

ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL

NEWS UP-DATE - NOVEMBER 2012

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on **Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December**. Please note the school will close at **1.15 p.m. for Junior and Senior Infants and 2.15 p.m. for all other classes on these dates.**

Message from the Parent Association

A good time was had by all at the recent **Annual Social** in the Castle Golf Club. There was a great turn out of parents and staff and a very relaxed and refreshed looking Matt Hume joined us! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and especially those who were able to make it on the night and a special thanks to Liam Gleeson and Colm Finnegan who put so much time and effort into organising the event.

The Christmas Cake Sale which is our first main fundraising event will take place in the Parish Hall on **Friday 7th December**. We will be asking parents to buy, bake or bring cakes, buns or other goodies and drop them into us from 8.30 a.m. that morning. It's a really sociable event and we hope that parents and minders will join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake and chat, between 8.50 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. The boys from 1st Class upwards will be brought over by their teacher during school time where they can buy some of the goodies on sale. You may like to give them a small amount of money for this. Cake prices start from as little as 50c. There will also be a raffle at 3.00p.m. with lots of spectacular toys etc to be won. The raffle tickets will be €1 each. Any help offered would be very welcome, either time to help out at the cake sale (even half an hour is valuable to us) or providing resources (printing posters, sourcing cakes/sweets/drinks etc). Please contact me at 085-7713578 or leave your name and contact details in the suggestion box.



Voluntary Contributions: Many thanks to all who have contributed to our annual appeal. Any family who has not yet made a contribution and who still wish to do so, can post or drop it into the school office.

The Christmas Cards are expected to be delivered to us in early December.

Comenius: A Window on Europe

We have emailed our epals in Poland, Spain, Norway and Italy and are looking forward to their replies. This is the first of our activities in our Comenius Project. The boys from 2nd to 6th Class designed logos for the website www.windowoneurope.eu. The winning logo will be selected from the three entries by each country. We will be uploading Wordles shortly on the theme of 'Friendship'.

Over 60 boys took part in our three school football teams playing several exciting matches since early September. Our Senior B team had a good victory over Bishop Galvin in their last match and have been invited to play in a tournament in the new year. The Junior team coached by Ms Byrne (assisted by Mr. Hallinan in a reversal of roles) played in five closely contested games and were unlucky to register only one victory. Our Senior team's shield quarter final victory over Scoil Eoin Bosco was the highlight of the season when late scores from Glen Hollywood, Marcel Latu and Conor Duffy rescued us from certain defeat. However in the semi final against Malahide we were beaten by a better team. We competed well with outstanding displays from Eoghan Byrne and Barra Dignam but finished on the wrong side of a 5-9 to 2-11 scoreline. Our thanks to all the parents who supported the teams throughout the season and to the boys who were a credit to the school, displaying great spirit, skill and sportmanship. Hopefully some will follow in the steps of our past pupils who have played for Dublin, most recently Brendan Bentley and Niall O'Sullivan who won All Ireland minor football medals this year and Chris Bennett who played for Dublin in the minor hurling final.

Toy Sunday will take place on Sun **9th December at 11.30 a.m.** More details will follow next week.

Nativity Plays: Junior and Senior Infants will perform their nativity plays on **17th, 19th and 20th Dec.**

Confirmation for the boys in 6th Class will take place on **Thursday 7th March**. The date for Service of Light has not yet been arranged.

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday **11th May**.

Swimming Classes will finish for the Christmas period on Saturday 15th December. They will resume on Sat 12th January and run until Saturday 26th January. A new session will commence on Sat 2nd Feb. There are still places available in the later session - 6.15pm to 7.00pm.

Congratulations to Nathan Maher in Ms. Durkan's Class on winning a prize in the Fire Safety Art Competition. Nathan's picture will feature in the Dublin Fire Brigade Calendar 2013.