

An Exciting New Beginning for St. Lawrence O'Toole's Girls School

We at St Lawrence O'Toole's Girls School are at a most exciting time in our history. With construction of an ultra-modern school in the pipeline, and with a new principal freshly installed, the future looks extremely bright indeed.

A new lunchtime policy has already been introduced, our parents' association is up and running and we are all looking forward to a number of interesting events that will be happening in the school over the

coming months.

Currently we provide an excellent educational service to the children of the North Wall with our guaranteed lower class sizes and experienced teaching staff proving an extremely attractive option for parents.

We have a long tradition of academic success, extra-curricular achievement and educational fulfilment and it is a pride in our past and confidence in our future that makes us all very proud to be 'Larrier Girls'.

We offer . . .

- Guaranteed Smaller Classes
- Top-level supports for all children including Maths Recovery and Reading Recovery
- After School Homework Club
- Language support teacher
- Weekly Drama and Computer Lessons
- French Lessons with Native French Speaker
- Sports including Gaelic Football and Soccer and Swimming Lessons
- Annual trip to France
- 'Words Week' with internationally renowned poets, novelists and playwrights
- Junior Achievement Programmes
- Musical Instrument Classes
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation



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Mr. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin has recently been appointed principal of St Laurence O'Toole's GNS following the retirement of Ms. Nagle who had provided over 38 years service to the girls of this community. Since his arrival in March of 2000, Mr Ó Ríordáin has been involved in many aspects of school life including dramatic productions, coaching of school teams and preparation for holy sacraments.

Mr Ó Ríordáin said: 'It is a deeply felt honour and privilege for me to have the opportunity to carry on the wonderful work of Ms Nagle as principal of St Laurence O'Toole's. We have a wonderful staff here in the school who work extremely hard for the benefit of all the children and we are certainly looking forward to a bright future. I want to thank especially all the parents and of course the children for helping me settle quickly into my new task.'



Mr. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, new principal with Ms Florie Nagle who retired after 38 years service which included 00 years as principal of St. Laurence O'Toole's Girls National School.

Achieving the Highest Possible Standards

With our commendable tradition of academic excellence, St Laurence O'Toole's continues to prioritise a love of reading amongst the children. Initiatives such as Words Week, the Reading Power Hour, our Reading Aquarium and the Peered Reading Programme are vital in maximising our students potential to succeed. With dedicated weekly rewards for honest effort such as, Golden Time, Star of the Week and Rang na Seachtaine as well as our annual Awards Ceremony, we always encourage our chil-

dren to do their best and to show pride in everything that they do.

New Building

The Department of Education have sanctioned the construction of a 400 pupil school at the site of the existing schools at Laurence's Place East and the Dublin Docklands Development Authority have agreed to provide the bulk of the funding for the new school.

Consultation is ongoing with the various interest groups including the DDDA, the Board of Management, teachers, trustees and parents with the well-being of the children the central focus throughout.

New Parents' Association

Our new Home School Community Liaison Co-ordinator Jean Hughes has helped to establish a Parents' Association and the response from the parent body has been remarkable. Following an information meeting which was facilitated by the National Parents Council on January the 23rd, the first formal meeting of the Parents Association elected a committee on Tuesday the 5th of February.

Chairperson: Peter Watson
Vice-Chairperson: Suzanne Galvin
Secretary: Tracy Hanlon
Treasurer: Catherine McDermott
Committee Members: Tracy Watson, Mandy Arkins, Sharon Dunne, Leslie Boland Annmarie Hunt, Tara Brennan, Lynsey O'Toole and John Fleming.

New Chairperson Peter Watson said; 'We are delighted that a new Parents' Association has been established in the Girls' School and we want to thank Ms Hughes for all her help. We are determined to work as hard as we can to improve parental involvement in the school and to make sure that our children get as best an education as possible.'



Infant Nativity Play.

Leaving No Child Behind . . .

St Laurence O'Toole's Girls School offer a highly trained support staff and a dedicated special education department who help children in a variety of ways.

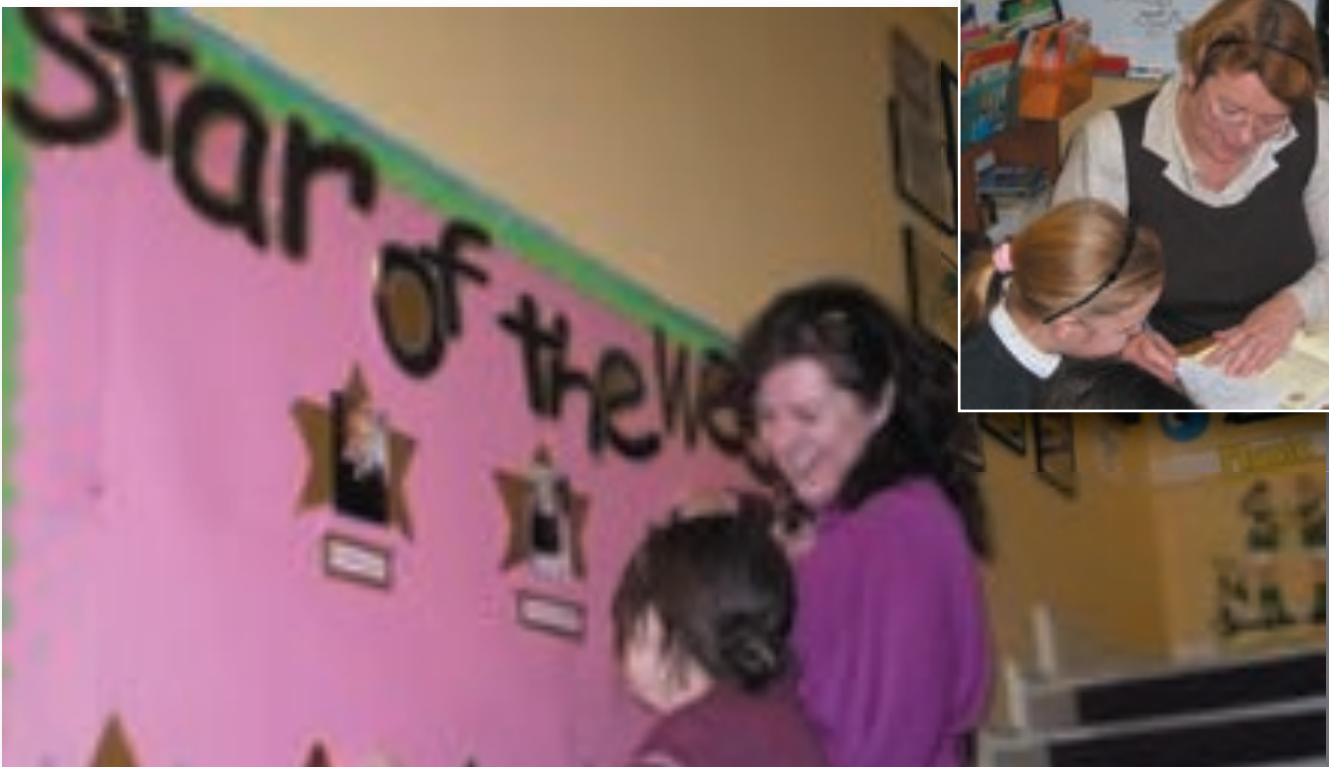
We also have access to top external supports who ensure that no child is left behind in any aspect of her educational or social development:



Learning Support and Reading Recovery with Ms. McDonnell.

The supports we have include:

- Reading Recovery Teacher
- Learning Support Teacher
- Maths Recovery Teacher
- Language Support Teacher
- Visiting Play Therapist
- Psychological Assessments
- Teacher Support Teacher



Support Teacher Ms. Lucas.



“High Praise Indeed”

What people say about St Laurence O'Toole's . . .

'My children have had a wonderful experience in St. Laurence O'Toole's. It gives a fantastic grounding for secondary education and my children feel very much at home there. For us, it is the simply the best school in the country.'

Eddie Byrne, Parent

'We have three daughters who attended St Laurence O'Toole School. The school has always and still does encourage them to do well and gave them every opportunity to do so. We have always supported the school. They have always given great support to our family and it is a huge asset to our community.'

Tracey Watson, Parent

'My school days at St Laurence O'Toole's were the happiest days of my life. Thanks to the inspiring & unwearied teachers, my love for the Arts and Music spiraled and deepened, which forced me to pursue my musical dreams.'

Susan Cleary, Past Pupil

'I have great memories of my days in St Laurence O'Toole's. The teachers were always kind and caring and very friendly. We were always brought on trips and we also had a wonderful experience in France when we went on the first school tour ever there. I really enjoyed myself in this school and I received a fantastic education.'

Yvonne Darcy, Past Pupil

What the teachers share is a deep sense of pride and concern for the children with whom they work, a genuine altruism . . . you can't listen to these teachers talking about 'their kids' for very long without feeling humbled.

Keith Duggan,
The Irish Times

We are happy to support St. Laurence O'Toole's Girls School in any way that we can. Our drivers really enjoy bringing the children on their school trips because the girls are always so well behaved. They really are a credit to their school.

Mark Kelly, Dublin Bus



Rehearsing for School Musical in Andrews Lane Theatre.



Working Together. Working Well.

For information on enrolling your child contact the school at any time:

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