
St. John Bosco Junior Boys' School, Navan Road, Dublin 7.



Newsletter Summer 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are almost at the end of the school year! As always, June has been a very busy month and the boys and their teachers are looking forward to the holidays!

First Class Graduation

The First Class Graduation will take place on Wednesday 28th June at 12.30pm in the School Hall. All parents are invited to come along and join in this celebration with us. While we are always glad to see the boys develop and grow and begin to find their way in the world, we are always sad to say goodbye to our First Class boys. We wish all of our boys the very best in their next school and we hope that they will have happy memories of their time here in St John Bosco JBS.

Thank you

On behalf of the Board of Management, I want to say a sincere thank you to all the teachers, Marie (secretary), Angela, Alison, Marie, Yvonne, Emma and Deborah (SNAs) and Colm (caretaker) for all their hard work and co-operation during the year.

I would also like to thank both the Parents' Association, under the guidance of Krissy Gibson, and the Board members for their contribution to our school community - Caitriona Hayden (Chairperson), Eva McDonagh, Jane Garvey, Tracey Ralph, Karen McGoldrick, Hugh Geoghegan and Catherine Clune Mulvaney.

Active Schools Week/Sports Day

We had a hugely successful Active Schools Week. The weather cooperated for the most part and the boys got to take part in a myriad of different activities. A huge thank you to all who helped out, in particular, Monica Ward (Karate), Robert Howard (Tae Kwon Do), Emily McElarney (Yoga), Donna Moran (Dancing) and Mark Cooper (GAA). The boys also enjoyed Outdoor and Adventure Activities, Gymnastics and Basketball with their class teachers.

We held our Sports Day on Friday 16th June. The boys had a super day and everyone received a well-deserved medal at the end. Thank you to the Parents' Association for providing the medals.

School Tour

We had a fabulous day in Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Centre. The boys learned some history, searched for fairies, visited the pet farm, played in the playground and the play centre and had a lovely train ride through the bog. The boys were a credit to themselves both in Lullymore and on the buses. Maith sibh, buachaillí!

Reports

End of year reports were emailed to all families on Friday 16th June. If you haven't received one, please let us know.

Sponsored Walk

We had our annual Sponsored Walk on Friday 19th May. The sun shone and the boys had a lovely walk around Ashington and The Priory. Thank you to the Parents' Committee who provided refreshments for tired boys when they returned to school.

Ice Cream Fun Day

We held our first ever Ice Cream Fun Day in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland on Friday 16th June. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We raised almost €400 for a very worthy cause.

Ashtown Castle

All classes visited Ashtown Castle and the playground in the Phoenix Park last week. We are extremely lucky to have such a resource on our doorstep. The boys all had a great time and they were very well behaved. Well done, boys! Maybe, next time you are in the park, the boys can fill you in on some of the history they learned.

Photos

Class photos for the Junior Infant and Senior Infants are still available this week. If you would like a copy, please fill out the form and return it the office with €4. Thank you to Alison Byrne for taking the photos.

Booklists

All classes have now received the booklists for next year. Please return the money for these as soon as possible. If there are any difficulties regarding the timing of this payment please let me know so we can make alternative arrangements

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 or emails please contact myself or Marie so we can rectify this.

Website and Twitter

Don't forget to keep up to date and see lots photos of the boys in school on our school website www.stjohnboscojbs.com and follow us on Twitter @stjohnboscojbs.

Finally I would like to wish all our boys and their families a safe and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28th June - First Class Graduation

Friday 30th June - School closes at 12.00pm for Summer Holidays

Thursday 31st August - School reopens for the new term.

Clodagh Farrell
Principal