
St. John Bosco Junior Boys' School,
Navan Road,
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Newsletter February/March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope everyone enjoyed the midterm. It's great to see the Spring flowers starting to appear. Hopefully, the brighter days are on their way now too.

Website and Twitter

Don't forget to keep up to date with activities in our school by following us on Twitter @stjohnboscojbs and keeping an eye on our school website www.stjohnboscojbs.com. The boys would love the opportunity to tell you about the photos, videos and links posted in the Classes section.

World Book Day

Thursday March 2nd is World Book Day. Each boy will get a voucher which can be exchanged for a free World Book Day book or else used to get money off another book. We would encourage parents to bring the boys to a bookshop and use the vouchers so as to help cultivate an interest in reading. It is a good idea to allow the boys to choose their own book so that they pick something of interest to them. The boys will also celebrate World Book Day in school with some stories and activities.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in the run up to St Patrick's Day with a whole host of activities. All classes will take part in a céilí on Tuesday 14th March and the boys will also have a little ceolchoirm when they will perform some song and poems for each other. We will have our annual **Lá Glas on Wednesday 15th**, when the boys can wear green and we will have a parade. The Parents' Association would like to suggest that the boys bring in a donation of €2 which will be used to purchase educational resources. The teachers are encouraging the boys to use words they know as Gaeilge all around the school. Don't forget to use your cúpla focal with your son. Lá 'le Pádraig shona dhaoibh go léir!

Pottery

The boys had a wonderful time creating pottery frogs on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February with Fin O'Hara. Keep an eye for the lovely creations coming home in a few weeks when the boys have put the finishing touches to them. Thank you to the Parents' Association who funded these workshops.

Spreagadh Art Competition

Congratulations to all the boys who took part in the Spreagadh Art Competition. The theme this year was 'A Walk in the Park'. We had lots of prize winners. The boys should all be very proud of their efforts.

Healthy Eating Policy

Our new Healthy Eating Policy is now on our website. We would ask all parents to read this and consider the lunches the boys are bringing in to school. This policy will be fully enforced from September in all classes. In the meantime, teachers will endeavour to encourage healthier choices by the boys and we would ask you to support this. The Parents' Association are working on a flier to help condense the information into a shorter document. This will go home with the boys over the next few months.

Bike Rack

To encourage the boys to walk, scoot or cycle to school, we have ordered a bike rack. This will enable parents to leave bikes and scooters at school during the day. Please be aware that all items should be locked to the rack and that all items are left entirely at the owner's risk. Thanks to the Parents' Committee who funded the bike rack.

Cake Sale

The Parents' Committee will host their annual Cake Sale on Friday 10th March in the Library. This is a great fundraiser so we would ask all families to get involved. All donations of cakes, buns, biscuits, tarts or anything else you can think of will be very gratefully accepted. We also ask that you come along and support the Cake Sale on the day. As well as lots of treats to buy, there will be a raffle and a 'Guess the Amount' jar where you can try your luck to win a prize. Any donations can be dropped to the school on Thursday 9th March from 1.30 to 2.30 or anytime from 8am on the Friday morning. Please put your name on any containers you wish to have returned to you after the Cake Sale.

In Service Day

Just a reminder that the school will be closed for the boys on **Thursday 16th March** to allow all staff members attend an in-service day for schools with a class for children with ASD.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have changed your telephone number or moved house please remember to let us know as it is vital we have emergency contact details for all boys. Also, if you are not receiving text messages please contact myself or Marie so we can rectify this.

Change of Clothes

We regularly need to give boys a change of clothes in school for a variety of reasons. If your son does get a change of clothes we would ask that you wash and return the trousers/jumper/socks as soon as possible and that you replace the underwear. This enables us to always have a supply of clothes when the need arises.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th March - Lá Glas

Thursday 16th March - In Service Day - School Closed

Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Day - School Closed

Friday 7th April - Half Day - School Closed at 12pm

Monday 10th April - Friday 21st April - Easter Holidays - School Closed

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