00am Return to school 2.00pm approx. Bring Packed Lunch</i>	€21.50 Per Pupil
3 rd & 4 th Class	Wednesday 17 th June	W5, Belfast <i>Depart school 8.20am Return to school 4.00pm approx. Bring Packed Lunch</i>	€24.00 Per Pupil
5 th Class	Thursday 18 th June	Avon Rí Adventure Centre, Blessington <i>Depart school 9.00am Return to school 5.00pm approx. Bring Packed Lunch, Change of Clothes, Towel, Shoes, Rain Gear (more info to follow)</i>	€40.00 Per Pupil

Payment for School Tours can be made online at www.stmatts.ie or at the School Office.
(Please send exact cash or cheque made payable to St. Matthew's National School).

If you are available to help with any of the school tours, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Confirmation

If you would like to consider having your child prepared for Confirmation in the Church of Ireland tradition, please let me know as soon as possible. I am anxious to persuade the Archbishop to come to St. Matthew's Church next Spring, instead of trekking into Christchurch Cathedral, so I need to know the number of possible candidates before I pressurise him!

If you would like to discuss Confirmation with me, please email or call me. We probably should start preparation in September once School re-opens. I'm looking mainly to 5th & 6th Class students, but I will take anyone, of any age up to about 80!

John Marchant (Revd.), Vicar of St. Matthew's, Tel: 087 2393682, Email: revjmarchant@gmail.com

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St. Matthew's Summer Fair 2015

Saturday, 13th June from 2pm-4pm



The Parents' Association is working hard to make this year's school Summer Fair a great day for all.



This year's Fair falls on the 150th anniversary of William Butler Yeats birthday and to celebrate we are running a **WB Yeats Poetry/Art Competition**. All classes are invited to take part in this exciting competition and homework this Thursday, May 28th will provide details on how to enter. Entries must be returned to your class teacher by Thursday week, June 4th. Dublin author, Kathleen MacMahon, has kindly agreed to judge and winners will be announced at the Summer Fair. All entries will be on display in our Café for you to enjoy with a cup of tea/coffee and cake!



By popular demand **Jolly Jars** and our **Great School Bake-Off** will feature again at this year's fair. If you would like to make a Jolly Jar and/or bake a cake, homework will be given over to these events on

- ★ Thursday June 4th for Jolly Jars, and
- ★ Thursday June 11th for Cakes!

So lots of time still to plan your creations!

How can you help?

- ★ We need lots of volunteers – just an hour of your time at the Fair would make a huge difference!★
- ★ We need lots of prizes – all donations will be greatly received for our Raffle and other prizes★

From Monday 8th June we will be delighted to accept the following items to be sold at the Fair:

- ★ Books and DVDs
- ★ Toys and games

Please ensure all items are complete & fit for purpose, as we are unable to give refunds later.

Please let your PA Rep know if you can help out in any way and let's make this a Fair to remember! *