

# NEWSLETTER

## Sutton Park School



## June 2008

### Message from Michael Moretta, Head of School

Once again I find myself having far too much to report to you in this newsletter. I will therefore apologise in advance for the length of this communication. This is the last time that you will automatically receive a hard copy of this, or indeed any other newsletter as from August they will be posted on the website where you can read the relevant sections at your leisure.

If you ever require a hard copy you will of course be able to acquire one from the office or from Veronica. I also want to post the updated version of The Students and Parents Handbook on the website. Once again, should you specifically ask for a hard copy, we can provide you with one from either the Reception or the school office.

### Staff Matters

During the entire month I have been kept very busy interviewing prospective staff and making appointments. I would like to begin this section by announcing the staff who, for various reasons, will not be with us or who have changed their roles in the new academic year.

Mr Bramich, our IT technician and English as a Foreign Language teacher has completed his H.Dip and will be moving to Cork in the summer. Mr Bramich has been responsible for introducing the IT infra-structure we invested in last year. Mr Bramich has proved to be an extremely effective problem solver and a great improviser, especially in maintaining our old system for so long despite its regular threats to collapse at any moment. The new system is much more efficient and its installation signals our commitment to modern computer systems and heralds a new era of teaching and learning through computers.

Next term Mr David O'Neill will take on the important role of further developing and enhancing the network. He has previously advised schools, universities and many other educational institutions on ICT matters and has an impressive grasp of the technical issues surrounding complex computer systems. He will prove to be a valuable addition to the staff at Sutton Park.

Ms Colgan's husband, who works for the Foreign Service, has been given a posting to The Hague for the next few years. Ms Colgan's outstanding work as an English teacher of all year groups in the senior school, her work with the MUN and her contribution as editor of the Yearbook, make her a very difficult member of staff to replace. Her presence in the school will be greatly missed. She has already been appointed as an English teacher in an International school in The Hague and she will return to us with a considerably broader range of experiences some time in the near future.

I have appointed Mr Bohen as her replacement. Mr Bohen is an experienced teacher of English, Trinity College trained and someone who brings with him a wide range of administrative skills as well as obvious gifts as a teacher of English.

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## Staff Matters Con't...

Mr Russell is retiring from his position as Deputy Principal at Sutton Park after 20 years dedicated service. I am happy to say that he is remaining on the staff as a teacher of Applied Maths and Higher Level Physics. Mr Russell has directly influenced so many staff and students at Sutton Park that this very small tribute cannot hope to capture the extent of his impact on the school. He is a born teacher, completely dedicated to the improvement of young minds. His teaching is inspirational and he has that gift of making the complex and difficult intelligible. I have seen him on numerous occasions make time to enlighten individual students on a tricky concept or particularly difficult maths problem. A talented musician, he has accompanied and inspired many of our best music students and he is our most vocal supporter at hockey matches.

For me, personally, he has been an indefatigable guide and mentor. Without his encyclopaedic knowledge of the complexities of the Irish Education system, I do not think I would have survived. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Russell all the very best in his new life, after full time teaching. I can imagine him improving his golf handicap and planning for future holidays in June for the first time in many, many years.

I am delighted to announce that Ms Dowling has been appointed Deputy Principal next year. Her excellent organisational skills, thorough knowledge of the school and its ethos and her obvious accomplishment as a teacher will make her a very good replacement. I am now in a position to put in place a senior management team that I hope will dramatically improve our internal communication systems. Most importantly, I have a team around me totally committed to improving academic standards and developing the range and quality of our teaching and learning.

While I am writing tributes, I want to draw your attention to the fact that Ms McGuire has just completed 30 years service as Principal of the Junior School. Far too modest to broadcast this milestone herself, I feel it is important to emphasise the special qualities she has brought to the school. Committed to putting children first, Ms McGuire has steered the Junior School with a quiet authority and unwavering determination. The warmth, enthusiasm and happy atmosphere of the Junior School is entirely a reflection of her leadership. On behalf of The Governors, the Staff and the many generations of students and parents who have benefited from her guiding presence, I want to thank Ms McGuire for her tireless contribution to education at Sutton Park School.

## Intermediate School

Recently I wrote to all the parents in the Intermediate School and pledged to report back the outcome of the interviews for this important new post in the school. The letter I wrote is posted on the website for you all to read. I am pleased to announce that Mr Liam Burns has been appointed as Principal of the Intermediate School. Mr Burns was a member of staff for two years and knows the school well. He is a very experienced Grade 6 teacher, a leader of teams of teachers and someone with a particular enthusiasm for Maths, Science and Technology teaching. He is also an extremely able sportsman. I am very much looking forward to working closely with Mr Burns who will be taking up his post in August. He will, I am sure, make an immediate impression on you all. He is most approachable and will lead this new division of the school with a sure and calm hand.

## Head Boy & Girl

This year we undertook a fairly rigorous and thorough process for the selection of the school officials and prefects. All the current students in our 5th Year who wished to be considered for the position of school prefect were invited to submit themselves to a process involving an interview panel and asked to complete a CV setting out exactly what they could contribute to the role. The teachers involved in the interview process were very impressed with both the quality of the applications and by the seriousness with which the applications were completed. We will have a fine group of prefects next year and I am sure they will make a significant impression on the school community in the new academic year.

The process for selecting Head Boy and Head Girl was, if anything, even more rigorous and demanding. Twelve students submitted applications for these roles and again I must say that the quality of the applications was incredibly high. The final decision fell on my shoulders, although extremely difficult to distinguish between such high quality students, I am happy to announce that Sinead Brophy has been appointed Head Girl with Anne-Marie O'Driscoll as her able deputy. Matthew Brazel has been appointed Head Boy with Mark Guerin as his Deputy. The maturity of their written submissions and the manner in which they articulated their values and vision of the school was startling. They will make a very effective team and I know they will inspire the other students. This year's Head Girl, Stephanie Croghan, certainly set the bar very high and her contribution to the intellectual and moral life of the school has been outstanding. Very well done to all who took part in the process.

## Head Boy & Girl Con't ....

One particularly noteworthy feature of Stephanie's leadership was her championing of a variety of charity projects in the school. Here is an update on the status of these projects. 300 Euro has been sent to Sightsavers International and the current 5th Year have pledged to maintain and develop the collection into the new academic year.

All the toys and clothes that were collected throughout the term have been collected by Barnardos and The Chernobyl Children's Trust. A large box of mobiles and printer cartridges have been sent off to be recycled and the profits will go to Concern.

The reading and sun glasses were given to Insight Opticians who will pass them on to The Lyons Club so that they can be distributed to the developing world.

You may recall that earlier this term Stephanie invited a number of politicians into school to take part in the World's Biggest Lesson. Our students signed a petition indicating their support and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Third World. Stephanie received a written reply from An Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen T.D to the petition in which he said that he had, 'noted the points' the students had made and that he had brought the matters to the attention of Micheal Martin, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

By raising the political and social consciousness of the school community in these and other matters Stephanie has, I believe made a significant and lasting contribution to the value system of our school. On your behalf I am sure you will join me in congratulating her as well as wishing her every success in the forthcoming Leaving Certificate Exams.

If you have not yet purchased your copy of the 2008 Year Book, can I urge you to do so. The Report from The Student Council gives a very good indication of the range of activities they have undertaken this year and the high levels of responsible participation they have in the school. It is impressive to see students taking an active role in school affairs.

I made one additional appointment this year. In view of the fact that we are an International School with a very rich and diverse community of students I felt that we needed to appoint a figurehead and leader to represent and promote our International identity. Louise Moore submitted a very thoughtful and intelligent letter of application stating her views on this aspect of the school and she has, I am delighted to say, been made a kind of ambassador for the international students. I am sure the entire team of school officials will come up with a range of ideas to bind the various strands of the school together and forge and develop our international vision.

## CIS & NEASC Accreditation

I am sorry to use these awful acronyms. They are not very clear and seem to change with bewildering regularity. ECIS has now become CIS for instance. The acronyms stand for The Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. These two bodies are responsible for designing and implementing a series of rigorous standards for schools. These standards are regularly reviewed and every 10 years all schools in this organisation are re-accredited. I think the benefits of such a process are often underappreciated and undervalued. To be required to reassess and review the performance and systems is extremely healthy and empowering for any organisation. Our International and broad based school community make us truly distinctive in the Irish system. St Andrews is the only other school in Ireland which is accredited by the CIS and NEASC. Moreover, the process of accreditation is very inclusive and demands that all stakeholders, from the students and the parents to the Governors and the Staff work together to review and renew the vision and overarching principles that make the school what it is.

From Tuesday 20th May to Thursday 22nd May we hosted a visit from two very senior representatives of the CIS and NEASC. Mr Woodward and Mr Percy arrived on Tuesday 20th and began a series of probing interviews of senior management in the school, representatives of the staff, the boards of Government and the Student Council. The CIS alone sets the standards and monitors the progress of some 350 schools world wide and I am happy to announce that they have signalled that we are ready to begin the accreditation process in Spring 2009. This means that from now until the Spring of 2009 we will be examining and assessing our Teaching and Learning standards along with a whole series of other standards. The self-evaluation and the full team visit will lead us confidently forward on the path of continued professional development and improved attainment.

# Yearbook

Many of you will no doubt have caught sight of the impressive Yearbook that was produced under the stewardship of Mr Scully and Ms Colgan and written by a whole host of students and staff. As a record of a special year {our 50th Anniversary} it is outstanding, but as a record of a normal school year it is an accurate reflection of the range and variety of activities that take place in the school. This publication will certainly signal the resurrection of an annual school magazine. I would like to congratulate all concerned and I hope you enjoy reading the contents over the summer. You will be able to get copies throughout the summer and in September. It is well worth reading.

## New Computer Software for the Timetable

Over the next month Mr Russell, Ms Dowling and I will be working on the new timetable. We have just installed a new version of Facility [the school based administration system used throughout Ireland] and it will have a significant impact on our administrative systems. For example, each child in the secondary school will have their own computer generated timetable. We will also be able to focus attention very closely on lates and absences and keep a more regular eye on set movements and group sizes.

## Other Important Changes and Initiatives

Over the summer we will be working on a number of significant projects that will transform the school. We will extend and completely modernise our Physics Lab in the next few weeks. By January 2009 all three labs will be completely modernised and transformed.

The First and Second Years will be assigned form bases in the English classroom area and be given new lockers close to their bases. This will hopefully alleviate the stress of carrying heavy shaped bags throughout the school day and doing goodness knows what damage to their backs. It will also provide a more congenial environment than the dark locker area we previously used.

I am also introducing two new subjects on the curriculum. This year we are completely reviewing our delivery of the TY programme. I will write about this in more detail in August, but I am introducing Classical Studies in to the Curriculum and Religious Studies. Both are Leaving Certificate subjects and we will use the TY year to assess their popularity with the students.

In the Junior Cycle we will be introducing Technology. This is the sister subject to Design Communication Graphics which has proved to be both extremely popular and very successful at examination level at both Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate Level. We need to get full approval from the Department of Education and Science, but assuming all is well this subject will be offered as a subject to the incoming First years. It will offer students the chance to experience engineering type skills and high level design opportunities. It is another subject that signals the change in the curriculum and will help students prepare for the new world in the 21st century workplace.

It is worth noting that we are one of only 8 schools in the country piloting a new project based assessment programme in Design Communication and Graphics at Leaving Certificate Level. In the last weeks of May a small group of our students went to Athlone to show the assembled party of educationalists and department officials samples of their projects. They received not only an award for their work, but recognition that the standard of their projects was much higher than anticipated. Indeed, one of the chief examiners made it clear to me that it was some of the very best work he had seen and was certainly some of the finest material he had seen produced in all the schools offering this subject in the entire country. Mr Timmons, their teacher has created a vibrant department and his students are producing experimental work that would grace any professional engineering or design workshop in the commercial world. Well done to all concerned and if you are visiting the school could I ask you to take a moment to look at some of the displays you can see around the school.

# The Beginning of the New School Year

It seems absurd to be talking about the new school year already, but I want to set out arrangements in the secondary school for the first few days because we have an important in service day on bullying that will involve all the senior school staff on Tuesday 26th August. This training day has meant that I have to change the traditional arrangements somewhat.

<b>Monday 25th August:</b>	Full Staff Meeting - Senior School Only
<b>Tuesday 26th August:</b>	Staff Training Day on Anti-Bullying in the Secondary School
<b>Wednesday 27th August:</b>	Assembly and Extended Form Period until break time Junior School Return to school - half day students finishing at 1.10pm

This will involve assigning lockers, giving out homework diaries and timetables and signing up for Clubs and Activities

School will finish at lunchtime and the afternoon will be devoted to the orientation of new students. There will also be rehearsals for Grease this year's new musical.

The first full day of the new term will be **Thursday 28th August**.

You can see all of the important dates on the school calendar posted on the website. In August I will write to you outlining and explaining some of the new events and particularly the new prize-giving evening on Monday 15th September. This event replaces the prize giving we have had at the end of Gala Day in previous years. I am hoping to extend the range of prizes and reach out to a wider community than just the 3rd and 6th Years.

## Uniforms & Booklists

### Uniforms

Please note that senior school uniforms are available to order from Ms Fitzgerald. You may download an order form from our website [www.suttonparkschool.com](http://www.suttonparkschool.com)

Please send in your order form with a cheque for the relevant amount to Ms Fitzgerald where she will be happy to order for you and have your items ready for collection on Monday & Tuesday 25th & 26th August at the school.

Junior School Uniforms and all sports wear are now available to purchase at the usual outlet - Pat O'Farrell Uniform Shop, Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co Dublin - Tel: +353 1 8463512 or Fax: +353 1 8463127

### Booklists

Booklists for Senior School students are available to download from our website [www.suttonparkschool.com](http://www.suttonparkschool.com)  
Please note that it is not urgent at this stage to order books for option subjects as all students options will be arranged when they start school in the new year.

There are various sources to order books from e.g [www.books.ie](http://www.books.ie) / [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) or from the local book shop based in Sutton Cross called The Open Book Company who have relevant books in store.

# SENIOR SCHOOL

## The Design & Communication Graphics Department

There was a remarkable standard in the current 5th year *Design & Communication Graphics* students (also including three Transition Year students) achieved in the recent pilot project for the new LC syllabus. They have been singled out for special mention at an awards ceremony in the Dept. of Ed. next Tuesday in Athlone. Their presentation drawings were of such a high standard ("the likes of which have never been seen in the Irish Ed. system") a copy will be circulated to all DCG schools next September. They have generated an enormous amount of interest within the governing Educational Technology board because of the unique way in which they investigated, researched and compiled their projects.

## Music Department News

### Music Practicals and Music Evening

The Music Department has had an extremely busy term. Students worked very hard for their practicals examinations and were pleased with their performances. The *Music Evening* on April 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great success. All the performers gave of their best and everyone went home with the strains of David Tobin's thrilling performance of Brahms Hungarian Dance ringing in their ears. David has been selected to take part in a masterclass in the *National Concert Hall* with the leader of the Vienna Philharmonic. This is a wonderful achievement as only three students in the country have been chosen. David will also perform solo recitals in Boyle and Carrick on Shannon during the summer as part of Arts Festivals in these towns.

### International Recital and Young Musician Competition

International Prize winner, *Lance Coburn*, gave a piano recital in the school hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> April as part of the Young Musician Weekend. This was a tremendous evening as he is such a passionate and exciting performer. Mrs. Maeve Hillery, the recently widowed spouse of former president Dr. Patrick Hillery, attended. It was especially poignant that Mrs. Hillery made the effort to support the event in the week of her husband's death. She received the warm applause and appreciation of the audience as Dr. Patrick Hillery donated the trophy that started the Young Musician Competition seventeen years ago. Some beautiful photographs were taken by Mr. Emlyn Jones and these will be displayed on the school website. Congratulations to Sutton Park Students who were awarded prizes at the *Young Musician Competition*. These were, Yusuf Bhujwalla 6<sup>th</sup> Year, who won the *Wind Under 18* competition; Jack Lynsky from second year who won the *Voice under 18* competition. The winner of the *Dr. Patrick Hillery Award* was David Naughton. David goes to Belvedere College and studies guitar with Mr. Luke Tobin.



### Visit of Choir from Finland

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 67 Students from Finland and eight of their teachers and parents arrived in the school. The group practiced all morning in the hall and in the music room and gave a concert to the school community in the afternoon. After the concert we had an enjoyable Ceili with Irish and Finns merrily swinging to the strains of Ms Howard's Fiddle. The Finns sang an arrangement of O Danny Boy as a tribute to our country and presented Ms Howard with a token of their national composer, Jean Sibelius.

### Singing Circle

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May we had a candlelit evening in the music room where young singers availed of the intimate platform to improve their performance skills. There was a lovely atmosphere at this event. Thank you to all who performed and a big thank you to the students who came along to support their friends who were performing.

### Auditions for the Musical Grease

As I write we have completed two heavy days of auditions, where students have been put through their paces in dancing, singing and drama. The show goes up in the last week of November and will be directed by Jill Grueber with musical direction by Fionnuala Howard. The Stage Manager is Jeannette Byrne. We are going to need help so please approach any member of the team with offers. Every small bit gratefully appreciated.

### Ms F. Howard

## **Brass News:**

Thank you to all of the students and parents who participated in the SPS Trumpet Evening! I had a great time seeing you perform and am looking forward to next school year! If you would like to see the pictures from the Trumpet Evening, please visit [www.meninvonkmusic.eu](http://www.meninvonkmusic.eu) and follow the link on the main page to the Sutton Park School site.

If you are not currently taking trumpet lessons but would be interested in learning trumpet, cornet, flugelhorn, french horn, or trombone, please get in touch with me any time at 087 232 8707. There are still vacancies for next school year, and this summer!

All the best for a lovely summer,

**Andrea Vonk, Brass instructor**

## **Science Department News**

### **SciFest Ireland 2008**

Congratulations to Robert Flood & Stephen Palminteri in 1<sup>st</sup> Year who won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Junior Physics/Chemistry/ Maths section of the SciFest Competition in DIT on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The boys did a super project 'An Investigation into Shock Absorbancy of Non-Newtonian Fluids'. The judges were very impressed with their knowledge and application of their research and experiments. They now intend to do further research and design a useful product which they intend to enter into next year's BT Young Scientist Competition.

### **Fingal County Council Award**

Fingal County Council were so impressed with Adam Keilthy & Conor Scully's Young Scientist Project – 'A web Browser for the Colour Blind' – they asked for a loan of it to be put on display in both their Swords and Blanchardstown Offices. The two boys were invited to a presentation from the Mayor on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Swords offices where he presented them with a cheque for the Science Department and a permanent display stand for their project. Good luck to them in the N. Ireland Competition which takes place in Belfast in June. Good luck also to Niamh Lowney & Shreya Ahluwalia who have entered the same competition with their Psychology project on Optical Illusions.

### **Ms C. Tattersall**

## **French**

On 14th March 2 teams, one from 1H and one from 1S, did an "on line" competition with the French Embassy on "Francophonie". A huge number of schools participated and we were very lucky as the 1H team came second and the 1S came fourth. It helped them to develop cultural awareness through using IT skills.

They were invited to a "French Gouter" on 13th May at the "Cafe des Amis" with the French Cultural Attache, where they enjoyed an African storyteller. They came back with their individual bags of French gadgets, books, CDs, sweets and French pousse pousse and Certificates.

Well done.

### **Madam Bardell**



# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Fundraising

At Christmas time all the children became involved in making Christmas very special for those less fortunate. The children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, Grade 1 & 2 were given the name and age of a child and gradually my office was filled with the most beautifully wrapped and, I'm sure, thoughtful gifts. The pupils of Grades 3 & 4 combined their generosity and raised enough to ensure that the residents of St. Mary's Hospital Baldoyle would enjoy the use of a fantastic keyboard. The pupils of Grades 5 & 6 had the task of raising enough money to provide the residents of the L'Arche community in Baldoyle with bird houses, standard lamps and craft making equipment.

The Global Feast was the main means of raising funds for Chimteka. Having raised enough funding last year to cover the cost of supplying water to 7 of the villages, this year our aim was to raise enough to provide sports and leisure equipment for use in the community hall in Chimteka. With contributions from Oscar, David, Halina and Gavin who all donated monies received as birthday gifts, we have sent over €3,000 for the funding of the equipment.

The children of Grade 2 read voraciously to raise over €1,000 for the M.S. Readathon and one of the class, Nevin, donated his birthday monies to the ISPCC.

This year the fund raising for the Guide Dogs for the Blind involved a sponsored walk of Howth Pier by the pupils of Junior Infants, Senior Infants, Grade 1,2 & 3.

On the same day many parents donated home made cakes for sale and to date the combined monies from these two events totals over €4,000.

## Cookery

Great use was made of the cookery facilities provided by the P.T.A. Apart from a Cookery Club on a Wednesday afternoon enjoyed by pupils from Grades 5 & 6, all classes enjoyed creating a variety of dishes under the watchful eyes of a group of parents, Mrs Economos, Mrs Brown, Mrs de Vries, Mrs Buckner and Mrs Kretels.

The resulting recipes and many more were then collated and the result is a wonderful cookery book with timeless recipes, illustrations by the pupils and photographs of all classes. The interest in cookery continued with the story of bread making presented by Mrs Buckner, this was followed by all classes baking bread helped by Mrs Buckner, Mrs Juuso, Mrs Brown and Mrs Kretels.

## School Tours

Dublin Zoo, Delphi Adventure Centre, Carlingford Adventure Centre, St. Anne's Park, Artworks, Newgrange, The National Gallery, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, the College of Surgeons, Newgrange Farm, Newbridge House, Causey Farm, Ice Rink, Helix, Imaginosity.

These are just some of the trips enjoyed by the pupils over the course of the year.

## 50th Anniversary

The celebration of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday was a great day in the Junior School.

The cutting of the cake by Sebastian and Rebecca was followed by a lunch of pizzas, a slice of cake and soft drinks. The younger children enjoyed being entertained by Billy Bubbles while the older pupils marvelled at the wonders of the Science Roadshow.

Party games and Karaoke rounded off a great day.

## Clubs

The pupils of Grades 4, 5 & 6 once again enjoyed a wide variety of club activities provided by the Junior School teachers; Cookery, Football, Drama, Aerobics & Dance, Cross Country, Art & Craft, Spanish, Book Club and Environment Club.

## Rainbows

A number of pupils have taken advantage of the provision of the Rainbows programme in the school. This programme, to help those who have and are suffering a loss in their lives, was introduced by Ms O'Brien and the facilitator was Ms Sweeney. The group met each week and I know that those attending have benefited from the meetings.

## Assemblies & Concerts

All classes have presented an Assembly with themes ranging from 'The Vikings-vicious or simply misunderstood' to 'The first landing on the Moon'.

All pupils participated in either a Christmas play or the musical presentation at The North Dublin Arts Festival.

## P.T.A

The Junior School has benefited greatly from the great work undertaken by the P.T.A.

Funds raised at their many events have provided us with a huge range of extra classroom reading material. Five of the eight Junior School classrooms are equipped with Interactive whiteboards. Extra software to develop literacy and numeracy skills are available in every classroom. Equipment to enable all children to cook as well as two cookers are in the Resource Room.

I would like to give great credit to the members of the P.T.A. in particular Mrs Ryan and Mrs Gorman for the contribution they make in enabling us to provide so much for all pupils.

Apart from their support and involvement in the P.T.A. a few parents, who prefer not to be named, were extremely generous in funding extra computers for the classroom and providing funding for two of the Whiteboards. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

## Achievements

There have been so many individual achievements across a very wide range of activities, too numerous to mention here. One achievement that must be mentioned however, was the winning of the Leinster Hockey Cup by a team of Grade 5 & 6 hockey players. The team remain undefeated at the end of a great season and were deserved winners in the cup final.

Ms Geraldine McGuire  
**Junior School Principal**



# SPORTS NEWS

## Hockey

### SUTTON PARK HOCKEY CAMP

Open to boys and girls from S.P.S.

**Wednesday, 20th / Thursday, 21st / Friday, 22nd August**  
**Times: 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon for Grade 6 Junior & 1st & 2nd Years Seniors**  
**1.30 pm - 3.30 for 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Years Seniors**

Venue: Sutton Park Astro-Turf  
Cost: €40 Euro (Cheques payable to 'Sutton Park School' please)

Please bring correct hockey playing gear (we have sticks for anyone needing to borrow), gum shields and shin guards. Drinks and snacks and wet weather gear.

**\*\*\*It is very important for a student to attend if he or she is interested in playing for a school team.\*\*\***

## Anti-Bullying Seminar

At the start of the next academic year, September 2008, Sutton Park School are planning an anti bullying seminar in conjunction with the Anti Bullying Centre in Trinity to encompass the whole school, both Junior school and Senior school students, policy review and awareness for staff and an information evening for parents. Also in keeping with the Department of Health and Children's child protection policies, Sutton Park School will be holding a training event for all staff and school personnel (to include all ground staff, catering etc) to ensure everyone is up to date on all issues surrounding child protection and legislation. This is in keeping with the following most relevant pieces of legislation.

### **Protection of Persons reporting Child Abuse Act 1998**

Child care act 1991  
Data protection acts, 1988 and 2003  
Domestic violence, 1996

More information can be found at:  
[www.dohc.ie/publications/children\\_first](http://www.dohc.ie/publications/children_first).

Dates for the above training are to be confirmed and will be announced on the website in due course.

# Sutton School of Dance

Please see below details of our new Dance Classes available. Please contact Gill Grueber on 086 8396985 to put your name down

# Sutton School of Dance

## Summer School

18<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> AUG

Sutton Park School  
St Fintan's Road  
Sutton



Classes welcome 4-18 yrs.  
For a fun filled week of Dance  
including Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary  
and musical theatre styles.

**LIMITED PLACES, REGISTER NOW**

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