

St Joseph's BNS

Board of
Management
Report

2016 – 2017

School Ethos

Completed year 3 of supporting and taking ownership of the characteristic spirit in our catholic school with school partners: BOM, teachers, parents and students.

The school has:

- Introduced school assemblies – on going reflection on the Christian way of life, for Junior classes and Senior Classes
- Implementation of the ‘Grow in Love’ religious programme in Junior and Senior Infants, and First and Second classes.
- Devoted more time to prayer at the beginning and end of the day

The school is giving further attention to the following:

- Raising awareness of the importance of inter-religious dialogue in Catholic education
- Enabling all members of staff to be confident in articulating the school’s Catholic ethos
- Ensuring that all pupils in a spirit of mutual respect and trust can approach all staff, share concerns and feel listened to.

Parish and Church Events

Many thanks to the teachers for preparing the pupils for the Sacraments and other religious occasions in the community: First Penance, First Holy Communion, Service of Light and Confirmation, Christmas and Easter Services. Teachers and pupils are also thanked for providing choirs and helping to organise the following school, church, parish and community events:

- Beginning of school year mass
- Toy Sunday
- First Penance
- First Holy Communion
- Service of Light
- Confirmation
- Graduation mass for our sixth class pupils

Curricular Developments and Achievements

Numeracy:

- Awarded the Discover Science and Maths Plaque of Excellence
- Hour of Code
- Scratch Coding and Problem Solving
- Topped the Irish leader board during Maths Week for completion of target boards

Literacy:

- 14,500 AR Quizzes completed
- 228,311,400 words read in total
- 75 boys read more than a million words this school year
- 30% increase in recorded reading this year

History:

- Celebrated our 150th anniversary
- Invited guest speakers and past pupils to share their memories of St Josephs
- Each class researched and created history projects under the banner of ‘Reeling in the 15 Decades’
- Displayed and presented our projects in an exhibition attended by the community and past pupils.
- Produced a school calendar where the pupils designed visual timelines of key historic events that took place since Roundtown N.S. was founded on 5th November 1866.
- Re-enacted a decade in a day at school
- Buried a time capsule for the future

#BeActive Education Award 2017

St Joseph’s represents Ireland for the #BeActive Education Award 2017. The European Commission will select three finalists from Europe to attend an awards ceremony in Marseille.

Sporting Achievements:

- Winning the Cumann na mBunscol senior hurling final in Croke Park
- Santry Athletics: Competing against 31 large schools, our pupils achieved the following after much practice and great determination: 3 Gold medals in hurdling, 1 Gold medal on Long Jump, 2 medals in the Sprint race, and Gold medals for U10, U11 and U12 Relay Teams.
- 3 days of Cross Country Runs with over 200 boys from 3rd-6th Class and we had a few winners!
- Winning the Castle Golf Club Competition for Primary Schools

Works/Buildings

The DES Summer grant application has not been approved for the school year 2016-2017. The application was for tarmacking school exits and the senior yard. It may be considered in next year's allocation of funds by the Department of Education and Skills.

The Minor Works Grant part funded with the assistance of the parent voluntary contribution the following:

- Painting of toilet areas in junior end of school
- Painting of third and fourth classes during the Easter break
- Painting of classroom doors
- Replastering and painting of ceiling area for fifth and sixth class
- Continuing upgrade of Fire Alarm systems and Monitoring Service
- Quarterly checks on fire alarms and monitoring systems
- Annual Service of Fire Safety Equipment and purchase of new fire extinguishers.
- New student chairs for Rang 3 and Rang 4
- Big yard sweeping and skip hire
- Plumbing repair work in new building
- Purchase of secure key filing cabinets for offices
- Purchase of display stands for class project work
- Alarm system installed for 2nd class emergency fire exit
- New equipment and casing purchased for Defibrillator in school office.

Curricular Development and Achievements continued:

Be Active Campaign:

Reminders of eating healthily in school journal and website
Review of Healthy Eating Policy
Healthy lunch box competitions
UCD programme for sixth class on benefits of exercise and healthy eating
Active schools' week – 10 school days
Taster sessions in yoga, cricket, tag rugby, dance, gymnastics, inventing new games, busy breaks, Go Noodle etc
Sport's Day
Super Troopers
Fitness tests
Walk to School week each term
3 PE lessons per week
Mindfulness and yoga sessions for the pupils

Inter schools' competition for football and hurling with Cumann na mBunscol and 'Joey's school league'.

Santry Athletics.

Cumann na mBunscol cross country runs.

Sports' Evening – community event.

In school coaching in Hurling, Football, Cricket and Rugby.

After and before school training in Hurling, Football, and Athletics.

Leinster Rugby Blitz.

Regular flash mob dances.

In school & Saturday evening Swim Classes.

Art and Crafts: Pupils prepare throughout the year and get the opportunity to display their finest creation to the community at Annual Art Exhibition.

Cultural Exchange: Hosting a week of shared cultural and educational activities with visiting students and teachers from Barcelona, Spain.

Creativity and the Arts:

- Receiving the ACAE Creative Schools Award 2016/2017
- Highly commended Actors' Award at the 'Terenure College Drama Festival'
- High Commendations for 3rd class choir, Off Beat Music Group and Recorder Band in 'Córfeile Na Scoileanna 2017'

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| <p>Board of Management 2016/2017</p> <p>Chairperson Fr Philip Bradley Treasurer Gerard Whyte Principal Anne McCabe Teacher Nominees Carmel Durkan</p> <p>Parent Nominees Maggie O’Neill Daragh Moneley</p> <p>Community Nominees Edie Wynne Seán McCormack</p> | <p>Policy Development and Review</p> <p>Child Protection Review Anti – bullying policy review Health and Safety Policy Review First Aid Policy Administering Medicines Policy Healthy Eating Policy Critical Incident Management Policy Internet Access and Acceptable Use Policy Laptop Data Protection Policy Learning Support and Special Needs Policy School Attendance Policy</p> |
| <p>Staffing</p> <p>Haddington Road Agreement – 36 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teachers Meetings – extra time allocated • Monthly meetings – professional development, curriculum planning, school organisation • Planning and Consultation with connected agencies – DES, HSE, Enable Ireland, NEPS psychologist, Child and Family Agency, NCSE, HSA, OHS • Planning and consultation with partner teacher, special education teachers • School Self Evaluation and Improvement Planning • Planning Day for School Year 2017-2018 in August <p>Teacher exchange: Ms Fiona Hogan/Ms Selena Donovan New SEN teacher: Ms Evelyn O’Donoghue</p> <p>6 members of staff have completed First Aid Training specialising in First Aid for Children</p> | <p>Parents’ Association</p> <p>Supporting school in curricular, religious, community and social events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Exhibition • Communion and Confirmation blazer rental scheme. • Communion ‘white’ party • Meeting the new parents’ evening • Be Active and Get Healthy events • Relationship and Sexuality talk for parents and workshop for fifth and sixth classes • Comenius Project – host families • Christmas and June Cake Sale – social event for all • Parents’ Social Dinner for the school partners: parents, teachers and Board of Management • Many fundraising events to provide extra resources for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English Reading Programme 2. Maths Equipment 3. Science and Nature Studies 4. Sports Day and PE equipment 5. Music equipment and lessons 6. Art Exhibition and Materials 7. Texting Service to parents 8. Social events for the pupils |
| <p>150th Anniversary for St Joseph’s BNS</p> <p>This year we celebrated our sesquicentennial of providing primary education for boys in Terenure. We had many special events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For a week in November we had a week long celebration with our present day pupils. Famous past pupils such as Danny O’Reilly of the Coronas and hurling and football county players visited the boys. 2. The junior boys released 150 green and black balloons in the school yard. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Each class produced a history project under the banner “Reeling in the Decades” and they were displayed in the school hall. Past pupils were invited to join us as we celebrated our great history. 4. On March 19th St. Joseph’s Parish and the Presentation Girls’ School joined us to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph. 5. Later in March a commemorative stone was unveiled by Minister for Education & Skills, Richard Bruton in the school garden. 6. The school produced a calendar to mark such a special year in our history. |

