

# St Joseph's BNS

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### Cultural exchange with Escola Sant Ignasi

Last week we welcomed two teachers and fifteen Year 6 boys and girls from St Ignasi, Barcelona to our school. They spent the week with our pupils and joined many of their classes. Our boys introduced themselves to our guests at our Monster Table Quiz where each visiting student joined a team of Irish pupils from sixth class. The socialising continued as the boys played 'board games' with our visitors and taught them our Irish rules. They learned about Ireland and our culture and received a lesson on hurling from our Faugh's coach Tommy O'Mahony, followed by a fun competitive game with our boys. They were treated to a concert where our Feis Ceoil winners and other talented pupils from our school entertained with poetry, song, dance, drama and traditional/classical music.



We would like to thank the families who hosted the Spanish students and allowed the visitors to experience life in an Irish family setting. Ms Noreen O'Donnell Rogers, the Spanish tutor has since reported that the 'family visit' was the highlight of the students' week. The food, entertainment and general way of life impressed them. They found the families very friendly and kind and loved spending time with the boys.

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## Upcoming Events

### **May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Irish Board of Speech and Drama in-school exams

### **May 7 – 11**

School closed

### **May 21-June 1**

Joey's BeActive Weeks

### **May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Santry Athletics

### **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Annual School Art Exhibition

### **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Parent meeting for Junior Infants September 2018 @ 7.30

### **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

School Sports Evening in VEC grounds from 6.30

### **May 25<sup>th</sup>**

School closed - Referendum ballot taking place in school

### **May 27<sup>th</sup>**

First Holy Communion mass for St Joseph's BNS and Stratford School @ 11.30 am

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### **Fr. Tom Dooley's Retirement April 29<sup>th</sup> 11.30 am**

Fr Tom's Retirement Mass will take place on Sunday and we wish him all the best. He will be sadly missed by all in St Joseph's BNS as he has always been kind and empathetic towards our boys.

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## **Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Policy**

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The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms Anne McCabe, Principal Teacher

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Bn Uí Loingsigh, Deputy Principal Teacher

The Board of Management recognizes that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities.

The Board of Management of St. Joseph's BNS wishes to inform you that its annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 4 of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

### **Stay Safe Talk**

St Joseph's would like to thank Ms. Marian Hefferon (CAPP) for giving a talk to our parents on the Stay Safe Programme which is taught every year in our school. Details on the talk can be found in the parents section on our website: [www.stjosephsterenure.ie](http://www.stjosephsterenure.ie)

### **Keep your child safe by...**

- Developing good communication with your child: talking and listening to each other and remember you are their role model!
- Monitoring their whereabouts, the company they keep, and access to technology, TV, phones, tablets, social media etc.
- Doing the **Stay Safe Home School link** pages with your child which supplements and consolidates the school Stay Safe Programme
- Access all lessons and resources @ [www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie)

Remember your child needs sleep – remove all devices from the bedroom at sleep time.

## The Secret Garden

M&M Theatrical Productions entertained and delighted our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils with their play 'The Secret Garden'. The team came all the way from Scotland with a very impressive set and ability to capture the imagination of our pupils. Details on our website.

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## Feis Ceoil

Comhghairdeas le Solomon, Joe and Reuben who all won prizes at the prestigious Feis Ceoil music festival recently. Well done boys!



## Drama

Congratulations to Mr. O'Flynn's class who was awarded Best Performance at the Terenure College Schools' Drama Festival. Their performance of "Judge Knot" written and directed by Mr. O'Flynn had the audience in stitches and won high praise from the judges.

## Karate Kids

Congratulations to Conan from 1st class who wowed a nationwide audience on [Ireland's Got Mór Talent](#) with his karate and acting skills. Also well done to Micheal Trant for representing Ireland and winning a medal at the Karate International Open.

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## Good News!

It has now been confirmed that the Church Car Park/School Senior Yard is to be resurfaced during the Summer holidays. It has suffered greatly because of our extended wintry weather. Please be advised that pupils should wear their long tracksuit bottoms to protect knees while having fun and playing in the senior yard until resurfacing has been completed.

