



2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are delighted that we have finally taken possession of our state of the art Sports Dome and can finally use it for school related activities.

It has represented a vast undertaking for the school and the Board of Management has at all times given great support for this venture. I particularly wish to thank the outgoing Chairperson Kevin O'Brien for his determined vision and all members of both the present and past Boards for their professional expertise, support and advice. The Bursar, Facilities Manager and Caretaker have also been the hidden forces behind the scenes propelling this project forward inch by inch.

Thank you also to all the parents who have financially assisted us with this project through fundraising or donations. We have also been the recipient of some large anonymous donations which have been gratefully received.

The addition of \in 150,000 Capital Sports Grant was a help on the steep path to the final estimated cost of approximately \in 1.9 million euro.

Facilities

Your daughters will now benefit from this first class facility including the use of 3 full size basketball courts which can also be used for 6 badminton courts, volleyball and tennis courts and futsal courts. These courts will be wonderful also for gymnastics and dance. The mini astro pitch allows games like hockey, soccer and gaelic to be played to name but a few of the sports.

The PE seminar room is set up for all PE classes from 1st to 6th year and is fully equipped for our Leaving Certificate examinable PE classes. Changing rooms, showers and toilets are all also available for student use. There is also a PE office for the staff. Please see some pictures attached.

OLS NutriQuick Dome

As we still have a large loan to pay back we are delighted to be the recipient of a generous 2 year sponsorship deal to name the dome. The Dome will now be called the OLS NutriQuick Dome.

We have lots of enquiries for rentals and are delighted with the numbers already booked in. There are some slots still available and enquiries can be made by email to <u>admin@olschool.ie</u>.

I would also finally like to thank Deputy Principals Edel Donlon, Aoife Ronan and Stephen Rhatigan who covered so many additional duties whilst I was engaged with all the challenges that a project of this size brings. The staff in Our Lady's have also to be thanked for their continued support and patience with this long project.

I look forward to seeing the whole community benefiting from this wonderful facility.

Yours sincerely

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