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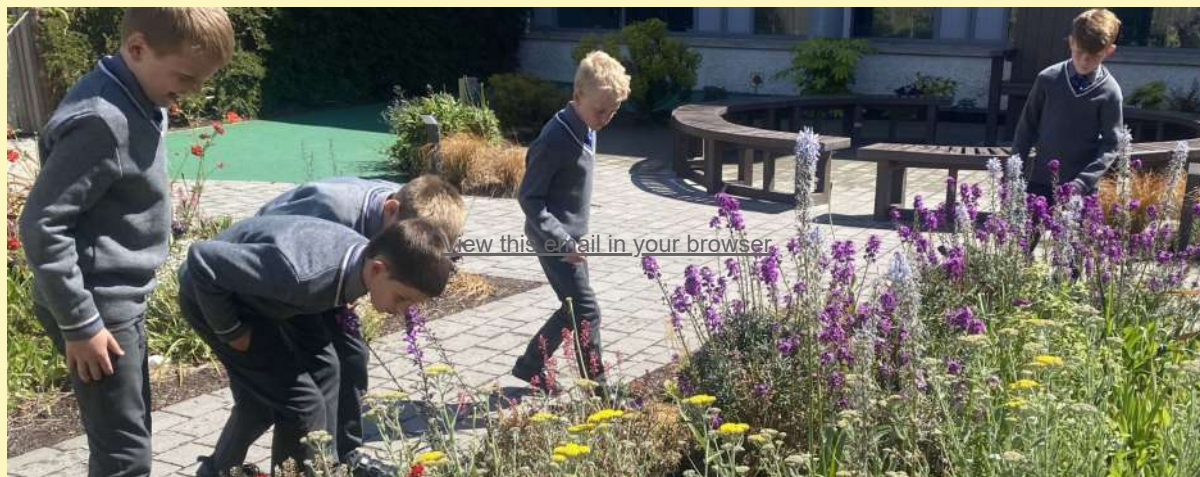
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First Holy Communion

On Saturday 9th May, boys in Second Form received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a very special and memorable occasion for the boys and their families. The beautiful Mass was celebrated by Fr. Augustine Bangaile C.S.Sp. to whom we extend our thanks. We are also grateful to Fr. James Hurley P.P. Queen of Peace Parish, Merrion Road for facilitating us in the Church. The excellent preparation undertaken by Ms. Smith assisted by Ms. O'Callaghan was very evident as the boys participated fully and reverently in the Mass.

We are also very grateful to Ms. Massey and the choir from Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Forms accompanied by Ms Denise Kelly, for the wonderful singing which enhanced the ceremony so much. After the Mass, the boys and their families gathered for a delicious reception in the Assembly Hall which had been organised by the parents in First Form under the direction of Mrs. Leah Quinn.

Congratulations to the First Holy Communicants and heartfelt thanks to all who helped to ensure that the occasion was so memorable.



Soccer Festival

The annual Soccer Festival for boys in First to Sixth Form was held on Friday last 1st May. Before the matches commenced, the Parents' Association had organised for delicious pizza to be served to all classes. Throughout the afternoon, the boys had lots of fun, with great displays of skill and sportsmanship on show.

Our thanks to Mr. Clancy for organising the afternoon, to all the referees and staff for their help and to the Parents' Association for the tasty treat!



A Decade a Day in May.

Each morning boys from First Form upwards join together online to say a decade of the Rosary, with each class taking a turn at leading the reflection and prayers.

St. Michael's College's 82nd birthday!

On 8th May 1944, St. Michael's College opened its doors to its first pupils.

On Friday last, the boys and staff gathered together for a whole-school photograph to celebrate 82 years of tradition and community.

Thank you to Ms. Smith who co-ordinated the occasion and to all the boys and teachers for their co-operation and enthusiasm.

Afterwards, there were some treats to celebrate this special date in the history of the school.



Graduation Evening

The annual Sixth Form Graduation Mass for pupils and their parents will take place on Friday 15th May at 7.00p.m. in the College Chapel. The Mass will be followed by dinner and presentations in the Sports Hall. Students should wear their "Confirmation clothes" on this evening. Further details concerning arrangements will be distributed to the classes concerned.



Sports Day.

Sports Day will take place on Friday, 22nd May.

All students are requested to wear navy school rugby shorts, plain white T-

shirt, plain white socks and runners for participating. Boys may wear their school tracksuits top over their t-shirt. Boys are also asked to bring a packed lunch as normal.

Please ensure all items of clothing and other belongings are clearly labelled.

Throughout the day, the boys will participate in a wide variety of events including the traditional track and relay races. Parents are welcome to attend for the track events on the day and are encouraged to get involved in the adult events, so please come prepared!

The following is the timetable for track events on the day.

Pre-school: 12.15pm - 12.30pm
Junior Infants: 12.30pm - 12.45pm
Senior Infants: 12.45pm - 1.00pm
1st Form: 10.00am - 10.30am
2nd Form: 10.35am - 11.05am
3rd Form: 11.10am - 11.40am
4th Form: 11.45am - 12.15pm
5th Form: 1.20pm - 1.50pm
6th Form: 1.55pm - 2.25pm

Charity Soccer Match

Monday 25th May, will see St. Michael's Junior School play host to a charity soccer match between the teachers and a selection of boys from 6th Form.

All boys are asked to bring in €5 on the day with the proceeds of the game donated to the Libermann School, Templeogue. All of the boys are greatly looking forward to the day.

Thank you to Mr. O' Neill for all his work in organising the event.



Parents are asked to note the following dates on which activities will conclude:

Art Club (1st, 2nd & 3rd Forms) ends on Wednesday 13th May

Chess Club for 2nd Form ends on Monday 18th May

Chess Club for 1st, 3rd & 5th Forms ends on Thursday 14th May

Club Gaelach (4.1 & 4.2) ends on Tuesday 12th May

Guitar Lessons (5th Form) ends on Thursday 14th May

Hockey training ends on Wednesday 13th May

Musical Theatre Workshop (2nd Form) ends on Tuesday 12th May

Musical Theatre Workshop (3rd Form) ends on Thursday 21st May

Soccer training ends on Friday 15th May

Supervised Study ends on Thursday 14th May

Junior & Senior Infants

After school care ends on Thursday 28th May

Playball (Mondays) ends on 25th May

Junior Einsteins Science Club (Tuesdays) ends on 26th May

Tennis (Thursdays) ends on 28th May

School closes on Friday 29th May at 12noon.

School reopening dates:

Junior Infants 2026 will start school on Monday 31st August while all other classes will return on Tuesday 1st September 2026.



Visit from Senior School boys

In the week before they leave St. Michael's, we were delighted to welcome back the Leaving Cert boys who had joined Junior Infants in September 2012 and also the boys who had joined into higher classes. We wish these fine

young men and all the Leaving Cert students every success in their exams
and for the years ahead. Rath Dé orthu de shíor.



Turais scoile

Preschool

Venue: Airfield Estate

Date: Wednesday 10th June

Depart: 9.15a.m.

Return: 1.30p.m.

Clothing: school tracksuit, plain white T-shirt, runners and rain jacket

Lunch: bring packed lunch, no money required.

Class: Junior & Senior Infants

The boys in Infants had a lovely day to Glenroe Farm on Monday 11th May.

Class: Rang a hAon agus Rang a Dó

Venue: National Stud, Co Kildare.

Date: Thursday, 14th May

Depart: 8.45a.m.

Return: 3.00p.m.

Clothing: school tracksuit, plain white T-shirt, runners, sunscreen and rain jacket

Lunch: bring packed lunch, no money required.

Class: Rang a Trí

Venue: Croke Park & Jump Zone

Date: Tuesday, 19th May

Depart: 8.30a.m.

Return: 3.45p.m.

Clothing: school tracksuit, plain white T-shirt, runners, sunscreen and rain jacket.

Lunch: bring packed lunch, no money required.

Class: Rang a Ceathair

Venue: Causey Farm

Date: Tuesday, 19th May

Depart: 8.30am.

Return: 3.00pm.

Clothing: school tracksuit, plain white T-shirt, runners, sunscreen, rain jacket and a plastic bag

Lunch: bring packed lunch, no money required.

Class: Rang a Cúig

Venue: Zipit Forest Adventure, Tibbradden

Date: Wednesday 20th May

Depart: 10.30a.m.

Return: 4.00pm

Clothing: school tracksuit, plain white T-shirt, runners, sunscreen and rain jacket.

Lunch: bring packed lunch, no money required.

Class: Rang a Sé

Venue: CP Adventure, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

Date: Wednesday, 27th May

Depart: 8.30a.m.

Return: 5.00p.m.

Clothing: school tracksuit, plain white T-shirt, runners, sunscreen and rain jacket.

Old tracksuit, T-shirt, towel, spare runners, spare socks and a plastic bag are also required.

Lunch: bring packed lunch, no money required.



Choir Trip

In recognition of their wonderful contribution to so many occasions during the past year, the choir enjoyed a trip to the cinema in Dundrum to see *The Sheep Detective*. Thank you to Ms. Massey for training the choir to such a high standard, for organising this outing and for accompanying the boys, along with Mrs. Shannon, to whom we also express our appreciation.



Éadaí Caillte

If you have misplaced any items, please ask your son to check the Lost Property in the Junior School before Friday 22nd May. Any items remaining will be given to charity.

Once again we remind boys to have all items clearly labelled for September.

Blazer Sale

A second-hand blazer and anorak sale will take place in the School Hall on **Tuesday 26th May from 12noon - 3.00p.m.**

Blazers/anoraks may be handed in to Ms. Heslin on Friday 22nd or Monday 25th May and should be clean with the name and class of the student **securely pinned** on the crest pocket.

Unsold blazers will be returned to owners on Thursday 28th May.

Parents are also invited to donate used but good quality uniform clothes, tracksuits/sports clothes which will be sold for a small sum with the proceeds going to the Junior School. Please send in these items of clothing on **Friday 22nd or**

Monday 25th.

Book Swap (3rd - 6th Forms)

The Book Swap (3rd - 6th Forms) will also take place alongside this sale on
Tuesday 26th May.

Again this year we are asking each boy in classes, 3rd to 6th Form, to donate 2-3 good quality school books which can be given to a boy in the class lower. There will be no money transferred as all children will benefit equally. The aim is to alleviate some of the cost associated with coming back to school and also to provide an opportunity to recycle.

Parents are welcome to come in and take any books which will be of use to their sons in the new school year.



Slán agus Beannacht

We were very sorry to learn from the Senior School that Mr. Tim Kelleher will retire as principal at the end of the current academic year and that also retiring at the same time, will be the Deputy Principal, Ms. Susan Healy.

Mr. Kelleher has been principal since 2003 and during his long tenure has always ensured that the best interests of the Junior School were supported and promoted. Both he and Ms. Healy leave an outstanding legacy in the Senior School, visible in excellent pastoral and academic standards and the transformation of the campus which was achieved with the generous support of the parent body.

We thank Mr. Kelleher and Ms. Healy for their outstanding commitment to St. Michael's and wish them good health and every happiness in the future.



Míle buíochas

The staff would like to thank all parents for their support over the past academic year. We appreciate the help of parents in so many ways - with yard duty, field trips, special focus weeks and sporting events. Without the help and support of so many parents, it would be impossible to provide such a wide range of activities for the boys.

We send best wishes and continued success to the pupils in Sixth Form as they leave us to begin their secondary education. They are a fantastic group of polite and very talented boys who leave us with many happy memories.

We wish all the boys and their families happy and safe holidays.

