

Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School



Newsletter

November 2019

Access to the School

During the school year the school is open from 8.50am until 2.30pm.
The doors from the yard are for pupils, teachers and school staff only.
Parent/Guardian access to the school is by the main door in front of the hall ONLY.
Parents/Guardians must always have an appointment to meet with a teacher.
All visitors to the school must check-in at the office.

School Contribution

The Board of Management distributed a letter about a week ago requesting voluntary contributions. The Board is very grateful families who have made a contribution to date.

We need €60 from every family.

If you prefer €30 can be paid now and €30 in February. In effect that means each family would be contributing **33 cents a day** to help maintain Saint John Bosco SBS over a full school year.

This voluntary financial support from every family is essential to the running of the school as Government Grants only cover a fraction of the costs.

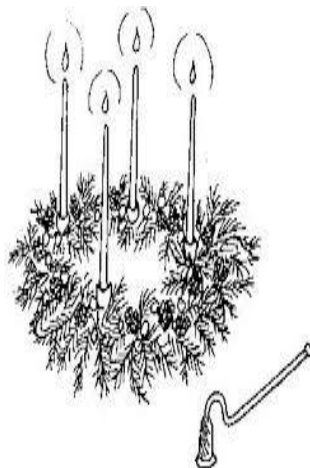
All cash contributions will be text receipted. Online payments will receive an email.

Sale of Work

The school Sale of Work takes place on **Friday 13th December**. The proceeds will be divided among the local St. Vincent de Paul, Vita and Morning Star Hostel, Dublin 7.

Advent Mass

The pupils of our school will attend a whole school Advent Celebration and Mass at 10am in the church on **Thursday 19th December**. Our school choir will sing at the mass.



CALENDAR

Friday 6th December:

School is closed for Teachers' In-Service Day for New Language Curriculum.

Monday 9th December:

Whole School Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 12 noon in the church.

Friday 13th December:

Sale of Work in the School Hall.

Wednesday 18th December:

Garda Band performing in school hall for all classes.

Thursday 19th December:

Whole School Advent Celebration and Mass at 10.00am in the church.

Friday 20th December:

School will close at 12 noon for the Christmas Holidays and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.50am.



Think of your fellow man

He needs a helping hand

*As we prepare for Christmas in this season of Advent,
we encourage our children to think of others in need.*

*Our Annual Sale of Work provides a great
opportunity for all the boys in*

Saint John Bosco School

to make a difference in the lives of others.



Sale of Work

in aid of

Vita *(an Irish charity helping to fight hunger in Africa),*

*Our local St. Vincent de Paul Society &
Morning Star Men's Hostel, Dublin 7*

*At Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School
Assembly Hall*

On Friday 13th December 2019

Please support people in need by giving us items to sell like:

***Books Board Games Toys Computer Games Unwanted gift sets
(clean and unbroken only)***

We must request that only useful attractive items are required.

*We would be delighted to hear from any parent who might be able
to help by donating special raffle prizes.*

COLLECTION OF ALL ITEMS WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER.

Thank You For Your Continued Support.

Cakes/home baking welcome on the morning of the sale.

(please label all containers and lids if you need them to be returned).

Results to Brain Workout

**a)REMARKS b)RESCUED c)SECTION d)TRAINERS e)SALESMEN f)RELATION g)TIRED h)VASES
i)SILENT j)TEACHER k) MONDAY l)GREASE m)INSECT n)NIGHT**

Science Week

Report from Room 10



My favourite thing about Science Week was blowing up a balloon without touching it! We put vinegar in a bottle, put baking soda in a balloon (tied over the bottle). The baking soda mixed with the vinegar, released carbon monoxide gas and inflated the balloon!

Ruaidhrí McCool

We did so many experiments for Science Week; Chromatography, Blow up a balloon without touching it, making a lava lamp, Pupil dilation, bending light, Milk explosions and leakproof bag!

Killian Hanlon



Sheldon The Tortoise's Midterm Break

Sheldon spent his midterm break at my house. I was very excited for him to come because I have a huge interest in reptiles.

On the first day, I brought him home and set up his tank on my bedroom table.

When I came back to check on him, he had buried himself, which came as a shock but it something that alot of tortoises do.

Every day I fed him five tortoise biscuits, two slices of cucumber and a good bit of lettuce. I also let him have a walk around each day.

My parents and grandmother loved him and we welcomed him to our home.

I would recommend taking Sheldon over the holidays, as it is a very exciting and fun.

Written by Oscar Mahon (Room 11)

My favourite was blowing up a balloon without touching it. Here's how;

- Get a bottle and quarter fill it with vinegar.
- Using a spatula add 3 scoops of baking soda into a balloon.
- Stretch the balloon over the rim of the bottle.
- Tip the balloon so the baking soda falls into the bottle.
- Observe! result It inflates!

Tom McMahon

My favourite Science experiment was "Milk Explosion".

Alex Donnelly

ETB Adult Literacy Services

Did you know?

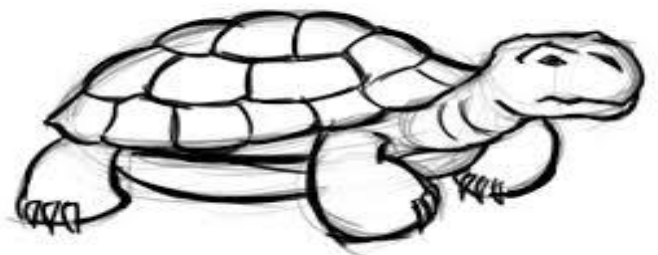
There are over 50,000 adults improving their reading, writing, maths and IT skills in local ETB Adult Literacy Centres.

By returning to learning they report they:

- Are more confident at reading, writing and spelling.
- Find it easier to do everyday things like Maths.
- Develop and learn new computer skills.

Interested?

- You can study online by yourself on www.writeon.ie
- Work with a tutor over the phone on the Distance Learning Service.



Merit Awards

2nd Class:

Cian Dodrill, Maciej Opiola and Antoni Poznanski.

3rd Class:

Bobby Kelly, Riley Graham and Séan Kearney.

4th Class:

Song Chen Yu, Liam Keenan and Marcel Hoffmann.

5th Class:

Athan Modi, Alexander Hanney, Tom Reid and Rishon D'Souza.

6th Class:

Michael Cassidy, Seán Freeney and Craig Lambert.

Well done to all the Merit Award Winners!

Brain Workout

- a) I like your coloured MARKERS, _____ Sam.
- b) He SECURED the boat and _____ the people.
- c) Display NOTICES in this _____ of the shop.
- d) You need good _____ to run on all TERRAINS.
- e) NAMELESS _____ are forever telephoning me.
- f) I have a _____ who is ORIENTAL.
- g) He TRIED hard to run, but he was too _____
- h) She SAVES her money to buy ceramic _____
- i) If you want to LISTEN it helps if you are _____
- j) The _____ caught the CHEATER.
- k) On _____ we learnt about the DYNAMO.
- l) Everyone AGREES that _____ is messy.
- m) Which creepy-crawly is the NICEST _____?
- n) He saw a scary THING in the dark that _____



Answers to Brain Workout on another page.