



**The winning staff golf team - (very!) proudly displaying the perpetual trophy!**

• The sun was shining and everyone was in great form last Friday for the PA Golf Classic. Sutton golf Club were very welcoming to us. It was a great success and the best support we've had for it in years, so thank you all so much. The golf and the evening event were sold out, making all the difference. All the raffle prizes were sold out too, generating over €3,000 of the total raised. Thanks to everyone's immense generosity, including the sponsors, we managed to raise just over €13,000 gross on the day. This is a fantastic result and will go a long way to benefit the kids in the school. It was great to see the teachers winning the cup this year. It has caused a real vibe around the school and all the kids will get to enjoy seeing the cup up in the school. I'm sure it will be given pride of place somewhere in the school for all to see it. That is, of course, if Mr Dunlop is prepared to let go of it! Your continued support is very much appreciated, and even more so, very much needed, to make these events the success that they are and need to be. None of these events would happen without the support of the parents and of course all the selfless hard work from everyone on the PA.

• I want to thank all of you on the PA, you have all put in so much of your own time over the last number of years, and I would have to say, it has been a great experience for me and a most enjoyable one too. I have gotten to know so many people throughout my term, making so many friends and connections. I mean it when I say it, I would, without hesitation, encourage anyone to get involved with the PA. I can assure you that you won't regret it and you will definitely gain greatly from it. As I said on Friday last, I'm in the final stages of my official duties as your Chairperson. "My bags are packed and I'm sitting in the departure lounge". I'm delighted to announce that Ms. Christina Ryan has been voted in to take up the mantle as your new Chairperson in September and I wish her every success. I know she is going to be a brilliant replacement. *From Mr. Johnny Lappin, PA Chairperson*

**Upcoming Parents Association Events:**

- The ladies Lunch 14th June Howth Yacht Club
- Uniform Bring and Buy Swap in last week of June—more information to follow closer to the date.



**Book Fair Coming Soon!**

The week of 27th—31st May will see the return of the Scholastic Book Fair to St.Fintan's NS. Keep an eye out too for a new edition of our super school *We Are Writers* book, featuring content from 1st to 6th class.



**No Written Homework for June**

As is tradition in St.Fintan's NS, there'll be no written homework for our pupils in June. This is to facilitate the children to enjoy the summer evenings, to spend time with family and friends and to encourage wellbeing.

**Well done to our tennis and squash players this past year and thanks to Sutton Lawn Tennis Club for hosting our games!**



**Healthy Food Tasting in 4th Class!**

Our 4th class pupils have been busy growing lots of healthy foods since springtime. So far they're growing carrots, potatoes, strawberries and lots more. Thanks to parent Orla who lead a healthy food preparation and tasting session last week. The gang made some super tasty dips! In April, 4th class also visited the Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin as part of their Incredible Edibles learning program.

**Website Updates**  
[www.stfintansns.ie](http://www.stfintansns.ie)

We have added a quick links tab from our homepage to some websites including: the Department of Education, the National Parents Council, the National Council for Special Education and Webwise (for guidance with online safety). These links provide loads of information to help parents to become informed and to understand the role and practices of our school.

**Summer Reports & Book Packs**

We plan to issue our pupil summer reports on the 17th June. Thanks very much to the volunteer parents who do so much work sorting and packing the pupil book & rental packs for next year too.



**Very well done to our hockey team who won the Peninsula Cup!!!**

**Can the parents of any pupils leaving the school and not returning to St. Fintan's NS**

**Lost Property Going to Charity Soon!**

We have an ever growing collection of lost property (coats etc.) gathered at reception. These will be going to charity if not collected by Friday 31st May. Note also that we'll be hosting the annual uniform swap sale in our hall during the last week of June. More information to follow closer to the date.

**6th Class Graduation**

Graduation mass for 6th class is scheduled for 7pm, 25th June in St. Fintan's Parish Church. On Friday morning, 28th June from 9.30am – 10.15am we will have a gathering for 6th class pupils in our hall, during which we will present graduation certificates and reminisce with the pupils about their happy times in St. Fintan's NS. Parents are welcome to attend this event.

**School Calendar for 2019-2020**

The school calendar for next year is now available on our school website [www.stfintansns.ie](http://www.stfintansns.ie) and by request at reception. The first day of the new school year for all pupils will be 29th August.

**St. Fintan's School is Really Cool!**

