

Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School



Newsletter

June 2019

Thanks

The Staff of St. John Bosco's would like to thank the Board of Management, the Parents' Committee and all the parent/guardians of the boys in the school for their help, support and co-operation throughout the year. We wish you all a happy and a safe summer break.

It is with regret that we say goodbye to the pupils of sixth classes as they progress to their chosen 2nd level schools. We wish them every success throughout their lives. Go néirí an bóthar libh!

Slán Leat Mrs. Kelly

Mrs. Patricia Kelly will retire from the teaching staff of our school on August 31st 2019 after 28 dedicated years contributing to the welfare of the boys in her own parish school.

Patricia loved teaching and was always sensitive to the needs of the pupils in her care. Her kind, caring and helpful manner combined with her excellent teaching skills ensured she passed on the highest standards and a good sense of responsibility to the pupils she taught both in the classroom and in SET.

We wish Patricia all the best in her retirement.

Go n-eirí an bóthar leat!

Charity Match

On Wednesday June 19th a charity soccer match took place between our visiting Spanish pupils and a Bosco's selection. The match was an epic contest of talent, skill and sportsmanship.

The whole school clad in green and red contributed enormously to a great occasion with their support for both teams. Over €700 has been raised for Childhood Cancer Research which is much needed. Thank you so much for our support of this very worthy cause.

Alan Grundy Day

On Monday 24th June our 6th Classes had a great treat with a visit from guitarist Alan Grundy. Alan is lecturer from DIT and performed music for our sixth classes, from the Tudor Court to the tunes of Thin Lizzy. The boys were in awe of the performance. Bravissimo Alan!

CALENDAR

**School will close for the
Summer holidays on Friday 28th June
at 12.00pm. It will re-open on
Thursday 29th August at 8.50am.
(9.00am for new 2nd classes)**



6th Class Farewells

Goodbye I guess it's all over. I've had a good time here while it lasted. All my teachers have been great. Even though I only joined in 4th class it's felt so long. Thank you Boscos.

Eoin Mc Mahon (Room 6)

I'm really going to miss St. John Boscos and all my teachers who helped me along the way. I have really enjoyed my time here and sadly I will have to say goodbye to some of my friends. My favourite memory was the 5th Class tour to Clara Lara. I also want to wish every boy in the school the very best of luck!

Vincent Platt (Room 11)

I'll really miss this school because I had a really good time and had lots of fun and happy memories.

Karl Broughan (Room 11)

I will be sad leaving Bosco's after 5 memorable year. My favourite thing about the school was definitely my participation in school teams, another memorable moment was the Spain Vs Ireland match!

Cathal O'Flynn (Room 6)

I really enjoyed my time in Bosco's from football semi-finals, hurling, the Stephen Phillips Cup and the Credit Union Quiz.

I will miss the school next year.

Tom Collins (Room 11)

Bosco's is a great primary school with good staff, great facilities and good pupils. It's been a great 5 years here. I'm leaving now, but Bosco's has prepared me for the next few year.

Jamie King (Room 6)

Bosco's has been great from 2nd Class to 6th Class. It's been brilliant with all the subjects and all the matches I've had during the year. I'm really going to miss Boscos.

Sam King (Room 6)

Adios Amigos



Our school hosted 11 Spanish Student in our 5th and 6th classes over the last 9 weeks. The boys integrated into the daily routine of our school taking part in lessons and outings with the other boys.

We hope they enjoyed their time with us and wish them good luck when they return home to Spain.

My best moment is when the charity match finished and everyone came to hug me and Cian in Room 1 gave me a gift. I want to thank all the teachers and pupils because the school has been one of the best things in Ireland.

Miguel Gomariz Cebrián

When I came to the school all the people received us (the Spanish boys) very well. All the people were interested in Spain and we did a presentation in all the classes. St. John Boscos was a great experience. My best memory was probably the match. I am going out of this school with great moments and new friends.

Jorge Pastor Navarro-Valls

Community Sports Day

On May 30th our four fourth classes had the great privilege of attending the community Garda Sports Day, arranged by Garda Paddy and Shane, local gardaí helping the boys.

After a quick walk to the Broombridge Sports facility, our boys were split into groups, mixing with other 4th class students from all the local schools. It was a great opportunity to mix and make friends. There were 10 sports stations set up: dodge ball, tag rugby, throwing, obstacle course, soccer, gaelic football, art, inflatables, welly throwing and the fire hose station which was set up and run by the Dublin Fire Brigade. The day finished with a huge Tug of War.

It was a really well-organised and fun event, with a great emphasis on fun, inclusion and participation. Every child received a medal, which was designed based on the badge of the Garda Síochána. Our boys were shattered after a super day. The wrote thank you notes to the gardaí which were dropped into the station.



I really enjoyed the Tug of War because it was funny.

Hubert Drzal (Room 10)

I really liked the game with the tags, as you tried to steal other people's tags. Thank you so much for setting it all up.

Kyle O'Neill (Room 10)

It was a great day! Everybody there was so generous to us.

Callum Kearns (Room 10)

The fire brigade part was great and so was the penalty shoot out!

Alfie Dunne (Room 10)

Santry 2019

We had a very strong showing this year with our Track and Field teams in the Cumann mBunscol Santry Athletics. A team of 30 boys attended over two days and competed to a very high standard. We had competitors in Shot putt, long jump, high jump, 600m, 1200m individual and 4 x 100m relay teams. A special congratulations goes to Oisín Gavin and Noah Crampah. Oisín won silver in the U14 Division 1 600m after a gruelling battle. Noah won a silver medal in the Individual 100m U10 Division 1 race. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who attended and were so supportive of our boys. They were a credit to our school.

Dental Hygienists Visit to 3rd and 5th Classes

On 5th June a Dental Hygienist from Cabra Dental Health Clinic came to the school to speak to our 3rd and 5th Classes about the importance of dental hygiene.

Below are comments from two of our 3rd Class pupils.

The dental hygienist showed us the food pyramid and we saw the things that are good for you and bad for you. She also showed us how to brush our teeth properly.

She showed us the things that can happen to your teeth if you don't mind them.

At the end she gave us all a free toothbrush.

Olan Bradley (Prefab 3)

A snack is a healthy piece of food.

Every day you should brush your teeth twice a day for 3 minutes. If you don't brush your teeth you can get gum disease.

Aaron Young (Prefab 3)

Summer Stars Reading

Summer Stars is the national reading programme for children taking place in all 330 public libraries throughout the country from the 15th of June until the end of August. Summer Stars is a completely free programme and open to all children.

With the school holidays approaching, the summer months provide an ideal opportunity for children to take time to find books they really enjoy and experience reading as an activity which is fun and a source of entertainment.

Access to books and reading for pleasure is well known to have many important long-term benefits. In fact, children who develop an interest in reading have been found to have greater self-esteem and well-being, greater creativity, better social and health outcomes, and an overall better quality of life as they get older.

With younger children, just talking about the story, the pictures in a book and the characters, and making connections from these to the child's own life can particularly improve their emotional development, confidence and understanding of the world. The advantages that children get from regular exposure to reading material in their early years have been found to last throughout their lives.

The Summer Stars at your local library provides the whole family with an opportunity to explore the full range of events and facilities which are available, including story time sessions, book clubs, children's activities, access to talking books and games, workshops, computers and internet access, and of course children's books for all ages.

Check out www.summerstars.ie for online games and tips on reading. Dublin City Libraries also run free events for family and children. Check the website <http://bit.ly/dcpl-summer-events>

Merit Awards

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

2nd Class:

Noah Harold, Jack Newham and Adam Rice.

3rd Class:

AJ Rogers Curtis, Ray Kennerney, Lucas O'Neill and Luca Butterly.

4th Class:

Alexander Hanney, Peter Smyth, Bobby Flynn and Kuba Piatek.

5th Class:

Toby Oneyrna, Rory Fennell and Donagh Nevin.

6th Class:

Cathal O'Flynn, Vincent Platt and Leon Manning.

Parents' Committee News

Summer Raffle

A big thank you to the boys, their parents, families and friends who helped make the Summer Raffle such a great success again this year. Also, many thanks to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets and to the boys themselves who worked very hard at selling them.

We raised a grand total of €4447.10 which will help to pay for all the classroom essentials and extras for our boys that are funded by the Parents' Committee. We hope all of the winning ticket holders get great enjoyment out of their prizes! Prize winners are listed overleaf.

A big thanks to the following who donated prizes to our Summer Raffle.

- ✚ Get Property Estate Agents and Aoife Mulcahy for sponsoring €500 DID Voucher.
- ✚ John Mc Hale Builders for the Ipad.
- ✚ Mark Donovan and Associates for sponsoring our Nintendo Switch.
- ✚ Bobby Sinnott for our Ireland v Gibraltar tickets.
- ✚ Aura de Paul for their gift cards.
- ✚ Alan Clarke entry passes to Malahide Castle and Powerscourt.
- ✚ Plunketts for their gear bag
- ✚ Blackhorse Childcare for their toy hamper
- ✚ McDonald's Blanchardstown for their vouchers
- ✚ Elegance beauty for their vouchers
- ✚ Blush beauty rooms for their vouchers
- ✚ Meaghers pharmacy for their hamper
- ✚ Cents Kinvara for their prizes
- ✚ Mace Kinvara for their prizes
- ✚ Des Pearson for his signed Dublin hurling photo
- ✚ Go kids go for their voucher
- ✚ Shipshape for their voucher
- ✚ Ireland Jersey donated by Adam O'Callaghan from 3
- ✚ Take the Cake for their vouchers
- ✚ R & B Hair Salon for their voucher
- ✚ City Cycles for their voucher
- ✚ Smyths Blanchardstown for their voucher

Also a big thank you to anyone else who gave spot prizes to our raffle.

It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all monies raised goes back to the school.

Graduation

Our 6th class boys had their Graduation Mass followed by a celebration in the hall organised by the Parents' Committee. It was a lovely event - a big thank you to all of those who did all the preparatory work, baked, made sandwiches, decorated the hall and served tea/coffee - it was a lot of effort but it was greatly appreciated as the boys had a great send off.

Thank You

Thank you so much to all of the parents who have helped out at the various events throughout the year. The Parents' Committee cannot work without volunteers and everything we do is in the interest of our boys. We hope all boys and parents have benefited from the work carried out by the committee this year and we look forward to continuing our role in supporting the school next year.

Have a great summer.

Results of Summer Raffle 2019

	WINNING TICKETS	SELLER OF TICKET
1 st	€500 DID Voucher (Daniel Lynch)	Daniel Lynch
2 nd	Nintendo Switch (Thomas Crosbie)	Kai Crosbie
3 rd	Ipad (Amy Cullen)	Kayden Cullen
4 th	Ireland v Gibraltar Premium Tickets (Conor Mc Mahon)	Darragh Mc Mahon
5 th	€100 Lego Set (Roisín Gao)	Orán Gao
6 th	Swimming Lessons (Killian Hanlon)	Killian Hanlon
7 th	Toy Hamper (Gay Fennell)	Jamie Fennell
8 th	Ireland Jersey (Anita Hyland)	Gavin Browning
9 th	Blush Voucher (Karen Penserga)	Miguel Penserga
10 th	€50 Debenhams Voucher (Mr. Mc Carthy)	Mr. Mc Carthy
11 th	€40 'Take The Cake' Voucher (Aidan Carolan)	Aidan Carolan
12 th	Plunketts' Bag (Nicola Crowe)	James Crowe
13 th	R&B Voucher (David Mulcahy)	David Mulcahy
14 th	Meaghers Pharmacy Hamper (Donal Delaney)	Éanna Delaney
15 th	Go Kids Go Voucher (Sandra Kelly)	Ethan Daly
16 th	€25 City Cycles Voucher (James Fitzpatrick)	James Fitzpatrick
17 th	€25 Smyths Voucher (Finn Fitzsimons)	Finn Fitzsimons
18 th	Smiggle Hamper (Lauren Young)	Aaron Young
19 th	€15 Take the Cake Voucher (Davd Saul)	Jamie Fennell
20 th	Elegance Beauty Voucher (Hugo Mc Grath)	Hugo Mc Grath
21 st	2 Entries to Powercourt (Francis Mc Dermott)	Jamie Douglas
22 nd	2 Entries to Malahide Castle (Christine Mahon)	Kayden Flood
23 rd	Family Swim (Graham Leonard)	Harry Leonard
24 th	Family Swim (Peter O'Neill)	Lucas O'Neill
25 th	Family Swim (Katie Sheridan)	Greg Franzoni
26 th	Family Swim (Patrick Donohoe Snr)	Patrick Donohoe
27 th	Sweets and Headphones (Krissy Gibson)	Oliver Gibson
28 th	Wine & Chocolates (Seamus Duneavy)	Daniel Dunleavy
29 th	Wine & Chocolates (Mihai Eva)	Vlad Eva
30 th	Wine & Chocolates (Kaitlyn Keenan)	Liam Keenan
31 st	1 Entry to Ship Shape and Sweets (Catriona Hennessy)	Damien Hennessy
32 nd	1 Entry to Ship Shape and Sweets (Charlie Mc Cabe)	Alfie Mc Cabe
33 rd	McDonalds Voucher and Sweets (Ann Wynne)	Troy Wynne