

St. Joseph's BNS

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This school year continues to be a busy one for all of us here in St. Joseph's.

Since our last newsletter, we have brought classes to Cór Fhéile na Scoileanna, sent teams to the Credit Union Schools Quiz, said 'Farewell' to Mr. O'Flynn, celebrated sporting successes, immersed ourselves in the world of books, pupils have taken their First Penance, visited off-site national treasures, taken part in Engineering Week, planted lots in our garden, welcomed students from St. Ignasi, Spain, ceili-ed our way through Seachtain na Gaeilge and even gone on Easter egg hunts.

In a school of 413 boys, no day is ever 'ordinary'.



Check out our new look website for more photos and information

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Dates for your calendar:

Monday 24th April

Bags2School Clothing Collection

Friday 28th April

No School: In-service Training

May Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May – No school

First Holy Communion

Sunday 7th May

Accord:

Parents' Talk - 9th May

6th Class talk – 17th May

5th class talk – 18th May

Confirmation

Friday 26th May

June Mid-Term

Closed Mon 5th – Friday 9th June

Summer Holidays

Closing at 12 noon for Infants

Closing at 12.30 for all other classes.

Return to School for 2023/2024

Thursday 31st August

Upcoming Events:

(Dates to be advised later)

Annual Art Exhibition

Meeting for New Junior Infant

Parents

Cake Sale and Pre-Loved

Uniform Sale

Sports for All

Go n-Eirí an Bóthar Leat, Mr. O'Flynn

All of us here in Joey's and especially the boys in 5th and 6th class bid a very fond 'Farewell' to Mr. O'Flynn. After having inspired hundreds of boys throughout his career, it is time for him to enjoy a well-earned retirement, to take on new challenges and to follow new directions.



Danny O'Reilly, of the Coronas and former pupil, took time out of his busy schedule to come into school and reminisce about the time he spent in Mr. O'Flynn's class.

Current pupils wrote poems and short stories, drew or painted pictures, remembered the special times and put them all together in a book of memories which they presented to Mr. O'Flynn on his final day of teaching.

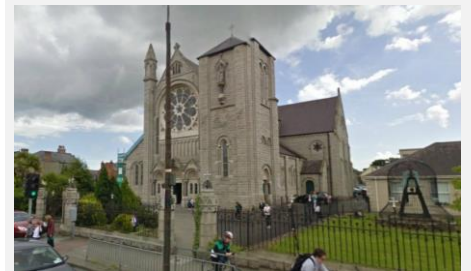
However, this is not really the end, we have already welcomed Mr. O'Flynn back to his class, when the Japanese Consulate visited to thank the boys for their letters complimenting the Japanese nation on their clean up during the World Cup. We hope to see him back to continue the many traditions he started here in Joey's.



Safety before/after School

As the good weather slowly returns, there are quite a few people staying outdoors in the vicinity of the Church and car park in between the 1.30 and 2.30 collection times.

We would urge parents and minders to be extra vigilant of their children/charges during this time as there are cars arriving at and leaving from the car park regularly. Electric cars run silently and the children have no way of hearing them coming.



As always, we expect the boys to leave the school grounds in a respectful manner – walking their bicycles and scooters and refraining from using their mobile phones until they are off school grounds.

Whilst waiting at bus stops, again we expect the boys to be well behaved and to show respect to all path and bus stop users.

Parking for drop-offs or collections is outside school grounds. If you need to drive to school, please be aware of and respectful of other users of the car parks taking care not to block people in. Loading bays/turning areas need to be kept clear.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Seachtain na Gaeilge



Bhí a lán ceoil agus craic againn i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí ocaídí eagsúla ar siúil sa scoil le haghaidh an coicís.

Our buachaillí thoroughly enjoyed participating in the many activities organised during the two weeks.

There were “Seisún Ceoil Traidisiúnta”, Céilí, Léacht, Comhrá Gaeilge, filíochta, ceol, damhsa, amhrán, agus dráma greann. We also had a visit to our school from “Treo Eile” a traditional band agus Ms. Kelly, an award-winning Irish dancer and one of our former student teachers. Our boys enjoyed a session of traditional music and dance, bhí a lán craic again as they clapped and sang along!



Our buachaillí from rang a 3 agus rang a 4 prepared a couple of dances in class and then had great fun as they stepped out to the music and danced their way through ‘The Walls of Limerick’ and ‘Staicín Orga’



Ár mbuíochas leis na múinteoirí a d'éagraigh gach rud.

Shoe Box Appeal

Every year, St. Joseph's school community supports Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal. It reminds us that not everyone is as fortunate as we are here in Terenure.



Here are a few of our 6th class boys, helped by a couple of Junior Infants, filling the van with all the shoe boxes that were received.



Thank you all for your generosity.

Parent Association

Many thanks to our Parent Association for their ongoing support. Their pre-loved uniform sale and new parent get-together in the Parish Hall were great successes with another Cake Sale already planned for the end of the year.

Our busy parents have already been in the school measuring the boys in 2nd and 6th class for their Communion and Confirmation blazers. Buttons and seams have all been checked and the blazers have all been dry cleaned, ready for use in May. They have organised for the photos to be taken (*by Circus photography – check with your class rep if you forgot to book your photo session*) The after-Communion party is already organised, as are the end of year preparations for the 6th class boys.

The hard work doesn't stop there though, our parents have organised a Bag2School collection next week (Monday 24th April) to raise funds towards our music and dance programme and our texting service. All donations are welcome from 8am, you will find details of what can be accepted on the bags that have been distributed this week.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and hard-working team!
Keep an eye on their page in our new-look website for details on upcoming events.

St. Ignasi visits St. Joseph's

On Monday 27th March, there was great excitement here in Joeys, as 15 pupils and their teachers from St. Ignasi School, Spain arrived to our school. They were here for a week of cultural activities, mixing with our boys, fun activities and finding out what life was like in an Irish family setting.



A monster quiz, lasting the whole day encouraged collaboration, conversation and just a little competition too. The St. Ignasi students gave presentations to our boys about life in Spain. A senior céilí proved to be great

fun, with the Spanish pupils practicing their steps afterwards, to take home to Spain with them. Our very talented boys showcased their talents during a concert – there were individual instrumentalists, a poetry reading, a trad. group, our Off-Beat Club and a 4th class choir. Sixth class invited our guests to a Food Fest, featuring a delectable array of tasty treats. Míle buíochás to the parents who sliced/baked/cooked/arranged the fabulous food for this.

On Thursday, the students went home with some of the boys, to take part in Irish family life for the evening. Again, thank you to the parents who took these students in and showed them the best of Irish.



(More photos will be up on our website soon).

Rockbrook School in Rathfarnham, D16 is urgently looking for families to host international students attending St. Josephs Terenure from 17 April – 26 June. We also have a full day plan every Saturday from 10.00 -7.00p.m (with local drops). €210 per week. Please contact/WhatsApp Michael @ 086 4663869 for more info or visit our website to fill out a host family application form (<https://rockbrookinternational.com/apply-host-families/>)"

Trócaire Boxes:

Please return your Trócaire box to the school at your earliest convenience.

School Website



Our school website was taken down during the Christmas period for maintenance and an upgrade.

It is with great delight that we can now announce that our new look website is back up and running.

LATEST NEWS



We have kept this newsletter short and instead have focused on putting a selection of our news onto our new site. We would like to invite you to spend some time wandering through the posts and catching up with what has been happening here in Joeys.

Just like the old website, we will continue to add news, photos, information and videos on a regular basis.

We can still be found at www.stjosephsterenure.ie

