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



Newsletter November 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope everyone had an enjoyable midterm. We have a very busy term ahead running up to Christmas with lots of different events and activities.

Christmas Concerts

Preparations have already started for this year's Christmas celebrations. The boys are working in class groups and will do a little show in the School Hall. You are invited to come to see your son on the stage at the times listed below. Each show will last approx. 20 - 30 minutes. The boys will be allowed to go home after their performance if you wish to take them. Please allow them to return to their classroom and you can collect them from there.

Tuesday 19th December **12.30pm - Junior Infants (including Ms Carr's ASD Class)**
1.45pm - First Class

Wednesday 20th December **12.45pm - Senior Infants**

Parents' Committee Raffle

The Parents' Committee Annual Raffle will take place on Wednesday December 13th. Books of raffle tickets will go home in school bags in early December. The money raised in the raffle will go towards educational resources and activities for the boys. If you (or your place of work) would like to donate a prize for the raffle please contact the office. All help is gratefully appreciated!

Witch Walk

We had our 'Witch Walk' on Thursday 26th October. The boys dressed up in a whole myriad of Halloween costumes and we walked around Kinvara and Ashington. The boys had lots of opportunities to wave at friends and family! We raised over €300 which we are using to buy PE equipment and toys for the yard.

Graffiti Classics

On Friday 27th October we had a visit from a string quartet. This truly entertaining group had all the boys enthralled with their take on classical music. Many thanks to the Parents' Association who funded this event.

HSE Vaccinations

The team from the HSE will visit the school on Tuesday 12th December to administer Junior Infant vaccinations. Please return any outstanding forms to the office.

The Boys in Blue

On Tuesday 7th November, we were delighted to welcome Dublin star, Bernard Brogan, to our school with the Sam Maguire cup. The boys listened to Bernard talk about playing for Dublin and asked some very interesting questions. Thank you to Mark Cooper for organising this visit.

Cabra Library Visit

Some storytellers from Cabra Library will visit the school on Monday 20th December and Monday 11th December. They will work with the boys from MS Markey's First Class and Ms Ryan's First Class. Unfortunately, they won't get to visit the rest of the classes but we hope that the boys will be encouraged to visit Cabra Library and explore the wide variety of books available there.

Book Fair

The Celtic Travelling Book Fair will make their annual visit to our school from the 21st to the 24th November. The Parents' Committee will be running this on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November from 8.35am - 9.00am and in the afternoons from 1.00pm - 2.40pm in the Library. If you can't make it in at these times, please feel free to send the form and money back in with your son. The boys will bring home the forms in their schoolbags for you to have a look at.

Photographer

If you would like to purchase photos, please send back the order form and money as soon as possible. The photographer has yet to set a date to return to complete the last few classes but we are hoping this will be arranged soon.

Senior Boys' School Yard

The Board of Management of the Senior Boys' School have asked us to remind parents to please be mindful of the fact that there are often lessons taking place in the yard around the 1.30pm pickup time. If you are exiting our school through the Senior Boys' yard, please ensure to walk swiftly through and to keep to designated walking areas as much as possible. They are currently experimenting with various barrier systems to ensure the safety of all children on campus. We ask that you keep children in your care near you while crossing the yard and entering the car park area.

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.

Dates for your Diary - Don't forget to keep an eye on the calendar on our school website!

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November - Book Fair

Wednesday 13th December - Parents' Committee Raffle

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Concerts

Friday 22nd December - school closes at 12.00pm for Christmas Holidays

Monday 15th January - school closed - Primary Language Curriculum In-service Day

Clodagh Farrell
Principal