
St. John Bosco Junior Boys' School,
Navan Road,
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Newsletter April/May 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

As usual, this is a very busy term at school. There are lots of activities going on for all the boys!

Traffic

As you are all aware, there are huge volumes of traffic entering and leaving the school at both drop off and collection times. Please be mindful that there are a lot of small children walking in and out of the gates. We would ask all parents and guardians, both those driving and those walking, to take extra care when coming into and leaving the school grounds.

Farmyard in Our Schoolyard

On Monday 16th April we had a visit from a mobile farm. The boys got to see lots of animals and we learned lots of interesting information from Farmer Ash. Thank you to the Parents' Association for funding this.

M and M Productions

On the same day as the mobile farm, we also had the opportunity to see a production of *The Secret Garden*. This fabulous show had the boys entranced. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks again to the PA.

Basketball

Praha, the basketball coach, is currently doing a series of basketball lessons with all classes. The boys are really enjoying practising their skills every Thursday. It is lovely to see the boys using these skills during break times in the yard! Again, these lessons are made possible by the hard work of the Parents' Association.

Fighting Words

On Thursday 3rd May (Ms Markey's Class) and Monday 21st May (Ms Middleton's Class) the boys from First Class visited the Fighting Words centre. They created a story and worked together to write their own books. This is a hugely enjoyable experience for the boys and a lovely opportunity to work together. Ms Ryan's boys will be going on Wednesday 20th June.

Sponsored Walk

On Friday 18th May, we had our Annual Sponsored Walk. The sun shone brightly and we had a lovely walk around the local area. The money raised from this is used to pay for workshops and resources for the boys. Thank you to the Parents' Association for the post walk treats! Thank you to everyone who sponsored the boys. If you haven't returned your sponsor card, please do so as soon as possible.

Micra T and Drumcondra Tests

The Senior Infants and First Classes are busy this week doing their standardised tests. The results of these will be on the end of year reports. These are a snapshot of how the boys are progressing in school and are used along with teacher observation and class based assessments to monitor the boys' learning.

Active School Week

We will have our Active School Week from Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June this year. Ms Middleton has been working hard to organise a wide variety of activities for the boys. If you have an activity you would like to do with the boys, please let us know. Sports Day will be held on Thursday 14th June.

School Tour

This year's school tour will be on Friday 8th June to The Pine Forest Art Centre in Glencullen, Co. Wicklow. Further details will go out closer to the date.

All classes will also visit Ashtown Castle the week beginning Monday 18th June. The breakdown of which classes are going which day is on the calendar on our website.

Garda Mounted Unit

We are looking forward to welcoming the Garda Mounted Unit to our school on Wednesday 6th June. This is a lovely opportunity for the boys to meet the horses and learn about them.

Ice Cream Funday for Down Syndrome Ireland

We will host an Ice Cream Funday in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland on Friday 15th June. All donations to this worthy cause are gratefully appreciated.

First Class Graduation

The First Class Graduation will take place on Wednesday 27th June in the School Hall at 12.30pm. All parents and guardians are invited to come along and share in this very special day.

Calendar

Don't forget to keep an eye on our school calendar in the 'Calendar' section of our website (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.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th May - Referendum - School Closed

Monday 4th June - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Friday 8th June - School Tour

Thursday 14th June - Sports Day

Friday 15th June - Ice Cream Funday for Down Syndrome Ireland

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June - Ashtown Castle visits.

Wednesday 27th June - First Class Graduation

Friday 29th June - Summer Holidays - School closes at 12pm

Clodagh Farrell
Principal