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



Newsletter March 2018

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We have had a very eventful term weather-wise but, hopefully, the weather will start to improve and we will have some sunshine for our Easter Holidays! Thank you to everyone for their co-operation during the snowy weather.

#### 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](http://www.stjohnboscojbs.com). The boys would love the opportunity to tell you about the photos, videos and links posted in the Classes section.

#### Child Protection

In line with Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017, our Child Protection Policy has been replaced by a Child Safeguarding Statement. This is available to view on our website in the 'Policies' section. Hard copies are available upon request.

#### Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge last week in the run up to St Patrick's Day with a whole host of activities. All classes took part in céilís and the First Classes got a chance to use their general knowledge in their Tráth na gCeist (Table Quiz). We had our annual **Lá Glas on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**, when the boys wore green and we had a parade. The teachers are encouraging the boys to use words they know as Gaeilge all around the school. Don't forget to continue to use your cúpla focal with your son.

#### Hedgehog Rescue Dublin

Yvonne from Hedgehog Rescue visited all our classes over two days and the boys met Seamus and Pádraig, two lovely hedgehogs! Yvonne had lots of information on hedgehogs to share with the boys and everyone got an opportunity to touch the hedgehogs and feel their prickly spines. Thank you to the PA for funding this.

#### Zumba

Alex from Fitbugs did a Zumba dance workshop with all classes. The boys thoroughly enjoyed these very energetic dances! Thanks, again, to the PA for making these workshops possible.

#### Spreagadh Art Competition

Congratulations to all the boys who took part in the Spreagadh Art Competition. The theme this year was 'My Family at School'. We had lots of prize winners. Results and photos can be seen on the website. The boys should all be very proud of their efforts.

### **Cake Sale**

The Parents' Committee hosted their annual Cake Sale on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Library. This was a huge success with lots of cakes, buns, biscuits, tarts and a wealth of other baked goodies! The raffle and the 'Guess the Amount' jar proved very popular too. Thank you to the Parents' Association for all their hard work organising this event.

### **Calendar**

Don't forget to keep an eye on our school calendar in the 'Calendar' section of our website ([www.stjohnboscojbs.com](http://www.stjohnboscojbs.com)) to stay up to date on events in our school. Also, follow us on Twitter to receive notifications of new items on the website.

### **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**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Half Day - School Closed at 12pm

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays - School Closed

Clodagh Farrell

Principal