



St. John Bosco's Summer Newsletter 2022

Message From Our Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin to call time on school year 2021/22 I would like to say a sincere thank you for your continued and wonderful support of our school community.

This has certainly been another most demanding year and we hope that all our dedicated Bosco's boys and all our hardworking colleagues will benefit from the time of calm and rest and restoration which hopefully July and August will provide.

Our school management team is busy preparing the ground work for school year 2022/23 to ensure that we as a school community continue to grow and learn to manage well and respond well to the educational and behavioural needs of all our pupils and to ensure that we work closely with you in a professional and proper relationship as our partners in education.

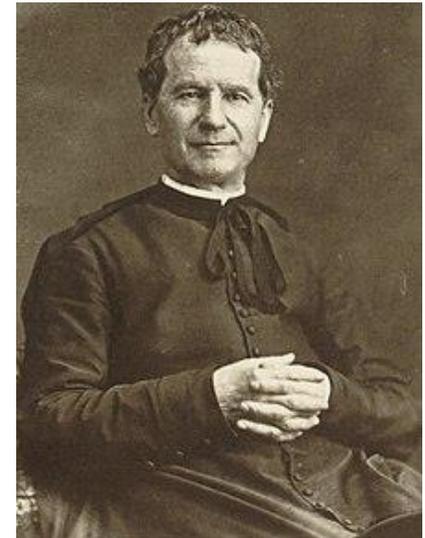
We will be releasing a revised Code of Behaviour for the start of the new school year and we would ask all our parents and guardians to spend time with this policy document when it is released to ensure we work well together and communicate well and appropriately as a school community.

I hope that all our wonderful Bosco's boys enjoy their summer holidays and continue in the great tradition of our school to run, read and pray every day.

On behalf of the Board of Management of SJBSBS,

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Mr Bourke.



Active Schools Week

On Monday, we went to inspire with my class. It was fun and we played football on the astro pitch. On Wednesday, my class did a fitness class with Mr. Gaffney in the PE hall. It was challenging but really fun. On Friday we went on our sponsored walk and it was amazing.

-Alex Conroy Rm. 11

Bosco's Active Week is a really fun time of year where all the children in our school participate in a week of really cool activities such as playing football with Karl, fun dancing with Jodie, going on the sponsored walk and if up for the challenge, doing a fitness class with Mr. Gaffney.

I had lots of fun during Active Week and I learned lots while I was participating in the activities.

-Charlie Franzoni Rm. 11

In Active Schools Week, we did dancing, PE with Mr. Gaffney, yoga and our normal PE. I enjoyed how fun it was and I loved all the coaches. Matthew's favourite thing was PE with Mr. Gaffney, Niall's favourite was dancing while Ryan's favourite was yoga.

-Matthew, Niall and Ryan Rm. 2

I really liked football and yoga.

-Greg Rm.2

We enjoyed Active School Week because we enjoyed yoga.

-Bobby and Cillian Rm. 2





Around Our School

Well Being Warriors

Wellbeing warriors is a relaxing space. It is calm and the work is fun. It is all about secondary school focusing mostly on the timetables. The teachers are so nice and not strict at all to be fair to them. They have to cope with 11-12 twelve-year-olds so they do well to stay calm. Overall, I would recommend wellbeing warriors for all the boys in our school.

Donagh O'Callaghan, Djay Richardson Rm.5

Wellbeing warriors is an afterschool club that takes place every Tuesday. Ms. O' Boyce and Ms Laughlin run it. We talk about our feelings and preparation for secondary school. We practice following timetables and talk about what we are looking forward to in secondary school. We enjoy it a lot and look forward to each session.

Olan Bradley, Oliver Loveday Rm. 5

Poc Fáda

On 18th of June, I completed in the Dublin community games in the poc fáda against 20 other boys. We all had 3 shots each and the eight boys with the longest puck got through to the final round. I was one of those eight boys. Then we all had another three shots to see who would get onto the podium. In the end, I came second with the length of 77.8m. I will now represent Dublin in the national competition in Carlow on 13th August.

-Dáire Farrelly Givens Rm. 11



Dublin City Library

Be a Summer Star with Dublin City Libraries and earn prizes for reading! Summer Stars is the free national public libraries reading initiative for children that runs from June 13th until the end of August.

All children are encouraged to continue to enjoy reading books throughout the summer months and earn Summer Stars prizes as they go. Children can join in by registering for a reading card from their local library at any time during the summer.

As well as the books in the library, children can enjoy e-books and e-audio books through the library's [BorrowBox](#) app, with a special [Summer Stars collection](#) coming soon. This is free for all Dublin City Libraries members. [Non-members can join Dublin City Libraries online for free here.](#)

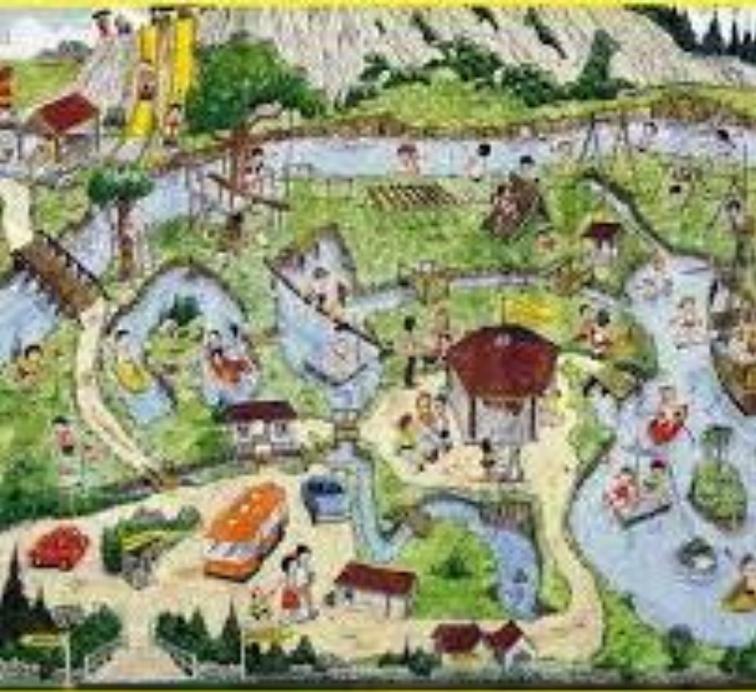
If you would like to register for the Summer Stars reading challenge, contact your [local library](#).

We also have a competition where children can send in a photo of a cover of a library book that they enjoyed over the summer along with a few lines about why they liked it. Contact your local library for more information.

You can also get more information by clicking [Dublin City Libraries Summer Stars](#) or www.summerstars.

Boys from Room 10 enjoyed a trip to the Cabra Library where they got a chance to write and illustrate their own books.





Our School Tours





Tayto Park

This year the 6th classes went to Tayto Park. On the day, a double decker bus was parked in our school car park and all the boys piled in. When we arrived, we went to the dining area and were given a schedule for the day. We then ran to the rides. Most people went to the popular rides such as Cú Chulainn or Viking Voyage. After all the rides, we went for some lunch. After lunch, we were given tours of the zoo. We went back to the rides then until a quarter to three. We then came home on the bus and were given Tayto crisps and walked home.

-Luke Dillon Rm. 1

My name is Tiernan and this was my experience of Tayto Park. After the times were explained to us, my friends and I went on the most popular rides then we went for lunch. We were then given a guided tour of the zoo and free time after. It was a great day 10/10.

-Tiernan Murphy Rm.1

I went on the Rotator Cuff with a few of my friends and really enjoyed it. The tour of the zoo was really interesting and my favourite animals were the lemurs. I went on a few other rides and it was so much fun, especially Power Surge. I think overall, it was my favourite school tour.

-Tadhg Gao Rm. 1

Clara Lara

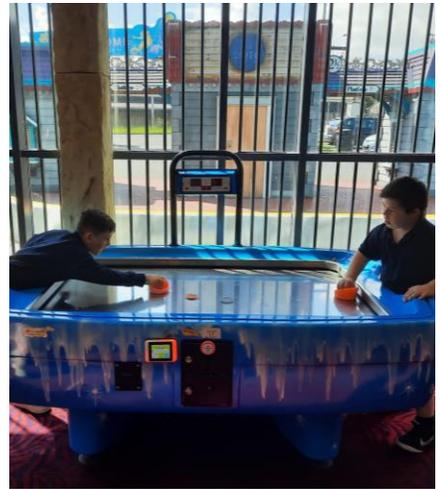
We came into school with excitement and our packed bags, waiting in our lines. We sat down in our classroom and were ready to go. At around 9:20, we went downstairs and stepped onto the bus, sat down and our fifth class tour began! When the bus started to drive, the excitement blasted out with chants and songs as we drove away from the school. These and some parents waved goodbye and said their best wishes. Room 12 and Room 11 were on the top floor with Ms. Belton, Mr. Kearney and Margaret. Room 6 were on the bottom floor with Mr. Deegan, Ms. Ryan and Jean. We all chanted songs like Possibilities and the Wheels on the Bus. After an hour and 20 minutes, we arrived at Clara Lara. We got off the bus with our belongings and got into a line behind our teachers waiting for wristbands. Then we all went off to different activities. There was a lot of activities like canoes, aqua shuttle, go-karting, obstacle courses and mini-golf. The teachers called us back for lunch and for more sun cream and we went off again to play. There was also a restaurant with hot food and drinks. At around 2:10pm, we started to change and got our bags ready to go. We played a big game of rugby at the end. We said goodbye to Clara Lara and went on the bus back to school. Room 12 and room 6 were on the top floor and room 11 were on the bottom floor. We sang ABC and That is Embarrassing. Many people went to sleep on the way back. As we arrived back into school, our parents were waiting for us. I would recommend this tour to Clara Lara to everyone.

Nansen Liu, 5th Class, Room 12.

At 9:30 on the 16th June 2022, all three 5th classes left the school to go to Clara Lara. We went on a cyan and purple bus (very odd choice in colour). The journey was great crack with everyone singing and having a laugh. Some boys from Ms Belton's class had checklists of things to look for on the journey to Clara Lara. When the 5th classes arrived at Clara Lara, all the pupils were given wristbands with the letter A on them. After, an instructor came over to tell us all about the rules and regulations. The instructor finished talking and we could go on what we wanted. This idea was much preferred by the boys instead of an instructor bringing each class around. Some activities included a massive slide which you rode on by sitting on a raft, canoeing was a really fun way to relax and chat with your friends, climbing on a giant rope was challenging but fun at the same time, ziplining which was cool but not the best thing that was there and the playground with a big treehouse which was great fun. After lunch, some boys and myself went canoeing. It was great fun out on the water. When we all finished up in the water, most of us went to get changed. When we were changed, we had a massive game of rugby with Louis' rugby ball. After, each class got a photo we hopped on the bus. Everyone had great fun on the way back. Some even fell asleep! It would definitely recommend this to anyone who wants to go to Clara Lara. It was a great school tour.

Ben McDonnell, 5th class, room 12.





Funtasia

On Thursday 3rd June, all of the third classes went to Funtasia. We arrived at school for 8:45 and the bus collected us. The bus ride was 40minutes. We played bowling when we got there and had lunch afterwards. We then went to the soft play area and finished on the rides. There was a train and bumper cars. We then all hopped back on the bus and arrived back in school at 3:15. We had lots of fun.

-Noah Summers and Paul Hanway PF6

Cavan Crystal Maze

Seán Finn- I really enjoyed when we walked through the river

Kevin Smyth- It was good for team building and very fun.

Rory Bridson- I would give it ten out of ten

Charlie O Connell- My favourite part was the river

Daniel Kershaw- The land mines were cool.

Adam Mannix- I would recommend it

Liviu Nistor- I really liked the obstacle course

Sam McQueen - My favourite was the football

Connor Byrne- The river was the best

Jason Donnelly- I had a great time in the river

Ryan Geoghegan- I would recommend it. I liked it all

Cillian Fitzsimons- We kept on getting stuck in the maze!

Zach Hughes- I loved the riddles

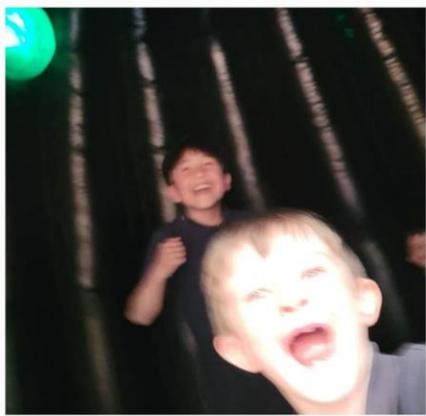
Aaron Walsh- The obstacle course was cool

Ashton smith- I liked everything

Antoni Poznanski- The maze was great

Bobby Kane- The obstacle course was cool





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Bosco's Bake Sale

Aoibheann's Pink Tie is a charity for childhood cancer. Cancer affects loads of children. This is why Boscos are trying so hard to help children with cancer across Ireland. This year lots of people donated money to this charity. We raised €1820.40, we are so grateful to the people who gave money to the charity. The reason we started this event was because someone very special passed away in September 2021. Her name was Clíodhna Pearson but me and Darragh call her Beany and Aoibheann's Pink Tie helped her a lot. And that's the reason we had the bake sale.

By Darragh Pearson and Charlie Franzoni

It was fun and we were happy with how much money we made, we raised €1820.40 and so many people came and we sold a lot of cakes, buns and pastries. Cillian Donnelly, Room 2

I loved the bake sale because every second I knew we were donating to Aoibheann's Pink Tie. The bake sale inspired me to help children with cancer. We raised €1820.40. Bobby Fitzpatrick, Room 2





Art Exhibition

After a 5 year hiatus our Art Exhibition returned this year to brighten our days, and our school hall!

It was a roaring success with wonderful art from every child on display, as well as a wonderful whole-school art project – a giant collage of 400 self-portraits from students and staff, that was the central focal point on the stage.

We had amazing 3d art from hot air balloons to crannógs and from constructed stars to celtic pots and a duck pond full of lovely ducks. The 2D art was wonderfully colourful and really caught the eye.

Every class visited the exhibition with a 'Gallery Hunt' checklist of art styles to find throughout the hall, from monochromatic pictures to abstract to recycled materials. This really kept the boys engaged. We used a Buddy system for the first time too whereby our older students helped the younger boys find their work and specific styles along the gallery hunt

The charity donations reached €120 which has been sent to Aoibheann's Pink Tie.

It really was great to have the school open again and to be able to welcome parents and families back in to our school. A great success thanks to the hard work of the boys, their teachers and especially our amazing SNAs!





Bosco's Got Talent

Bosco's Got Talent is an event which occurs every year in our school. Every boy in St. John Bosco Senior Boys' School can participate in the event but are not all promised to get into the final event. Everyone goes to the hall for the main event which is on this Friday, 24th of June. There are rehearsals and auditions before the main event. You are allowed to bring in your own instruments, everyone who is participating has an act number for when it is their turn. It will be a fun day for everyone to see all the talent.

My name is Sam Freaney and I am one of the boys who are participating in this event. I am going to sing. I saw most of the acts during rehearsals and they were all amazing. I rate BGT 10/10.
Sam Freaney, 5th Class, Room 12.

Bosco's Got talent is a great way for students to share their talent with the school. Whether it is music, jokes, magic or sport all boys are welcome to audition. Auditions begin to open around four weeks before the show. Bosco's 2018 was held in February and was the inaugural show, it started a tradition in the school that I'd say will last a lot longer than the rest of my time in this school. In 2020 there was an online show where students could record videos and send their entries in on Aladdin. In 2021 there was no show due to Covid. In 2022 the show will be held on Friday 24th June. There was a record breaking amount of entries this year. I'm sure the show will be fantastic.
Louis Geoghegan, 5th Class, Room 12.





Congratulations to our outgoing sixth classes!

My name is Ethan and this is what it has been like in St. John Bosco's. In 2nd class, Ms Costello was my teacher. It was a big change settling in and it was different but after a while I got used to it. We had Mr. Kearney in 3rd and went swimming that year. In fourth we had Mr Gaffney and he was mad about coffee and lego. I had Ms D'Arcy in fourth and she was very nice. Now we have Ms. Minagh and she is great and we all get on really well with her. We've had great school tours. We've been to Funtasia, Phoenix Park and Tayto Park. We had art exhibitions, sports days, Boscots got talent. I really loved my time here and I will miss all the teachers. Goodbye to primary school.

-Ethan Higgins Rm 5

My name is Donagh and I'm a student in St. John Bosco SBS. I have had a good time here. I was an office boy in 4th class and I have to say that looking back on it, I'm quite proud of myself. It is crazy how fast the time has gone by and to be honest I will miss the school. I am looking forward to a new start too. The last few weeks in school have been fun. I have been so lucky with all my teachers so far and I hope to be as lucky in secondary school too.

-Donagh O Callaghan Rm 5

I had a great time in St. John Bosco's. We have done so many activities over the years such as Bosco's Got Talent, sponsored walks, projects and school tours. There are so many great after school clubs too such as the football team, hurling team, Lego club and wellbeing warriors. I would recommend the school to others and will really miss the school.

-Alex Foley Rm 5





My time in primary school was great. I loved the PE activities like football, basketball, cricket and Gaa. My favourite subjects were science, maths and art. I enjoyed those subjects and activities the most. -- Ronan McGrath Rm1

I start in St. John Bosco's in second class with Ms. Byrne. I don't remember a lot of second class but I remember I sat beside Alex. I had Mr. Harris in 3rd class and he was mad about games. I had Ms. Ryan in 4th class who was the best for PE and science. We had Ms. Seery in 5th with the best SNA Margaret. We are now in 6th class and we have Ms. Lally who is my favourite so far. We had active schools a few weeks ago and Stephen Phillips cup in a few days. -Damien Sweeney Rm1

In primary school, we got to do loads of fun activities and learn lots of life lessons. We have done loads of experiments and school tours. Overall it was a very positive experience. -Liam Keenan Rm 1

My name is Adam Peake and I will share my school journey with you. When I was 8 years old, I came into the senior boys school and Ms Conran was my teacher. I remember learning about the solar system and making my first communion.

After a productive summer, I was ready to start 3rd class. My teacher was Mr. Barnicle and he was the only male teacher I had while in Bosco's. Since starting school, Irish was a subject I was struggling with. Mr Barnicle had a love for Irish and really took his time to help me and encourage me. For this I say "go raibh míle maith agat as do chabhair ar fad". During this year, we also took swimming lessons which were lots of fun.

4th class came along and with it came Covid 19. This had a big impact on our education and learning. Schools were closed and work was sent home. This was not fun at all and I missed my friend and the routine of school. I felt that I had fallen behind but Ms. Belton did a great job catching us up.

Ms. Belton was also my teacher in 5th class. Covid was very much part of our lives and we had to wear masks in school. We were in pods in school during this time and I was very happy when we were allowed to mix again.

I am now in my final year in school. I made my confirmation this year and my teacher is Ms. A. Ryan. I'm really enjoying sixth class and my teacher makes learning so interesting and fun. After two year with no school tour, we went to Tayto park. It was so much fun with all my friends.

-Adam Peake Rm. 3

We look forward to welcoming you all back on September 1st!

Have an
awesome
Summer!

