

Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School



Newsletter

June 2017

Thanks

The Staff of St. John Bosco's would like to thank the Board of Management, the Parents' Committee and all the parents/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.

Active Flag Achieved!!!

The Active Flag Accreditor, Des Rodgers, visited our school on Wednesday 14th June. He met with some of our Class Reps to discuss all the activities and initiatives we have been doing this year. The boys did very well and gave an excellent impression of the school.

Mr. Rodgers was highly impressed with all our efforts. He was delighted with all the reports and pictures we had. He especially loved our sports day video.

A few days later we received our precious flag in the post. We are in the midst of planning our Flag Ceremony, scheduled for the last week of school.

Congratulations and thanks to all the boys, staff and the community for their efforts throughout the year. We are now in a select group of schools throughout the country who are fully accredited Active Schools ! Wohoo!!!!

CALENDAR

School will close for the summer holidays on Friday 30th June at 12.00pm. It will re-open on Thursday 31st August at 8.50am. (9.00am for new 2nd classes)

Summer Reading

The Summer Stars Reading Adventure is a reading initiative taking place in every library throughout Ireland this summer.

Research has shown that if children continue to read during the summer months, this will sustain progress made during the school year. It is one of the key actions from the 'Right to Read' National Campaign, a collaborative approach involving local authority services, community organisations and education bodies working together to promote literacy.

What's involved?

- ! Young readers are encouraged to read 8 books over the summer months.
- ! Each child's progress is recorded on a reading chart.
- ! Small rewards are given throughout summer to readers.
- ! Children are invited to check out www.summerstar.ie for online games, activities and animated e-books and tips on reading.
- ! At the end of the summer, a ceremony is organised at each library to celebrate the participation of children. Certificates and medals are given to those who have read 8 books. Each child will also be entered into a draw to win a gift voucher at their

local library.

Dublin City Public Libraries will also have a summer programme of free events for

family and children which can be viewed on **Dublin City Public Libraries' website:** <http://bit.ly/dcpl-summer-events>.

6th Class Farewells

The years have flown by in this school.
The summer warmth and winter call.
The start of 2nd, end of 6th,
My memories of this are mixed.
The students and teachers
shaped me as a person.
With no kicking, no punching and no cursing.
This school grew everybody's education.
Now I am sad to say we are on our last ever
summer vacation. Good bye Boscós!

Joe Fogarty (Room 5)

When I first walked in I felt pretty weary.
All the new stuff was pretty scary,
2nd class was a blast having all the fun and laughs.
In 3rd class we had a good time,
Making poems like this that would rhyme,
In 4th class we were the middle of the school,
We all thought that was pretty cool,
5th class was the hardest year,
Your report cards were going to First Year.
In 6th class our days are nearly done,
At least every year was loads of fun.

Enda Byard Shaughnessy (Room 5)

When I joined this school in 2012, I don't
know what I thought I might find, learning
new things, going deeper and deeper,
working to expand my mind.
From 2nd to 6th, learning new tricks.
No limit to what you can know,
We've spent all our hours, used all our power,
Working so hard to grow.
We've done all our years, fought through the
tears, my memories will always amaze,
I'm still no Einstein,
But I've had a great time,
I'll always remember these days.

Dylan Corcoran (Room 5)

My time in St. John Bosco's had been great.
One of the best five years of my life.
I'm really going to miss this school and all of
my friends. I've had so many good memories.

I learned so much vocabulary, Irish, Maths
and History. It has been a great experience.
The teachers have been great and helped me
all the way through 2nd class to 6th.

Michael Scanlon (Room 6)

This is a letter to say goodbye to Saint John Bosco
Senior Boys' School and what I will miss.
Graduation Day is going to be a good day;
we won't cry, although we may feel sad inside.
I can't imagine the amount of teachers and activities
I will miss. My favourite thing so far this year is
the school tour as well as the Basketball Blitz.
I think that when the Stephen Phillip's Cup is over,
I will like that more than the Basketball Blitz,
as football is my favourite thing to do. I also
enjoyed being the Active School Representative.
Sixth class has by far been my favourite year.

Ben Prendergast (Room 6)

I have enjoyed my time in St. John Bosco SBS
immensely. With the amazing school tours and the
many school teams, there will be a lot that
I will miss. All the teachers who teach you new
chapters in Mathemagic and the SNAs who are out
in the yard will be missed as well.
What I will miss the most is the happy atmosphere
that St. John Boscós brings. Its cheerfulness has
brought happiness to every child in the school.
With its D.E.A.D. (Drop Everything and Dance) and
the yard time games, St. John Boscós is definitely
a school that should be missed and will be by me.

Jamie Carrick (Room 6)

I have enjoyed my five years in St. John Bosco's.
We have gone on lots of trips such as Funtasia,
Crystal Maze, Baltinglass and Clara Lara. This year
I made my Confirmation in our local church. With
the school football team we went to Dalymount to
play in two finals. We also went to Croke Park
with the School Hurling Team. I have been lucky to
have played in those finals. We had a Basketball
Blitz last week. Mr. Barnicle was in charge of it

and we had great fun. I'm going to miss Bosco's!

James Mc Manus (Room 6)

Stephen Phillip's Cup

It's our last full week in Boscoss and we are taking part in the Stephen Phillip's Cup. Our first set of matches are today, on a really hot day and a great day for football. We have to donate €2, it's well worth it. It's going to be a very good week. It's great to end with something we love.

Cameron Carter (Room 5)

Alan Grundy Day

On Friday 23rd 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!

Solution to



March Puzzle

6th Class Healthy Eating Talk

On the 20th of June we went to a healthy eating talk with Kevin Sheridan. He talked to us about what we should and shouldn't be eating. He also told us that porridge and Weetabix are the best cereals you can eat in the morning because they have slow releasing energy. He also told us that there are 17 spoons of sugar in Mountain Dew.

Leo Walsh (Room 6)

He said a lot of interesting facts about food, like tomatoes help less risk of cancer and is a fruit and not a vegetable. That too much of something is not good for you, besides water. You have to drink 3 litres of water a day. So that's 21 litres a week! Dark chocolate is good for you but not too much though. And eat 3-4 meals a day with meat to get protein into your system.

Marshall Russell Kelly (Room 6)

Jokes Corner

Q: What did the umbrella say to his friends?

A: What's up?

Cameron Manning (Room 4)

Q: What do you call a fly with no wings?

A: A "walk"!

David Rotaru (Room 9)

Merit Awards

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

2nd Class:

Brandon Lynch	For his consistent hard work all year. For always being kind and respectful to staff.
Hayden O'Neill Doyle	For improved behaviour and making more of an effort in class. Hayden is developing a more positive attitude towards school. Well done and keep it up Hayden.
Kevin Egan	For being honest in all situations, fair towards his classmates and kind to all staff members. He is a hard-working student and a great friend to all.
Jezrel Jacob Denosta	For always coming in with a smile on his face, for his beautiful handwriting and for the consistent hard work he has put in all year.

3rd Class:

Clayton O'Connor	For making a great effort in class and being such a nice, polite student.
Miroslav Alosins	For his creativity, enthusiasm and his excellent organisational skills.
Ronan O'Flynn	For always being a Bosco's Gentleman, working hard and being very helpful.

4th Class:

Oliver	
Szelag Polehonski	For working well in 4 th Class, always interested in learning and being a helpful boy.
Jack Foley	For exceptional attitude to school from the first month of the school year to the last. Always has a smile on his face and a can-do attitude.
Jake Saunders	For working so hard throughout the entire year and making huge progress. Also for having excellent behaviour and manners.

5th Class:

Fionn Brennan	For working consistently hard all year, especially with his Gaelige.
Senan Doohan	For putting his best efforts into everything he does and for his hardworking attitude.
Finn Higgins	For being hardworking, very well-behaved and showing enthusiasm in all subjects throughout the year, especially in Maths.

6th Class:

Enda	
Byard-Shaughnessy	For being a strong team member and taking a mature approach to all situations.
Marshall	
Russell Kelly	For showing great maturity and discipline over this last term.

Well done to all the boys!

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 €3,700(approx) 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.

Many thanks to the following who donated prizes to our Summer Raffle.

Mini-ipad	-	John Mc Hale
City Cycles Voucher	-	City Cycles/Parents' Committee
Ireland v Uruguay Match Tickets	-	Bobby Sinnott
Smyths Toys Voucher	-	Parents' Committee
Toy Hamper	-	Allison Sinnott
Dublin Family Trip Vouchers x 3	-	Dublin Bus/Allan Clarke
O'Tooles Butcher Vouchers x 4	-	Mark Donovan
Hole in the Wall Voucher	-	Hole in the Wall Pub
Marks and Spencer Voucher	-	Marks and Spencer
Ethersons' Butcher Vouchers x 2	-	Etherson's Butchers
Blush Beauty Voucher	-	Blush Beauty formerly Marie Quinn
Oden Cinema Voucher	-	Odeon
Boots Gift Set & Wine	-	Boots
Limited Edition Cuddly Toy & Cosmetics	-	Maple Pharmacy
Pamper Hamper	-	Parents' Committee
Spar Confectionary Hamper	-	Spar Maple Centre
Chocolate & Wine Hamper x 2	-	Dunne Stores
O'Briens' Wine Gift Box	-	O'Briens
Candle Set & Ping Pong Set	-	Parents' Committee

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 2017

WINNING TICKETS

SELLER OF TICKET

1st	Enda Nolan (ipad Mini)	Séamus Byrne
2nd	Elizabeth McDermott (€250 voucher for City Cycles)	Luke Merton
3rd	Peter Smyth (2 tickets for Ireland v Uruguay Match)	Peter Smyth
4th	Rory Mc Carthy (Smyths Toys Voucher)	Conor Mc Carthy
5th	Thomas Crosbie (Toy Hamper)	Kai Crosbie
6th	Dermot Browne Snr.	Charlie Browne
7th	Lynne Sweetman	Bobby Mc Carthy
8th	Anna Corbett	Conor Corbett
9th	Monika Onyema	Toby Onyema
10th	Denise Hackett	Billy Flynn
11th	Jamie King	Jamie King
12th	Fred Strutt	Seán Fitzpatrick
13th	Aideen Bugler	Darragh Bugler
14th	Joe Duffy	Rory Duffy
15th	Anna Olelniczak	Kuba Piatek
16th	Cathy Donohoe	Patrick Donohoe
17th	Alex Leouchev	Nicholas Leouchev
18th	Bernadette Dunne	Noah Dunne
19th	Naomi Crampah	Noah Crampah
20th	Ava Mc Donnell	Craig Mc Donnell
21st	Kevin Mc Donnell	Odhran Mc Donnell
22nd	Marie Cahill	Jack Doyle
23rd	David Drew	David Drew
24th	James Fitzpatrick	James Fitzpatrick
25th	Hung Dam	Kevin Dam
26th	Karen Crawford	Cillian Crawford Corbett
27th	Rachel Sheridan	Fionn Britton