

# Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School



# Newsletter

## May 2017

## First Communion

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys looked wonderful in their school uniforms on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May when they went to receive their First Holy Communion.

A marvellous day was had by all. Many thanks to all who prepared the boys for their special day.

The excellent art work on the walls brightened up the church and helped to make this a happy and memorable day.

A special thanks to our Parents' Committee who organised a very enjoyable reception in the school hall after the mass.

Before our Communion we had two practices in the church. The teacher gave us prayers. Brother Anthony came to visit us. He taught us about what Communion means. He showed us a Communion video. Three people from our class had jobs. We received unsanctified hosts to practice before our Communion. We used our Communion workbooks.

### Written by Pupils in Room 1

The church is God's home. We arrived with our families, relations and friends. There were six very nice priests. The children's choir sang some lovely songs. Our art work was hanging on the walls of the church - there were candles with our photos and beautifully decorated chalices. Matthew brought up the bread, Jack Doyle, Fionn Brennan, Rhys Clarke and Adam Carmody read prayers. We received the Holy Bread from the priest which tasted like wafer. Our families were very proud and we all had a great day at our First Holy Communion.

### Written by pupils from Room 2

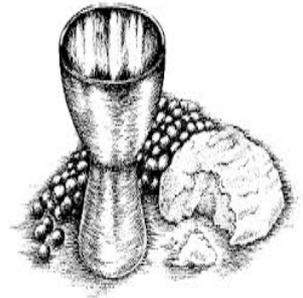
We made our First Holy Communion on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We were all feeling nervous but the priests were nice. They asked us to sit together. It was cool to go up and finally get the Holy Bread. The choir sang beautifully. Some boys had prayers to say at the microphone. It was a special day.

### Written by pupils in Room 7

The priest invited us to the celebration in our school hall after the Communion mass.

It was lovely there .

The Parents' Committee gave us really nice sandwiches and treats. We got goodie bags. There was a huge crowd there. We had a nice time there with our families and friends. We had a great time afterwards with our families. Some of us had bouncy castles in our gardens and some other boys went to restaurants with their families.



### Written by pupils in Room 8

## CALENDAR



**School will close at 12pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June for our summer holidays.**

**Re-opening on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 8.50am.**

# Active School Flag Update

## Santry Field Event

Well done to all our boys who competed in the Santry Field Event Day. We brought 10 boys who competed fantastically in 100m hurdles, long jump, high jump, 600m and shot putt. All the boys were a credit to the school. Special recognition goes to Seán Murphy from 6<sup>th</sup> class who came first in the Shot Putt with a massive throw of 9m 30cm!

Our sprint team headed to Morton Stadium on Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> to compete. More in next month's Newsletter.

## High Jumping Hi-jinx

We have had a great time introducing our boys to the high jump. Our yard felt like the Rio Olympics at one point! We definitely have some future stars.

## Active School Week

Active School Week was a MAJOR success!!! Ultimate Frisbee coaching, basketball blitzes and coaching, soccer blitz on the astro-turf, playground fun, park walks, Australian relays, GAA blitz, cricket with Rony, Record-Breakers, tug-of-war, boxing, karate and yoga all took place. It was busy but brilliant.

## Sports Day

Wednesday was our Sports day, and unlike last year the weather was on our side. A fun day was had by all, where our focus was on maximum participation and fun! We had parachutes, an obstacles course, fun races, soccer relays, target toss, javelin games and the water relay was a big hit! Thanks to Joan in Plunkett's for all her help.

We had noticeable improvement in Active Travel with the nice weather and hopefully we will continue to see a growth in boys walking, cycling or scooting to school!

Our yard times are extremely lively with activity with running clubs, sprinting, relays and random competitions. "Welly throwing" was a strange and fun activity.

**Many thanks to our wonderful staff and the Parents' Committee volunteers for all their hard work and support during a hectic week, especially on Sports Day!**

On Sports Day we played a team work ski walk with three boys on. Three lefts on left and three rights on right. Uh oh, the blue team won. Oh well, on to the Oz relay race "Quick Jack, pass the pole. Come on Blue Team, we can win this". Okay, on to the parachute. Quick under. Now let's get the Blue Team out. Yeah we got the Blue Team out. Okay, quick, get the sponge full of water and fill the bottle. Don't get wet! Now it's time for break.

Why is there a drone up there?

Oh well, egg and spoon race and then the three-legged race. Now the obstacle course, now over the ladder and hurdles.

Quick, ship-sea-shore next. Yeah, I came third, Okay, now tug-o'-war.

Last race. Why, it's the sack race. PHEW!

**Dylan O'Rourke (Room 12)**

During Active School Week my class went to Karate and Boxing, but the best of all was Boxing. I really enjoyed it. What you had to do was run to the coach and you had to punch his hands ten times and run back. We learned how to attack and defend ourselves and how not to get hit on the head.

**Zafir Ouedraogo (Room 12)**

Taekwondo was fun and good for you. I was very excited about it but at the start it was hard. We learned how to block a punch from the chest and head. Thanks to all the teachers for setting it up and to the parents who came to help.

**Finn Higgins (Room 12)**

During Active School Week my class went to Plunkett's. We had to play GAA but the only problem was that I didn't know how. As we started I watched how to play. The second match I kind of knew how to play. Now, this our third match and I was enjoying it as we went through every match. I think everyone enjoyed it because it was sunny and well organised. I want to thank every teacher in the school for organising it, especially Ms. Ryan.

**Albert Mandachi Manuel (Room 12)**

**60 Minutes Activity Per Day please!**

# Confirmation

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May all of the 6<sup>th</sup> class boys made their Confirmation. We spent a lot of time preparing for the day. We prepared in school, at home, at mass and at practices in the church. We enjoyed seeing our friends and family on the day. We're happy now that we are adult members of the Catholic Church. We all have great memories from the day.

## Written by pupils from Room 5

Some boys had an enjoyable time having a party after the church. Some boys had a bouncy castle. Many people went out for dinner to a hotel with their family. Some people went to different counties to visit relatives while others spent time with friends and family.

## Written by pupils from Room 6

# 6<sup>th</sup> Class Retreats

As they prepare for their 2<sup>nd</sup> level schools, our sixth classes went on retreat to Emmaus Centre, Swords. The leaders in the centre commended the boys for their participation and intelligent responses. The boys enjoyed the day thoroughly.

# Reminders

## Tracksuit Rule

- It is part of our Uniform Rule that children wear non-branded t-shirts under their tracksuits unless it is the school t-shirt. When boys remove their tracksuit tops, no logo-embazoned t-shirts are then displayed.
- For health and safety reasons pupils are not allowed to wear bracelets, rings, earrings or other piercings in the school.
- Chewing gum is strictly forbidden.
- "Football cards" should not be brought to school.

# Senior Hurling Corn Aghais

Our Under 13 Hurling Team reached the quarter final of Corn Aghais. They played Scoil Maelruain from Tallaght in a very very competitive game recently. The game was even in the first half with Scoil Maelruain having a narrow 2 point lead at half time.

Bosco's gave their best effort in the second half but the Tallaght lads took their chances and luck deserted our "Boys in Green" with a few goal chances "going a begging". Our lads showed great spirit until the final whistle and should be proud of their performance on the day.

**Congratulations boys – keep hurling with the local clubs.**

# Junior Hurling

I really liked being on the Junior Hurling team. The coaches and players were amazing. Unfortunately we were outplayed by one team. I played against my friend from Finbarr's. We beat them by a point. I really enjoyed it.

**Conor Maguire (Room 9)**

The Junior Hurling team was a great experience and I had lots of fun. We played lots of different schools and I was proud to represent our school.

**Jack Foley (Room 9)**

# Change of Address or Phone Number

**Please inform the secretary if you have recently changed your address, home, work or mobile number.**

# Poetry Day Ireland 27<sup>th</sup> April

In our school we celebrated Poetry Day Ireland reading and composing a huge variety of poems. Here are two poems from boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class.

## Poem Day

The school is a dreaded place,  
I'm sure you know that we all hate,  
The English, yes the rats and cats,  
And oh the worst of all the Maths.  
If we weren't forced to go to this place.  
I'd be running out if sunny or rain.  
I'd be playing GAA,  
In Plunkett's with my mates,  
Even if there was a flood,  
I'd be rolling outside in the mud,  
If we got snow  
Even chin height  
I'd love it so much  
It'd be a delight.  
But here I am stuck in this room,  
Yes! You guessed where,  
Inside of school!

Beineán Dempsey (Room 11)

## The Power of Poetry

Poetry is very cool,  
You can do it anywhere  
Especially when in school,  
You can do it at any time,  
Not all poems have to rhyme,  
Poetry has a lot of power,  
Like the roots under flowers.

Poetry, Poetry it is a lot of fun,  
Just write a few lines then you're done,  
Poetry is really great,  
Because you can write about any date.  
Poetry has a lot of power,  
Like the roots under flowers.

David Mulcahy (Prefab 5)

## Parents' Committee News

Another thank you to everyone who helped with this year's First Holy Communion Party in the school hall on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Joke Corner*

*Q: What did the duck say to his friends?*

*A: What's the quack?*

*Evan Joyce (Room 4)*

*Dad: I think our son gets all his brains from me.*

*Mum: I think you're right. I still have all mine.*

*Q: What did the bus driver say to the frog?*

*A: Hop on!*

*David Rotaru (Room 9)*

# Merit Awards

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

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Class:**

- Lennon Dalton - For excellent manners and behaviour. For always working hard and contributing to class.
- Rhys Clarke - For taking a great interest and participating in every subject, his wonderful sense of humour, positive attitude and kindness to others.
- Jamie Spratt - For making a good effort in class and for working really hard to win points for his team.
- Daniel Baranczyk - For his continuous hard work in all subjects and for always being polite and kind to everyone he meets.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Class:**

- Dylan Brennan - For making a great effort with his written work.
- Ryan O'Neill - For his lovely manners and caring attitude and for his focus and perseverance with his class work.
- Kai Corbally - For massive improvement in handwriting and in participation in class. Kai is a team player and always polite and helpful.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Class:**

- Jake Burke - For his excellent attitude towards his work, amazing manners and smiling everyday.
- Anthony Chondrogiannis - For consistent hard work, great attitude towards his classmates. Exceptional focus and an all-round Bosco's Gentleman.
- Eoghan O'Callaghan - For working well throughout the school year and giving every task his best effort.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Class:**

- Daragh O'Shea For consistent hard work and showing kindness to others.
- Roy Farrelly Colgan For showing maturity, working hard in class and displaying excellent oral Irish skills.
- Nathan Behan For hard work throughout the year, his kindness to his fellow pupils and his helpfulness each day within the class.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class:**

- Adam Mc Hale For having a standard of work and level of maturity that you would expect from a boy heading towards secondary school.
- Ben Donnellan For constant strive for greatness in all aspects of school life and never settling for anything less.

**Well done to all the April Merit Awards Winners!**

# **Merit Awards**

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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Class:**

- Odin Mundow Polley For his consistent hard work and his kindness and helpfulness towards others. A true Bosco's gentleman.
- Aaron Sinan Yaman For showing enthusiasm towards all his work and being such a pleasant, conscientious and kind boy.
- Adam Mc Manus For his kindness towards classmates and his consistent hard work and cheerful, positive attitude towards school.
- Donagh O'Rourke For always putting a great effort into everything he does.  
For his interest in spoken Irish and his kindness to everyone.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class:**

- Jack Stephens For making a great effort in all subjects and for being such a pleasant and co-operative student.
- Pierce Kavanagh For his hard work, original ideas and for settling very well in St. John Bosco's.
- Taighé Donohoe For excellent behaviour and being very helpful. Huge improvement in class work and penmanship. Ready for 4<sup>th</sup> Class.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Class:**

- Alex Leech For being a cheerful, helpful, polite boy, a great addition to the school!
- John Hanway For amazing manners towards classmates, great focus in class, good natured attitude towards school and school life and an all-round Bosco's gent.

Eoin Mc Mahon - For his excellent work ethic and lovely manners.  
Eoin has made a great start to his Bosco's life.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:**

Tom Webb - For excellent behaviour, super manners and being helpful and kind to others.

Luke Cummins - For his consistent hard work, positive attitude, teamwork and for being an excellent leader in class.

Dylan O'Rourke - For tremendous work throughout the whole year and for his impeccable behaviour day in, day out.

**6<sup>th</sup> Class:**

Dylan Corcoran - For his hard work, enthusiasm, friendly nature and the energy he brings to any task.

Nathan Lacken Gueret For his great effort in participating in class.

**Well done to all the May Merit Award Winners!**