

St Joseph's BNS

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BeActive Weeks (17th May-June 1st)

We are coming to the end of our BeActive Weeks and what a busy active healthy time we have had. The sun shone for us most days as we promoted an active healthy lifestyle for all our pupils, staff and parents, with the help of our visiting PE teacher, Ms Melina from Munich University.



Please check out our website where you can see our boys, sisters, and mums and dads in action during our 43rd Annual Sports Evening in the VEC grounds.

The boys loved our other activities which included our Walk to School and Healthy Lunch box competitions, The Daily Mile Challenge, Fyffe's Fit Squad training, tennis/ cricket coaching, tag rugby and football blitzes with neighbouring schools.



Other favourites included Yoga and mindfulness sessions, athletics training every morning before school and Santry Athletics Competitions with Cumann na mBunscol.

Upcoming Events

May 30th

Santry Athletics – day 2

June 4th

Bank Holiday school closed

June 5th

6th class parent talk for transition to secondary school in school hall @ 7.30

June 6th

6th Class enrichment workshops in school in preparation for secondary school

June 15th

School summer Cake Sale

June 26th

Graduation and farewell mass for our 6th class boys @ 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church and afterwards in the Parish Hall for some refreshments provided by the Parent Association.

A special thank you to our Parents

St Joseph's parents have been very busy throughout the month of May. They organised the Communion Party, the Communion Blazer Rental Scheme, and the Bags2School Collection. They helped with our Sports Evening through their fundraising which helped pay for the barriers, a plethora of medals and ice-cream for our infants. They also were a great help on the night when putting up and removing barriers etc. The parents also did Trojan work assisting Ms Durkan with the set up and removal of our annual Art Exhibition and they provided a wonderful welcome evening to our new parents of incoming Junior Infants for September 2018. Thank you!

More Sporting News

Well done to our three hurling teams who have all enjoyed playing several exciting matches in the Cumann na mBunscol leagues. Our senior team having won their group were unlucky to lose narrowly in the semi-final on Monday in Castleknock. They have trained hard and shown great sportsmanship and accepted their defeat graciously. Our two junior teams have competed well in their leagues

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Our thanks to Terenure College and Templeogue Synge St who ran a great football blitz for 4th & 5th class in the college last Monday. Our two teams enjoyed a great day of football in glorious weather playing against our neighbouring schools. Mr. Hallinan, Mr. Killane and Ms. Byrne were very impressed with the skills displayed by both teams.

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Well done to our Golf team who also performed gallantly at the Castle Schools Golf Competition. Also a great performance from Louis who came 2nd in the singles round.

Congratulations to our 2nd class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 27th in St. Joseph's Church. The boys received the Eucharist for the first time in the presence of their families and friends. It was a very special day in their lives and the ceremony went very smoothly because of the collaboration of Church, home and school for this important sacrament. Special fond memories were made!

Congratulations to our Santry Athletics medal winners

Alex, Gareth, Tom and Louis managed to bring medals back to school having performed superbly in Santry School Athletics.



First Holy Communion



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The General Data Protection Regulation (the GDPR) came into effect on the 25th May, 2018. The GDPR applies across the European Union and aims to give individuals more rights, control and understanding of how their personal data is processed.

Under the GDPR, the Board of Management is the data controller in a school and is required to keep you informed of the types of data the school holds on you and your child, the purpose it is used for, and your rights in relation to how it is processed. Schools hold data on pupils, parents and staff and are obligated to seek, hold and process such information in compliance with Data Protection rules.

The school must obtain and process the information fairly, keep it for one or more specified, explicit and lawful purposes, process it only in ways compatible with the purpose for which it was given initially, use and disclose it in ways compatible with these purposes, keep it safe and secure, ensure it is adequate and not excessive, retain it no longer than is necessary and a copy of the data must be made available to the data subject on request.

To ensure compliance the Board of Management will ensure that they are aware of what data the school currently holds and what data the school is processing on an on-going basis. The BOM will ensure the relevant staff are fully trained for their roles in relation to GDPR. The BOM will also ensure that all school staff are fully aware of the importance of data protection and that the school is a Data Protection Sensitive and Aware institution and that all relevant policies and procedures are in place and embedded.

Our revised Data Protection Policy will be available on our website shortly as will our Website Privacy Policy.

Speech and Drama Exams

Communication and Public Speaking Exams were held in early May in St Josephs. The Irish Board of Speech and Drama examiner Ms June Nelson tested our boys and was very pleased with the high standard and level of participation. The boys will be awarded with a certificate from the Irish Board of Speech and Drama. Three of our students also won the prestigious gold medal awards which is quite an achievement. Well done to Finn, Alex and Hugh.



Discover Science and Maths Plaque of STEM Excellence

We are delighted to announce that all our hard work has paid off! St Joseph's BNS has achieved a Science Foundation Ireland Discover Science and Maths **Plaque of STEM Excellence** for the 2017/2018 academic year.

This is our second year in a row being awarded this STEM award and it is fantastic to see all the science, technology, engineering and Maths being carried out in our school with such enthusiasm. Thanks to all the boys and teachers for their efforts and it is obvious that they had fun taking part in the Awards programme this year. Check our website for our project and relive some of the experiments and activities at home on www.stjosephsterenure.ie



Science Fair 2017



Art Exhibition

Our thanks to Ms Durkan and the parents who organised a fantastic exhibition of the boys' artwork. The exhibition took place over 3 days and all of the pupils and their families got an opportunity to wander around the hall appreciating the wonderful creative artwork.

