

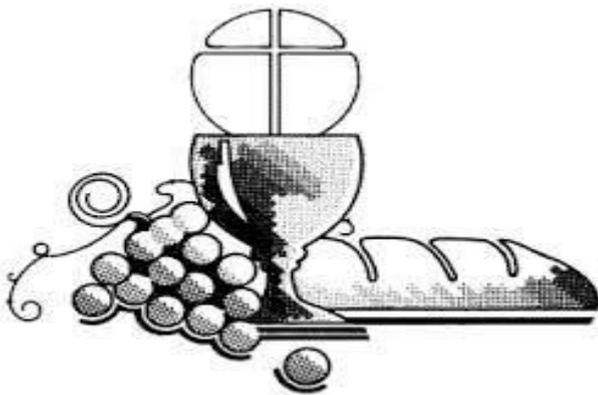
Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School



school secretary and the members of the parish support team.

First Communion

Congratulations to all our boys in Room 2, Room 7 and Room 8 who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th of May. Mass was joyfully celebrated by Fr. O'Byrne, Fr. O'Brien, and Fr. Moran. The children's choir performed the music for the event. We witnessed our boys behave wonderfully and we fully commend them for the way they participated in the mass; especially in how they prayed, sang and performed their readings and other mass tasks. We wish to thank all the teachers and members of our SNA team who did so much work in preparing the boys for this special sacramental day. We also wish to thank the families of the boys for their work in supporting the boys in their faith formation.



After the event we were all treated to the fabulous Communion party which our hardworking and dedicated Parents' Committee organised for all our communicants and their families in the hall. This is a much beloved tradition in our school and signifies greatly the living ethos of our faith, our school and our community.

Thank you to all who were involved in making this day so special and memorable; especially our

Tracksuit Rule

It is part of our Uniform Rule that children do not wear non-branded t-shirts under their tracksuits unless it is the school t-shirt. When boys remove their tracksuit tops, no logo-emblazoned football shirts are then displayed.

Boys are also allowed to wear plain navy shorts with their school aertex top to school when the weather is warm. Sunscreen and extra water are also advisable.

Change of Address or Phone Number

Please inform the secretary if you have recently changed your address, home, work or mobile number or use 'Connect' to request an update of your information.

CALENDAR

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June:
Public holiday, school closed.

School will close at 12pm on Friday

28th

June for our summer holidays.

Please Note:

School year 2019/20 will commence on Thursday 29th August at 8.50am.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

The Junior Entrepreneur programme is a programme available for schools throughout Ireland to participate in. The three 6th classes have been working hard all year coming up with idea, developing their own business within their class and selling their products throughout the school. The three business ideas chosen from Junior Entrepreneur Competition this year were - Bookmarks

(Room 6), English made easy cards (Room 11) and Keep Fit Journals (Room 12).

On Monday 20th May we attended the RDS for our showcase day where we displayed our products. Here is how the boys got on.

The three classes got on the bus and headed off to the RDS. Our ideas were English Made Easy Cards, Fitness Journals and Bookmarks. When we arrived at the RDS we had to set up our stand and display our products. If you wanted, you could walk around and look at other schools' products and talk to them. When it came to the Award Ceremony we went into a huge hall with a lot of chairs and a lot of schools.

We did not win any overall awards but we were shortlisted for creative ideas and all got medals.

Frankie Pitman (Room 11)

We got on the bus at 9.30am and went to the RDS. When we got there we set up our stand to showcase our product. Then we could walk around and look at the other products. Then everyone gathered for an Award Ceremony to give prizes to all the best products.

Karl Broughan (Room 11)

National Bee Day

Ireland has 99 different types of bees, we have honeybees, 21 different types of bumblebees and 77 different types of solitary bees. Unfortunately, one third of our bees are in danger of becoming extinct.

Bees have had a very bad press as they can sting (but only when they feel threatened), but they are essential to a healthy environment.

Boys from Room 3 and Room 4 took part in World Bee Day recently where they learned why bees are so important.

Further information on ;
[www.friendsofthe earth/ees](http://www.friendsoftheearth/ees)

On National Bee Day we went to the Phoenix Park and learned a lot about bees. I used to be afraid of them but now I know that bees can dance as well as me! Bees can make honey and they collect nectar and pollen.

Seán Byrne (Room 3)

Bees feed on nectar and help crops grow by spreading pollen. Bees do a little dance when they find something sweet. They like wildflowers best and fancy flowers. Honey bees don't die during the winter and vibrate to keep warm.

James Lordan (Room 3)

Bee Day was a great learning day. We learned that there are honeybees and bumblebees. All bees are very important they help plants grow. We need a lot more bees in Ireland.

Jack Doyle (Room 4)

We saw a bee colony and the queen marked yellow. The bee keeper said that there are 20,000 bees within a colony. We went to the garden and saw bees around the flowers.

We also got to smell peppermint, chocolate and lemon verana. Then we did Arts and Crafts and made a bee.

Meeting With Teachers

All parent teacher meetings must be arranged with teacher using the school Homework Diary; this is the proper channel of communication in our school. If needed please submit your meeting request or concern in an envelope and give in to the secretary or principal who will ensure it gets to your son's teacher.

Teachers are not available to ring parents or guardians during the school day unless a medical or behavioural emergency occurs.

Please do not enter the school building to use student toilets or make contact directly with your child's teacher or enter his classroom. Please go to the office and check in before you attempt to enter the school building; failure to do so will deem that you are in fact trespassing in our school.

Note: If you have arranged a meeting with a teacher, please check in at the secretary's office before going to the classroom.

Cricket

Our cricket team played Castaheany on Tuesday the 21st of May in Porterstown. The team is comprised of 16 boys from across all three sixth classes. The weather conditions were perfect for our game. We started off the match by batting first and after 20 overs we had scored 97 runs and only lost two wickets. We finished the game by bowling but only needed to play 16 overs as the opposition were bowled out by an incredible display of bowling from our team.

After progressing to the quarter finals of the Primary School Cricket League Saint John Boscós put in a valiant and determined team display against an excellent Castleknock side on 28th of May. Saint John Boscós were up first for batting and finished on 80 runs after 20 overs. However, after a fine display of bowling from our boys, we were very narrowly beaten by C.N.S. with the opposition finishing on 81 runs after 19 overs.

Well done to all the boys involved and to Ronnie for his expert coaching throughout the last number of months.

Health & Safety

Please remember that cycling is not permitted through the yard of our school; this is creating unnecessary risks for our children and staff. Please walk your bike through the yard until you can access the lane way.

Eason Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 2nd April, our school participated in the Eason Spelling Bee. The National Competition is now in its ninth year and more than 900 schools signed up this year. The event aims to encourage children to read more, expand their vocabulary and fall in love with literacy.

In order to participate, we needed to host our own in school Spelling Bee to find our school spelling champion. The competition is open to students from 5th and 6th class and after a number of increasingly difficult rounds, our champion emerged - Oliver Szlag Polehonski from 6th Class, Room 11. We would also like to commend Rory Fennell from 5th Class, Room 5 who performed very well in the School Bee.

Oliver attended the Dublin County Spelling Bee in the Carlton Hotel near Dublin Airport with his Mum and Ms O'Rourke as spectators. He faced very stiff competition from 72 fellow spelling enthusiasts and got through many gruelling rounds before finally bowing out to the County Dublin winner, Jamie Caldwell from Scoil Cholmcille in Donaghmede.

We are really proud of Oliver's performance in the competition and how he represented our school so well in this prestigious competition. Well done Oliver!

Dublinia

The boys from prefab 3 went on a trip to Dublinia.

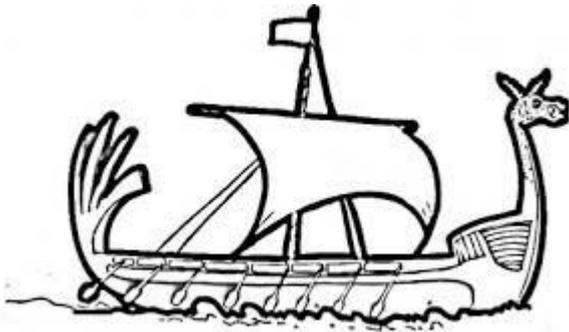
We learned how long it took the Vikings to get to Ireland from Scandinavia. We put on Viking helmets and clothes. We wrote our names in Viking writing. We went upstairs to Medieval Dublin. First we saw a fair - my favourite stall was the barber because I learned what the cures for diseases were.

Andrew Mulcahy



We saw 'Olaf the White', the Viking camp, slave market, Viking house, gods, wattle and daub, axes, spears and shields.

Dijun Ye



My

trip to Dublinia was amazing . We learned about the monks, the slave market, Viking houses and the Battle of Clontarf.

Ray Kennerney

Hurling

Congratulations to all the boys who played on our hurling teams this year. We commend them for their commitment, enthusiasm and skills.

We hope all the boys enjoyed themselves playing for enjoyment. They gained great experience playing our fantastic game that will benefit them in the future, both on and off the field of play.

Scout Award

I am a member of the Navan Road Scouts. Over the last three weeks we were training to enter the Tolka Scout Country Shield. The competition was held in Larch Hill Wicklow.

There were six scout troops represented. Navan Road has three Patrols.

The competition was run over the weekend and each Patrol were competing for the following awards The Skills Award, The Campfire Award, and the Copcraft Award. Navan Road Scouts came 1,2,3 and were overall winners and this was the eight year in a row to win the competition.

Greg Franzoni (Prefab 6)

Construction Team

The Construction team members are Adam Carmody, Fionn O'Lone, Peter Smyth, Matthew O'Hanlon, Daragh Stenson and Stephen Raftery.

We have two teams on one Wednesdays and one on Fridays.

We go around the school building and check if there is any dangerous stuff. So if you see any dangerous hazards report them to us on Wednesday or Fridays.

Parents' Committee News

Another thank you to everyone who helped with this year's First Holy Communion Party in the school hall on Sunday 26th May. Also to those who brought in delicious cakes and sandwiches and to all the helpers who volunteered on the day to make this a very special event for all of the boys and their families; your contribution was much appreciated. The First Holy Communion Party is an institution in our school and the Parents' Committee, with your help, is always delighted to provide it on this very special day in the lives of our boys.

The boys were



following deemed to

have earned Merit Certificates in April.

2nd Class:

Rocco Mundow Polley, Daniel Dunleavy and Killian Reel.

3rd Class:

Dijun Ye, Alex Donnelly and Tadhg Sheridan.

4th Class:

James Fitzpatrick, Finn Fitzsimons, Mihail Atanasov and Alfie Dunne.

5th Class:

Ryan Redican, Dean Buckley-Morris and Seán Farrell.

6th Class:

John Hanway, Seán Ivers and Conal Doohan.

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

2nd Class:

Eoghan Greene, Lucien Dollet Mc Cann and Jack Donnelly.

3rd Class:

Charlie Mc Donell, James Moore and Oscar Keenan.

4th Class:

Luke O'Doherty, Jack Doyle, Odin Mundow Polley and Alex Maguire.

5th Class:

Daniel Sinnott, David Mulcahy and Saul Byrne.

6th Class:

Luke Hanks, Eoin Mc Mahon and Oisín Curry.

Well done to all the April and May Merit Awards Winners!