

# St Joseph's BNS

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### Junior Infants settled, learning and having fun!

Our two junior infant classes have embarked on a journey of more formalised education and have embraced it confidently and enthusiastically. They delight in meeting all our teachers and fill us with joy. Story time is a particular favourite and our paired reading programme is a big hit with both junior and senior pupils!



We'd like to also welcome our two new teachers Mr David Kelly and Ms Fiona Tynan and our new admin. assistant Ms Elaine Roche to our team here in St Joseph's.

### Science and Maths can be fun and real!

Through their hard work and enthusiasm for learning our boys have been awarded for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, the *Science Foundation Ireland Discover Science and Maths Plaque of STEM Excellence* for the 2017/18 academic year. We are already working on getting our 3<sup>rd</sup> award so watch out parents – messy fun times ahead experimenting and measuring at home!



### Upcoming Dates and Events

#### **Beginning of school year mass:**

October 17<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm  
All welcome

#### **Bags2School collection:**

October 18<sup>th</sup> (8.30-10.00)

#### **Presidential election:**

School closed  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Halloween Break:**

School closed  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Kildare Village Trip:**

November 6<sup>th</sup> (9.10–2.15)

#### **School Cake Sale:**

December 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Toy Sunday**

December 9<sup>th</sup>

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#### **Football training after school**

Football season runs from September – Halloween. We have 2 junior teams and 2 senior teams for the boys in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Senior training (Mr Brennan, Mr Killane, Mr Kelly) is on Mondays, and matches take place usually on Thursdays. Junior training (Under 11 on 1/8/2018) with Ms Byrne, Mr Hallinan, and Mr O'Doherty is on Mondays and Thursdays. Matches are on Tuesdays.

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## Parents as partners in education

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Association took place in mid-September and was preceded by the election of a mother nominee to the Board of Management. Ms Jean McNamara was nominated and was welcomed to our BOM meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Management is looking forward to working with Jean and Mr Daragh Moneley, the father nominee for this school year and thank both parents for volunteering their time to assist with management of the school.

A fun night was had by all at the Parents' Social in Terenure Sport's Club. Thanks to all who sponsored great spot prizes on the night.

On foot of receiving the STEM excellence award for the past 2 years we have entered the boys from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes into the Intel Young Scientist Competition. The groups will work scientifically and investigate their research question at home and they will showcase their planning, predictions and findings on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, when representatives from Intel will judge their entries. There will also be a school display of every project, so the boys can present and discuss their work with the pupils from infants up to 6<sup>th</sup>. Check out our website for details.

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## Accelerated Reading Programme

This has been a highly successful project in which technology is used to promote, develop and monitor reading levels of each boy in the school. Information on how you can access Home Connect which gives you access to your son's progress and parents' guides on the programme may be found on the school website <http://stjosephsterenure.ie/ar/>. By entering your email address in Home Connect you can receive emails with your son's score each time he completes a reading quiz.

A special word of thanks to our Parent Association for part funding this programme alongside other initiatives such as Science and Nature Studies, Arts and Crafts, Music, Sports Evening, PE equipment and specialist mind and body movement classes, social events and celebrations for the pupils, and the texting service to the school community.

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## Maths Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October

Rang 2 – Rang 6 can access MangaHigh on our website from Saturday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. We encourage our boys to solve these Maths' puzzles and conundrums as development of problem solving skills will stand to them in the future.

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## Being Active and Happy!

Well done to all our boys who participated in the first Cross Country Run of the school year and congratulations to Gareth in Rang V who won!



## Football league 2018

A long tradition in St Joseph's of running a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class after school football league in the first term was another success. Thanks to teachers and senior pupils for giving up their free time and helping out with supervision and refereeing.



## Christmas Cards already!

The Parent Association and the school are organising a personalised Christmas card print again this year – designs should be on templates and are due back at school by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

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## October 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>: National Fire Safety Week and RSA Road Safety Week 2018

We embarked on a road safety campaign for the past few weeks - where we had poster competitions and talks by our traffic wardens about being safe on the footpath and crossing the road. Other areas such as bike and scooter safety were covered too and some of the younger classes received high vis vests, high vis arm bands, stickers, pencils and rulers. Our 1st class pupils focussed on the Seatbelt Sherriff's message which is to buckle up in any vehicle they are travelling in. Our 2nd class pupils created posters - their glow in the dark posters were very effective and remind everyone to be '*bright day and night*' when out walking, or cycling. Our 3rd class pupils created a dance and made a simple video for our younger pupils to teach them 'The Safe Cross Code'. Bn Ui Loingsigh's class also enjoyed dancing to the older version of 'The Safe Cross Code' that some mummies, daddies and grandparents may remember!

Our boys also raised awareness about Fire Safety in school through talks, projects and poster competitions. Even our infants got in on the action and during *Aistear Learning Time*, they headed on a 'Fire Safety Mission' to highlight all the fire equipment in the school.



## School Code of Behaviour

We request that you take time to read St. Joseph's School Code in the Homework Journal and discuss all aspects of the code with your son. A more comprehensive School Behaviour Policy is available on our website and it is important that you support this policy to ensure a happy and productive school environment for us all. The school policy on the Prevention and Treatment of Bullying is also accessible on [www.stjosephsterenure.ie](http://www.stjosephsterenure.ie)

## Child Protection Concerns

It is important to note that during school hours all parents and visitors to the school are required to enter the school through Reception in the main building. This is for the safety of all and the smooth running of the school. At collection times parents are asked to wait outside the school building to assist with our child protection procedures. In the junior classes teachers will hand pupils over to parents, guardians and minders. It is important to leave the school playground and yard after the 1.30 collection as these areas are learning environments for our older pupils and can only be used if vetted adults are present. Our Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment is available on our website in the Policies section. Ms.McCabe is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Bn Uí Loingsigh is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL).