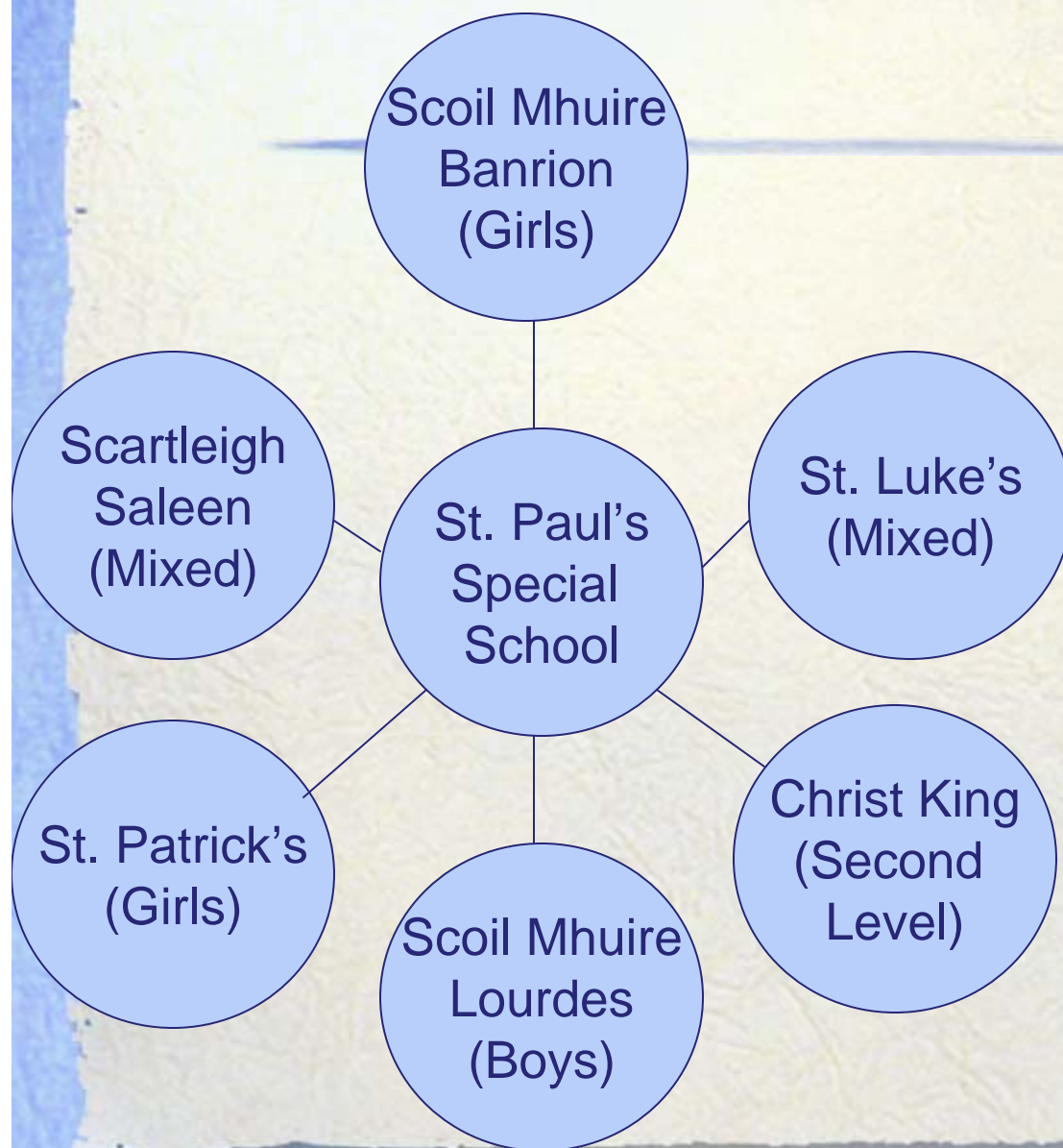


**Supporting Positive
Attitudes of pupils in
relation to peers with S.E.N.**

St. Paul's School Links
Kay Redmond & Pádraig Kelly

St. Paul's School Links



- St. Paul's
 - o Special School
 - o 99 Pupils
 - o Severe/Profound/Moderate GLD
- History of School Links

Extent of the Project

- Started in 2005
- Average Visits – 6 per year per school
(3 in Special School ; 3 in Mainstream School)
- A very worthwhile commitment 😊

Initial Anxieties

Pupils

- “I was afraid before we started”
- “I was nervous”
- “How do I talk to them?”
- “Will I be able to understand?”

How did sessions go?

Social Skills

- Getting to know each other
 - Appropriate turn-taking
 - Games
 - FUN!!!! 😊

Pupils decided on activity for next session

Cookery

Art

Hockey
& Football

Circle Time in action



Cooking up a storm



The Experience!

- Fun 😊
- Lámh Sign Language is great!
- Pupils led sessions
- Friendships formed
- Great honesty
- Easy to facilitate

Just look at the intensity...



A well deserved break!



Certificate of Friendship

Diarmuid

Sinead

Stephanie

Emma

Nikki

Joan

School Links 2008 - 2009



Sarah

Nikita

Chelsea

Kerri

Stacie

Lorna

This is to certify that Class 6 from St. Paul's and 6th Class from Scoil MhuirBanión have successfully participated in a SchoolLinks programme. As a result, new friendships have been forged and we had a brilliant time ☺.

Principal.....

Date :

This is what the pupils think

- “I liked calling all the staff by their first names. If we did that we’d get in trouble!”
- “The school is gorgeous. I loved the playground & all the things they have.”
- I really enjoyed showing the pictures to Sinead. She taught us loads of signs so we could talk to each other.”

This is what the pupils think

- “If you grow up & your own child has special needs you’ll know a bit more.”
- “I didn’t think the class would be so small. Imagine only 7 kids in a class!”
- “Nikki wants the same Christmas present as me. She likes the same things as me!”

The Last Word!

- “I thought we’d be helping them with their work...I didn’t think it would be just fun!” 😊

