

# ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL

## NEWS UP-DATE - FEBRUARY 2015

**The school will be closed on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February for mid-term. Please note that there will be no swimming on Sat 21st Feb and no swimming on Sat 14th March.**

### Swimming:

There are still places available for the new swimming session which runs from February to June.

**Venue:** Terenure Swimming Pool

**Time:** Saturday 6.00 p.m.— 6.45 p.m.  
6.45 p.m.— 7.30 p.m.

**Cost:** 1 member € 100  
2 members € 180  
3 members € 250  
4 members € 270

Cheques should be made payable to Emmett Hallinan and can be left with Josephine in the office.

**Peace Proms:** Congratulations to all the boys from 3rd and 4th Classes on their participation at the Peace Proms in the RDS. Many thanks to their director Ms. Maher and their teachers Ms. Murphy and Ms. Rooney. Well done to all concerned.

**Cor Fheile na Scoileanna:** Boys from 3rd Class, the Off-beat Club and Ms. O'Riordan's recorder ensemble will represent the school in Corfheile na Scoileanna in the Basketball Arena on Tuesday 3rd March. We wish them well.

**Internet Safety:** As part of Internet Safety week all classes have been learning about "Safe Use of the Internet". The aim is to raise awareness of protecting our children online. Strategies for safe internet use were discussed and all relevant information is available on our webpage [www.stjosephsteenure.ie](http://www.stjosephsteenure.ie)

**Young Scientist Exhibition:** Ms. Harte's 6th Class had a great time at the Young Scientist Exhibition at the RDS in January. Their prize-winning project on hovercrafts was visited by people from all over the country. Thank you Ms. Harte and Mr. Ring for all your hard work.

**Safe Cycling:** 6th Class boys have been taking part in a safe cycling course over the last few weeks. The course covered rules of the road, starting and stopping, road positioning etc. The training has proved invaluable to everyone and especially to the boys who cycle to school and those who plan to cycle to secondary school in the autumn.

**Hurling:** The schools hurling season is up and running with our senior and junior teams in training for upcoming league matches. The senior team trains on Mondays with matches on Thursdays while the junior team is training on Tuesdays. Parents are responsible for getting the children to training for a 3pm start and should collect them promptly at 4pm. Well done to the boys who played in the mini-game at Croke Park recently for Faughs under 12s. Enquiries to Mr. Reale.

**Athletics:** This is a good time of the year to get active and we have a special week of PE activities coming up soon. We have also entered the Sth. Dublin cross country series of three runs in Tymon Park, so a large number of boys from 3rd to 6th will get a chance to take part over the next two months. Meanwhile Santry primary school sports are fixed for May and we will be hoping to emulate last years' performance when three of our relay teams won gold medals.

**Voluntary Contribution:** The Board of Management would like to thank all the parents who contributed so generously to our annual appeal for school funds. This contribution is much needed and appreciated as the funding received from the Department of Education and Skills falls far short of what is required to provide educational resources for our pupils.

### Credit Union Quiz:

Well done to all sixteen boys who represented St. Joseph's in the Rathfarnham Credit Union Quiz recently. A special thank you to Matthew who came straight from Crumlin Hospital to take part. One of our junior teams came 3rd while our two senior teams were very competitive and one team has made it to the final in the RDS. We wish them well.

### Parent Association News

**Anti-Bullying Talk: - 3rd March:** St. Joseph's Parent Association in conjunction with the Presentation Parent Association will organize a talk on 3rd March on "ANTI-BULLYING" to be held in the Presentation Convent Hall. The talk will be presented by Mary Crosbie through the National Parent Council and promises to be a very informative evening. More details will follow.

**Annual Fun Quiz:** Will take place on 23rd April at 8.30 p.m. in the CYM.

**Joey's Cookbook:** Progress on our cookbook has been going very well. All order forms should be returned to class teachers as soon as possible. The cost of the cookbook will be €12—an ideal Easter gift! The proceeds of the cookbook will help towards updating our computer room.

**Tomi Reichental** is a survivor of the Holocaust and was in Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp in 1945 when the camp was liberated by the US and British Forces in April of that year. Tomi wrote a book called "*I was in Bergen Belsen*" and we were delighted to have Tomi visit the school again this week to give his life story. The talk was attended by pupils, parents, teachers and friends who found Tomi's story as amazing as it was moving. It was a tremendous experience for the pupils and we thank Tomi for his visit.