

Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School



Newsletter

October 2019

Hallowe'en

We wish everyone a happy, safe and "Spook-a-cular" Hallowe'en and term break. The dangers of Hallowe'en are well-documented and each year brings new tales of horrific injuries. Please re-emphasize these dangers to ensure everybody remains safe and non-threatened this Hallowe'en.

Dublin City Fire Brigade is running a Hallowe'en Safety Campaign which gives useful information for parents.

www.dublincity.ie-besafe-staysafe

Please remember pets find the noise and distractions of Halloween most distressing.

Dogs Trust has useful tips on pet safety, particularly our four-legged friends –

www.dogstrust.ie

Pupils were allowed wear Hallowe'en costumes in school on Friday 27th.

2nds and 3rds can wear costumes into school and 4th, 5th and 6th classes can bring them in a bag and will be allowed to change into them after 12pm.

No hair dying. no balaclavas.
No toy swords, knives or guns or and dangerous items to be brought into school. 4th, 5th & 6th classes must remove costumes before leaving the school at 2.30pm.

Our Community Gardaí Visit School

Our Community Gardaí, Ciara and Shane, from Cabra Garda Station, visited the school on 24th October. They spoke to all classes and highlighted the dangers associated with bonfires and bangers at this time of year. We greatly appreciate their commitment to the promotion of responsible behaviour and the prevention of accidents at **HALLOWEEN**.

CALENDAR

School is closed for Mid-Term on Friday 25th October (at 2.30pm) and will re-open of Monday 4th November at 8.50am.

Parent Teacher Meetings:

26th to 28th November.

You can book your meeting(s) online through Aladdin Connect From 15th November.

On Friday 6th December school will be closed for Teacher In-Service on the New Language Curriculum.



Fireworks Safety Poster & Slogan Competition

As a result of a local boy being injured by a firework, some of our boys in 5th class thought they should have an Awareness Campaign on the dangers of fireworks. They decided to have a competition in the school to promote firework safety.

Boys throughout the school got busy producing slogans, and artwork and posters. The terrific results were displayed in the hall on Friday 18th October at a prize-giving assembly. Overall Winner was Michael Cassidy (Room 1). Names of all the winners are printed below.

Thanks to Garda Ciara and Shane for their help with the competition and presenting prizes on the day.

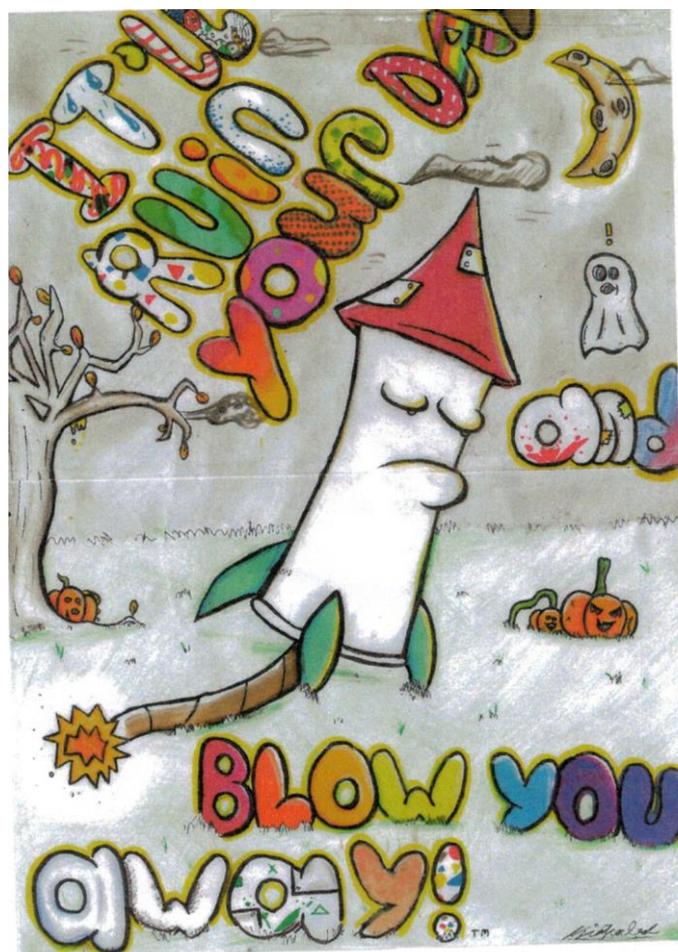
Comments;

We heard about a boy in Cabra who got seriously injured lighting a firework. We decided to have a firework Safety Competition. There were so many fantastic entries, especially from 2nd Class. On the day of our Sponsored Walk we had a whole school assembly announcing the winners.

Alex Maguire (Room 3)

A couple of weeks ago Yahia brought in an amazing poster to raise awareness of Hallowe'en Firework Safety. We had an assembly to give prizes to the boys who made a really good effort. We thank everybody who brought in a poster. We hope you have an amazing Hallowe'en.

Finn Walsh (Room 3)



Room 2

Evan Aylmer, Cian Dodrill

Room 7

Jake O'Callaghan

Prefab 4

Darragh Mc Mahon, Jack Delaney

Room 4

Luka Parkes

Room 3

Alex Maguire, Yahia Elghobashy, Finn Walsh
Kal Earley and Jack Barrett

Room 5

Daniel Lynch

Prefab 6

Oscar Finnegan, Max Carroll

Room 10

Cillian Donohoe Fahey

Room 1

Michael Cassidy, Jack Stephens and Séan Doyle

Room 6

Toby Onyema

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place from 26th to 28th November.

From 15th November you will be able to book your Parent Teacher Meeting(s) online through Aladdin Connect until Wednesday 20th November.

Online Safety

This is a message urging parents to keep a close eye on their children's online activity. Online gaming is a popular past-time these days and whereas it can be very enjoyable, it comes with certain risks.

Online bullying is a trend that is sadly rising. What can start as "banter" can quickly escalate into something much more sinister. Every child has the right to feel safe; be it in school, at home or online.

We would appeal to parents to have a look at their child's online activity in order to see what sort of language their child may be using and (possibly more important) the sort of content their child may be exposed to.

Regrettably, the threat of malicious messaging appears to be widespread within the children's own peer groups and "online parties".

We would encourage children who encounter such messages to log-off from such games and report these incidents to their parents or teachers immediately. Stay Safe.



Sponsored Walk

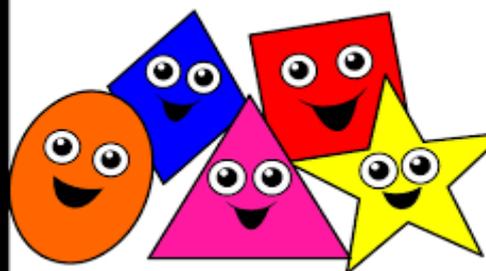


The Annual Sponsored Walk took place on Friday 18th October on a lovely autumn day.

Welcome refreshments were provided by the Parents' Committee after the walk.

We wish to thank the pupils and their parents and everybody who contributed with their generous sponsorship support. €6,000 was the final figure raised. This money will be used to purchase essential equipment for the school.

All sponsor cards should be returned to the school.



Maths Week 2019

We celebrated Maths Week this year from 12th to 20th October. Maths week aims to raise awareness of Maths and how it benefits us and the opportunities it brings to individuals, society and the economy.

This year we looked at "Shapes in the Environment". Everyday we encounter so many shapes all around us and don't pay any notice to them. Pupils were encouraged to examine the number and variety of shapes in everyday life and their functions.

Dress Code

We wish to take this opportunity to remind parents that boys should attend school wearing the full school uniform. On PE days they should wear the school tracksuit with a plain navy polo t-shirt underneath for 2nd, 3rds and 4th and the school green t-shirt for 5th and 6th Classes.

Cross Country

On Wednesday 9th October Cross Country teams from 4th, 5th and 6th classes took part in the Annual Clonliffe Harriers Cross Country in the Santry Demense on a lovely autumn morning.

All the athletes looked forward to the gruelling 1km race as they walked the course and "talked tactics" about the endurance tasks that lay ahead of them.

Congratulations to all our athletes who put in a fantastic effort to finish high up in a very competitive field.

Special congratulations to the boys from 5th class who ran really well as a team to win medals for 2nd place overall.

Our school Cross Country team were;

Mihail Atanasov, Jack Barrett,
Theo Bourke Nolan, Luca Butterly,
Cillian Campion Wigglesworth, Max Carroll,
Josh Corrigan, Fionn Dollet Mc Cann,
Rory Duffy, Seán Farrell, Finn Fitzsimons,
Mark Gibson, Alexander Hanney,
George Harold, Conor Hughes, Luke Hughes,
Oscar Keenan, Harry Leonard, Cian Maguire,
Jack McCague, Adam Mollloy, Adam Mooney,
Bruce O'Brien, Hugh O'Connor,
Charlie Stephens Jack Stephens, Eoin Wash,
Finn Walsh, Sam Young.

Note: Anybody who would like to run with a club – contact Mary (Celtic Athletics Club) at 086-407 1141

Cumann na Bunscol (Go Games)

Under 11 Football Comments;

When we didn't win a match we always came back with a smile, with our pals.

George Harold (Room 3)

Being on the junior football team was excellent.
Alexander Hanney (Room 5)

We won our final match against St. Fiachra's. I really enjoyed it I'm going to try out next year!

Finn Fitzsimons (Room 12)

Our last match was away in Whitehall and we won. Although the ground was muddy we still played a really good game.

Bruce O'Brien (Room 5)

Even though we didn't win all our games we still enjoyed it. I can't wait to try to get on the senior football team next year.

Charlie Browne (Prefab 6)

The junior football team was one of my best experience with the school. Our last game was in Whitehall. We managed to get the better of the opposition though it was an even game.

Alex Maguire (Room 3)



Parents' Committee News

Sponsored Walk

Our Annual Sponsored Walk took place on Friday 18th October. It was a lovely day and the boys really enjoyed it. Refreshments were provided to all the boys on their return to school.

Thanks to the boys and their families we have raised an amazing €6,000.

We sincerely thank all the boys, their parents and extended family for all the effort they put into raising this extra ordinary amount of money. We also collected €251 for Blue Day and Halloween Dress Up.

This money will be used to purchase essential equipment for the school.

Merit Awards

The following boys were deemed to have earned Merit Certificates in October.

2nd Class:

Jace O'Rourke, Alex Boland and Jack Christal.

3rd Class:

Kyle Smyth, Charlie Franzoni and Aaron Whyte.

4th Class:

Donagh O'Callaghan, Calum Hughes and Harry Leonard.

5th Class:

Yahia Elghobashy, Odin Mundow Polley, James Phelan Bolger and Kai Read.

6th Class:

Robert Turtak, Saul Dixon and Ben Cullen Reddy.

Well done to all the boys!

Mathletics On-line Learning Programme

What is Mathletics?

Mathletics is a Maths On-line Learning Programme.

It's fun, it's innovative and it's all about learning and practising Maths in a new and exciting way.

It offers an engaging, supportive online learning space and provides students with all the tools they need to be successful learners, both in the classroom and beyond.

Parents have already paid the annual subscription of €5 for Mathletics (as part of €60 school requisites paid).

Pupils have been given a unique username and log-in password, printed on a small card, which is stuck to the inside of their homework journal.

- ❖ **Pupils just type in <https://community.mathletics.com/signin>**
- ❖ **Then type in their own username and password.**

Mathletics can be used at home, after school, at weekends.