

St Joseph's BNS

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We celebrate 'Catholic Schools' Week' as January comes to an end and welcome our Grandparents to our classrooms to reminisce, share stories and wisdom with our boys. The theme for the week is: Family – own, school, parish, and world. During our prayer service we will remember Canon Frank Mc Donnell and Mr George Higgins who both passed away during 2017.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people. The Theme for Safer Internet Day 2018 is "**Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you**". Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 6th. Over 70,000 young people across Ireland will join the celebrations this year. St Joseph's boys will engage in activities such as: Super Selfie, Positive Messages Campaigns, Know The Granny Rule and Agree an Online Code. They will debate issues that are relevant for their age group when using the internet on topics such as 'cyber bullying'.

'Story Telling' at its best in St Joseph's

All the pupils were treated to an inspiring performance by storyteller Niall De Burca in early January. During his storytelling piece Niall had his audience in a trance as he enthusiastically told them his stories. While he was chatting to the boys they expressed how much they had enjoyed his storytelling skills.

Music Week

This week we are celebrating 'All things musical'. We have been fortunate in securing a booking with the renowned string quartet 'Graffiti Classics' and the boys will experience classical music in a dynamic and fun way. All of the boys will have extra music classes this week with dance, listening and responding, composing and percussion practice.

Upcoming Events

February 15 and 16

Mid-term break

March 15

Confirmation

March 20

ACCORD RSE Parent Talk for fifth and sixth class parents

March 26 – April 6 inclusive

Easter holidays

April 24

School closed: Primary Language Curriculum Inservice

Important Announcement

We are now experiencing our annual flu season and influenza A and B are circulating in the community.

The HSE advises that parents inform themselves of the symptoms of flu and teach their child the following good health habits: cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a tissue, dispose of it quickly, wash hands frequently with soap and water. The HSE also states that children who are sick should stay home from school for 5 days from the onset of symptoms.

Student Council



St Joseph's Student Council met with Ms McCabe in January in a very productive meeting. Two boys are chosen from each class in the senior half of the school to represent the interests and voice of all the pupils. The boys had submitted a list of suggestions from all the pupils. The staff, management and the Board of Management have considered these suggestions and Ms McCabe gave the boys feedback on which ones could be implemented this year and on those that may be implemented in the next few years. The Student Council have also decided to take on a project highlighting the amount of added sugar that everyday foods contain.

6th Class Mentors

The pupils in sixth class are preparing for their Confirmation and for transition to secondary school. As part of their spiritual, moral, social and personal development the boys are given opportunities to develop mentoring and leadership skills. They assist the class teachers in the junior section of the school by helping out with lunches, shoe laces, milk cartons and coats at break times. They also encourage the junior boys to play fairly and kindly when playing in the yard at break times under the supervision of the yard duty teachers assigned each week. The supervising yard duty teachers rotate each week and all have commented on the understanding and patience displayed by the 6th class mentors to our younger pupils. The boys also assist the junior infants with their first learning experiences of using educational laptops and are helping them with keyboard recognition, computer language and terminology

In the Community

Swimming

The boys in 5th class are nearly finished their 8 week swimming term in Templeogue College and the boys in 4th class will now begin their 8 week session in February.

Faugh's Hurling

Tommy will continue to coach Senior Infants and 2nd class until mid-February and then the boys in 1st and 3rd class will receive coaching until the summer term.

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Kevin will continue to coach the boys from 1st and 3rd class until mid-February and then it will be the turn of Senior Infants and 2nd class to learn skills in Gaelic football.

Resources for parents

As a parent/guardian, you play a key role in your child's education. The NCCA has developed a number of resources to help you to support your child's learning in primary school. More details available in the parents' section on our school website www.stjosephsterenure.ie or at www.ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents