

St Joseph's BNS

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Confirmation 2019

Our two sixth classes were confirmed by Bishop Eamon Walsh on March 7th. It was a special ceremony for the boys where Bishop Eamon spoke with great kindness and wisdom. He talked about the trappings of social media and bullying and advised the boys that 3 important bones were needed: the back bone for bravery to stand up to bullying and wrong doing, the funny bone to help us not take ourselves too seriously and the wish bone to enable us to work as global citizens and make a better world.



The Importance of History!



We wish to thank Tomi Reichental and his wife Joyce for visiting our boys in St Joseph's. Tomi talked with the boys, teachers and parents about his life as a Holocaust survivor. We are privileged to have heard from Tomi about his time in Bergen-Belsen. He has helped the boys to develop empathy and understand how history can help us to work for a better future.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Art Exhibition:

Tues. 26th March
1pm-3pm and 5pm-7pm
Wed. 27th March
8.30am – 2.30pm

New Parents Meeting for infants Sept 2019

March 26th 7.30 pm

Bag2School Collection:

Thurs. March 28th
8.30am-10.00am

Easter Break:

School closed
April 15th – 26th

Cór Fhéile 2019

The school community was delighted with the beautiful performances by our pupils for Cór Fhéile in the Basketball Arena.



Thanks to the boys and their teachers Ms O'Riordan, Ms Maher, Ms Tynan and Ms Rooney for a wonderful enjoyable evening. Over one hundred schools performed during the first week in March and our pupils were highly commended for their performances and good behaviour at the event.

Parents as partners in education

The parents have been very busy in school these days. They organised a successful blazer rental system for Confirmation. A First Aid talk was organised for the beginning of March and there will be an opportunity at a later date for those who missed it. Accord came to the school and delivered a seminar to the parents of 5th and 6th classes on RSE workshops which will take place on 26th March for the boys in school.

Parents attended an Internet Safety Talk in mid-February on the Webwise.ie which has excellent advice and tips. The evening was hosted by Ms Jean McNamara (parent and nominee for BOM, Mr Colm O'Riain (teacher) and Ms McCabe (Principal).

Engineer's week

It was Engineer's week from March 2nd to the 8th and we took part in the national campaign to raise the profile of engineering. Many science and STEM activities took place in school throughout the week. Our Junior classes had Aistear Play focusing on Engineering where the boys developed their own design process through play and challenges. Our senior classes were given engineering challenges. Classes learned about the different types of engineers and some got to explore engineering projects in our local community. The four junior classes had great fun when they visited Imaginosity where they got creative with science.

Our fifth class pupils visited Ballyroan Library and enjoyed the challenge of building domes from A4 sheets of paper and sellotape alone.



On March 4th, one of our Intel mini-scientist teams made it to the All-Ireland final in Maynooth University and their project was commended by all.



Parent/guardian Communication

Parent/ Guardian 'WhatsApp' groups have become increasingly popular in recent years. Similarly, many parents/guardians are on social media sites and communicate with each other regarding their children - this can be great for birthday invitations, play dates etc. We remind parents/guardians that if they have a complaint/ issue they should call the office to make an appointment and follow the Parental Complaints Policy on our website.

World Book Day

We were delighted to celebrate World Book Day in our school on March 7th. It was a great event in our school and helped to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. Book tokens were given to all the boys.



Drama Competition

Well done to Mr O Flynn's Rang V who took part in Terenure College Drama Competition. Great Actors! A Great Night!

Aiming for a physically active lifestyle

Well done to our athletes from 5th and 6th class who participated in the recent Athletics for Primary Schools Team Championships at the National Indoor Arena. The event included running, jumping, throwing and relay disciplines.

Our school team was awarded overall winners of the championship.



Ms Melina flew in from Germany for the event and spent the next day getting classes active in school. She will visit us again in late May when we will organize an Active School Week and a sport's evening in the VEC grounds.

There are a few more cross country events in the next few weeks so hopefully all classes will

have had an opportunity to take part in these fun events with the added bonus of keeping fit and healthy.

Book of Kells Creative Awards

The Book of Kells Creative Competition Awards Ceremony took place Jan 30th in Trinity College Dublin.

Two of our pupils from Rang V Mr O Flynn received awards for the Primary School Section. Congratulation to Conor who came 2nd and to Cathal who received a merit award.

They wrote wonderful stories and deserved this recognition in a competition where entrants from Ireland and abroad were accepted.



Grandparents Visit 2019

We welcomed our Grandparents during Catholic School's week. They gave talks to the boys about life when they were children and told stories about past adventures and happy times.



Student Council News!

The Student Council was very busy helping classes with activities for Safer Internet Week in February. They organised the collection and display of posters that highlighted how we keep safe on the internet with Mr. Reale's help.

All of the classes covered these main topics: cyberbullying, phone safety, communicating respectfully on line, not displaying personal information on line, and finally reporting anything that is upsetting or inappropriate to parents and teachers.

We received wristbands for the boys in acknowledgement of all their great work.