

Saint John Bosco Senior Boys' School



Newsletter

October 2018

Hallowe'en

We wish everyone a happy and safe mid-term break. The dangers of Hallowe'en are well documented and each year brings new tales of horrific injuries. Please re-emphasise these dangers and make sure everybody has a safe and non-threatened time.

Pupils were allowed wear Hallowe'en costumes in school on Wednesday 24th - €2 donation (optional) to Parents' Committee. All the boys enjoyed the excitement and anticipation for Hallowe'en night.

Gardaí Visit School

Our Community Gardaí, Shane, Derek and Paddy, from Cabra Garda Station, visited the school on 3rd October. They spoke to all classes and highlighted the dangers associated with bonfires and bangers at this time of year. We greatly appreciate their commitment to the promotion of responsible behaviour and the prevention of accidents at **HALLOWEEN**.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place from the 14th to 30th November. Teachers will be in contact with parents during the month of November to arrange a mutually convenient appointment time.

Sponsored Walk

Our Annual Sponsored Walk scheduled for Friday 12th October was postponed for safety reasons due to Storm Callum.

The boys actually "did the walk" on Thursday 18th and had their usual treats provided by Parents' Committee when they returned to class after the walk.

We wish to thank the pupils and their parents and everybody who contributed with their generous sponsorship support. To date over €4,875 was raised. This money will be used to purchase essential equipment for the school.

All sponsor cards should be returned to the school before the mid-term break.

CALENDAR

The school will be closed on Friday 26th October as the school is being used as a Polling Station for the Presidential Election.

School is closed for Mid-Term is from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd of November. Reopening on Monday 5th of November at 8.50am.

Parent Teacher Meetings: 14th to 30th November.

On Friday 1st February school will be closed for Teacher In-Service on the New Language Curriculum.

(This date was not on the original school calendar printed in your son's Homework Journal).



Cross Country

On October 10th teams from 5th and 6th classes competed in the Annual Clonliffe Harriers Cross Country in Santry Demense.

In glorious sunshine the boys did really well against about 20 other schools and should be proud of their efforts.

If anybody would like to join the local Celtic Athletic Club, Mary Mc Kenna can be contacted at 086-407 1141.

The boys who took part were;

Ben Cullen Reddy, Eoin Walsh, Rory Duffy, Séan Freeney, Luke Hughes, Cian Maguire, Jack Mc Cague, Cian O'Shea, Karl Andrade, Josh Corrigan, Cillian Crawford Corbett, Karl Duffy, Luke Hanks, Sam King, Cathal O'Flynn, Reece Rodrigues, Tom Collins, Fionn Mac Riobeáird, Oisín Gavin and Cameron Hutch.

Online Safety

This is a message urging parents to keep a close eye on their children's online activity. Online gaming is a popular past-time these days and whereas it can be very enjoyable, it comes with certain risks.

Online bullying is a trend that is sadly rising. What can start as "banter" can quickly escalate into something much more sinister. Every child has the right to feel safe; be it in school, at home or online.

We would appeal to parents to have a look at their child's online activity in order to see what sort of language their child may be using and (possibly more important) the sort of content their child may be exposed to.

Regrettably, the threat of malicious messaging appears to be widespread within the children's own peer groups and "online parties". We would encourage children who encounter such messages to log-off from such games and report these incidents to their parents or teachers immediately. Stay Safe.

Senior Football/ So close!

Our Under 13 footballers had a great campaign in Corn Cumann na nGael this year. They had easy wins against, Scoil Gráinne, Esker and Scoil Thomáis in the group stages. They proved too strong for a skilful Scoil Mobhi team in the quarter final.

This meant that the lads qualified for a semi-final place for the first time in 15 years. Their opponents in the semi-final were Garristown from North Co. Dublin.

This game was a brilliant spectacle and both schools should be proud of their efforts. Boscós started really brightly leading by 3-02 to 0-01 after 12 minutes. The faster and stronger players from Garristown did not panic though and fought back to level matters at half-time 3-02 each.

Garristown looked to have pulled out of sight in the first 15 of the second half leading by 9 points, but Boscós did not give up without a fight. Brilliant team work reduced the arrears to 2 points with 5 minutes left. Boscós were very unlucky not to get a score or two to gain victory but unfortunately Garristown won out by 3 points.

Final score Bosco's 5-6 Garristown 4-11.

Under 13 Gaelic Football Team were;

Ronan O'Flynn, Sean Vahey, Éanna Delaney, Cillian Campion Wigglesworth, , Rory Duffy, Luke Hughes, Cian Maguire, Jack McCague, Cian O'Shea, John Hanway , Eoghan Johnson, Cathal O'Flynn, Karl Broughan, Tom Collins, Fionn Mac Roibeáird, Frankie Pitman, Seán Bridson, Max Donovan, Conal Doohan, Jack Foley, Oisín Gavin, Conor Hogan, Ruairí Maguire and Jack O'Hara.

Well done lads - you were brilliant!

School Garden

A section of our yard has been set aside for our new school garden. Raised beds and planters of various shapes and sizes have appeared. Boys have been busy planting winter vegetables and are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour in spring.



6th Class Rugby Blitz

Our class took part in a Rugby Blitz in Coolmine Rugby Club on Monday 22nd October. We trained for a few weeks first with Colin from the Rugby Club as part of our school rugby coaching.

It was a great day out. We played lots of tag rugby with boys from another school and we learned a lot.

Written by 6th Class Pupils (Room 12)

Dress Code

We wish to take this opportunity to remind parents that boys should attend school wearing the full school uniform. On PE days they should wear the school tracksuit with a plain navy polo t-shirt underneath for 2nd, 3rds and 4th and the school green t-shirt for 5th and 6th Classes.

Chess Lessons

Once again, the Parents' Committee have very kindly offered to fund the coaching of chess to the 4th classes. The boys and staff appreciate this generous gesture.

This will enable boys to receive an introduction to the game of chess and see if they would like to pursue it.

Chess is seen as a very useful exercise to develop and improve skills such as forward thinking, visualisation and concentration.

Chess instruction commenced in October and continues every Thursdays for 10 weeks. Classes are held during school hours for 35 minute sessions.



Room 9 meet Illustrator Alan Nolan at Cabra Library

On Wednesday October 17th Mr. Gaffney's 4th Class visited Cabra Library to meet with Author/illustrator Alan Nolan.

Below are some comments about the visit from the pupils in Room 9;

"Alan talked to us about some of his books. We got to make our own person using our imagination".

Max Nolan

"Alan's job as an author and illustrator is to write books and draw the pictures too".

Brandon Lynch

Parents' Committee News

Sponsored Walk

Our Annual Sponsored Walk took place on Thursday 18th October. It was a lovely day and the boys really enjoyed it. Refreshments were provided to all the boys on their return to school. Thank you to the boys and their families—so far we have raised €4,875 which is just fantastic.

Merit Awards

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

2nd Class:

- Josh Raul Llanera For his great behaviour, always listening, excellent in the line, very patient waiting his turn, being polite and hardworking.
- Conor Barrett For being such a hard worker, a diligent student and always polite and well-mannered.
- Orán Gao For his dedication to hard work in all subjects, his kindness to other and for his excellent participation in class.

3rd Class:

- Conor Hughes For his great effort in learning Irish verbs each night.
- Jamie Dixon For his tremendous hard work this year, his great attitude and being kind and friendly to all his classmates.
- Ethan Higgins For great attitude to all areas of school and school life. Brilliant start to the year!

4th Class:

- Scott Cummins For working very hard and always trying his best.
- Adam Carmody For superb manners, beautiful handwriting and always contributing in class.
- Billy Flynn For having a positive attitude and excellent contribution in class each and every day.
- Lucas Hennessy For showing kindness to others being helpful and making a huge effort in Gaeilge.

5th Class:

- Sean Óg Shanley For being kind and caring. Using his sense of humour to make his classmates smile.
- Dáire Howard For his mature attitude, fantastic work ethic and excellent manners.
- Jamie Fennell For a wonderful attitude in class and being a kind classmate.

6th Class:

- Samuel King For his outstanding work ethic, contribution in class and for his mature attitude displayed in all aspects of school life.
- Miguel Penserga For his commitment to work, willingness to learn, being kind and excellent behaviour.
- Onri Onlabi For being a friendly and helpful classmate and for acting in a way that those preparing for secondary school should.

Well done to all the boys!



Maths Week Puzzles

Handshake Puzzle

Amy, Liam, Samira and Luke meet up. Each person shakes hands with every other person once.

How many handshakes are there in total?

How many texts?

Pete, Sarah, Matt, Amy and Luke are all friends. Each of them sends one text message to each other person.

How many messages are sent in total?

World Cup Puzzle

There are 6 teams in a group. Each team plays every other team twice.

How many games are there in total?

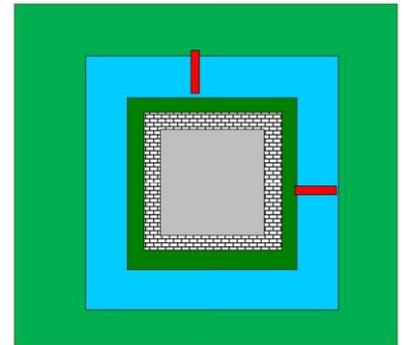
Diagram of castle, moat and surrounding land

Attacking the Castle

A square medieval castle sits in a square island surrounded by a square moat and was under siege.

All around the island, there is a 5 metre wide water moat.

There's ground on the other side to rest the bridge on (if you can get it to stretch that far).



The attacking king sent his men back to build two wooden foot bridges.

Unfortunately these clever men came back with two bridges exactly

5 metres long (that meant that they couldn't be supported on the ground

at both side of the moat). They have no nails or rope is there any way they can get across?

.....**Visit mathsweek.ie (resources, puzzles for all ages) for solutions to above.**

Maths Week was promoted in the school from 15th -19th October.

Boys were invited to produce designs involving shapes for "mini beast motels" which could become a feature of our school garden.

Mathletics On-line Learning Programme

What is Mathletics?

Mathletics is a new Maths On-line Learning Programme.

It's fun, it's innovative and it's all about learning and practising Maths in a new and exciting way.

It offers an engaging, supportive online learning space and provides students with all the tools they need to be successful learners, both in the classroom and beyond.

Parents have already paid the annual subscription of €5 for Mathletics (as part of €60 school requisites paid).

Pupils have been given a unique username and log-in password, printed on a small card, which is stuck to the inside of their homework journal.

- ❖ **Pupils just type in <https://community.mathletics.com/signin>**
- ❖ **Then type in their own username and password.**

Mathletics can be used at home, after school, at weekends.