

# St John Bosco Senior Boys School

Summer Newsletter 2024



# Active Schools Week 2024

## Active schools week

The school celebrated Active Schools Week on the week beginning June 10th. It was a busy week with activities for all the classes every day of the week. From basketball with Coach Praha to athletics with Ms O Dwyer it was fun all the way --- The boys particularly enjoyed the boot camp with Mr McCarthy who put the boys through their paces. There were many red faces leaving the hall after his class!! All the boys were encouraged to leave the homework and be more active at home. Certainly the boys really embraced this week. We encourage all the boys to keep up this active homework particularly as the summer and holiday season approaches.



# Active Schools Week 2024



Well done to  
all the  
participants!

# Book Fair

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Our school book fair returned this year. It's always an incredibly exciting day in our school. The book fair raised €2,200. Scholastic will then reward our school with a voucher which we can use to allow our library to grow in our school.





# Bake Sale

## Bake Sale

This year our Parents' Committee ran a fantastic fundraiser in our school. From delicious doughnuts to creamy cakes. A massive thank you and message of appreciation to all the donations that were made on the day. It is always greatly appreciated. The bake sale raised €1800 for our school.



# First Holy Communion

**On May 11th the second class boys received the sacrament of holy communion in the church. It was a very special day.**

The sun shone and the boys looked amazing as they arrived at the church bright and early. The boys had been practising their hymns and prayers for many weeks and this was evident as the service began.

The boys sang the hymns beautifully and were very clear in their responses and prayers.

We thank Fr Liam and Francis and the parish team along with the teachers Ms Quinn, Ms Laughlin and Ms Costello for all their help in preparing the boys.



 First Holy Communion - MsLaughlin's class



# First Holy Communion - Ms Costello's class







# First Holy Communion – Ms Quinn's class



# Confirmation



On May 3rd the sixth class boys received the sacrament of Confirmation in the church. It was a very special day!



# Confirmation



Congratulations to Brian from Ms. Conran's class on making his Confirmation!

# School Tours 2024

It has been a busy June with all the classes embarking on wonderful school tours!

The second classes went to **Let's Go DCU**, the thirds visited **Redhills Adventure Centre**, the fourths went to **Cavan Crystal Maze**, the fifths travelled to **Clara Lara** and last but not least, the sixths went to **Emerald Park**.

We thank Therese and all the staff for organising these tours and we hope all the boys had a good time!



# School Tours - 2nd Class



# School Tours - 3rd Class



# School Tours - 4th Class



## The Crystal Maze



# School Tours - 6th Class





# SPORTS DAY

## Sports day

On Thursday the 6th of June the entire school decamped to Belvedere Sports Ground for an amazing fun filled sports day. The weather was amazing and certainly the boys did not disappoint as they participated wholeheartedly in all the activities going from station to station with an infectious enthusiasm . It was fun all the way with big smiles and happy faces everywhere. The sports was opened with a lovely parade and then the fun began! It was all action with relays, parachutes, water stations along with some of the traditional games like tug of war, egg and spoon and sack races. It was a wonderful day for all . Thanks to Ms Ryan, Ms Belton and Mr Deegan for all their work in organising a great day.



# SPORTS DAY

If you  
had fun  
you won!



# School Clubs



Warhammer Club

Student Council



Pokemon Club



Charity Clubs



Mini Beast Patrol



Chess Club





# 6th Class Concert 2024



The students of sixth class put on the inaugural 6th class concert. An incredible display of talent entertained our whole school school on the sixth class boys' last day!!





# Graduation Mass



Monsignor Maher Award  
Recipients



Renia Farrell Music  
Award Recipient



Our school  
raffle raised over  
€3000 this  
year.

	Prize	Sponsor
1	Ipad Mini	John McHale
2	Nintendo Switch	Parents' Committee
3	€100 Toy voucher	BH Childcare
4	€100 Blanchardstown Shopping Center voucher	Community Credit Union
5	€50 voucher	Leddys
6	€50 voucher	Grants
7	€50 voucher	Grants
8	€50 Elverys voucher	MEL Builders
9	€50 Elverys voucher	MEL Builders
10	€50 Blanchardstown Shopping Center voucher	MEL Builders
11	€50 Blanchardstown Shopping Center voucher	MEL Builders
13	€50 voucher	Toddler Inn
14	€50 voucher	Toddler Inn
15	€50 voucher	Toddler Inn
16	€50 voucher	Toddler Inn



Parents' Commitee



We would like to  
say a huge  
**THANK YOU**  
to our Parents'  
Committee  
for organising  
the raffle!!

	Prize	Sponsor
17	€30 voucher	Comiskey's
18	€30 voucher	Café Marmalade
19	€25 Elverys voucher	Suzanne McDonnell Solicitors
20	€25 Elverys voucher	Suzanne McDonnell Solicitors
21	€25 Elverys voucher	Suzanne McDonnell Solicitors
22	€25 Elverys voucher	Suzanne McDonnell Solicitors
23	€20 Insomnia voucher	Suzanne McDonnell Solicitors
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26	€20 Insomnia voucher	Suzanne McDonnell Solicitors
27	€20 Insomnia voucher	Suzanne McDonnell Solicitors
28	€20 voucher	Phoenix Bakery
29	Nintendo Charger	Parents' Committee
30	3 month membership	Inspire Gym
31	Voucher	Phoenix Skincare Clinic
32	Giftset & wine	Meaghers Pharmacy & O'Briens



Parents' Commitee



Thank you  
to the  
sponsors  
for their  
generous  
prizes!!

	Prize	Sponsor
33	Chocolate & wine	Mace & Hole In The Wall
34	Chocolate & wine	Mace & Hole In The Wall
35	Star Wars Pictionary	Parents' Committee
36	Coffee vouchers x 7	Insomnia
37	€50 towards prizes	O'Connell Properties
38	€20 Easons voucher	Provided by Parents Committee
39	€20 Easons voucher	Provided by Parents Committee
40	€20 Easons voucher	Provided by Parents Committee
41	€20 Easons voucher	Provided by Parents Committee
42	€20 Easons voucher	Provided by Parents Committee

thank  
you



# Ukelele Lessons

Every Thursday morning for the last six weeks the school has been **echoing to the tunes of the ukelele!**

The **fourth classes** have been learning this instrument and the progress they have made in this short time has been amazing. Under the tutelage of **Augusto and Mr Taffe** the boys have had the opportunity to learn this instrument in a small setting.

The **boys are divided into groups of ten** and each boy has a ukelele. The boys are now able to play simple **tunes such as A Horse with no name and With or Without you.**

**A big well done to everyone involved!**



# Stephen Phillip's Cup

The month of June always marks the start of a **very special soccer competition** in the school.

**It is a tradition** that the sixth classes partake in this soccer competition with all the boys divided into teams to compete to win this coveted trophy

The early rounds were played in the school yard while the **semi-finals and finals took place in the Bogies**. Below is a picture on the winners and runners up.

**Well done boys!**



Winning team



Runners up



# Hurling

The **senior hurling team** bowed out in the semi-final of the **Cumann na mBuncoil competition**.

The team showed **amazing character and resilience** throughout the competition. They fended off stiff competition in the early stages from Holy Family and Scoil Assaim which meant that they **qualified for the quarter finals**.

The boys put on a **tremendous performance** to overcome St Olaf's on a score line of 2:09 to 0:03. They faced Star of the Sea in the semi-final and even though they were defeated they put in an **amazing performance**. We are so proud of the boys and we know they will have **many great days on the hurling field in the future!**

**Well done boys!**

Hurling team



# Basketball

Our 5th class basketball team played their final in the National basketball arena. They played heroically losing to a strong side from St Lawrences 🏀



# Gardening



In early April 2024, led by our **head gardener Evan Aylmer**, we planted seed potatoes, beetroot, radishes, garlic, rocket, parsley, onions, and edible marigold flowers.

We **watered our vegetables every day** and in no time the rocket, spring onions and radishes were ready to eat. Evan and the boys **harvested them, prepared them and brought them to Mr Bourke and other staff for tasting**. Everyone was delighted!



We continued watering and caring for our vegetables. In the past few days we **harvested the remainder of our crops - a bumper harvest for everyone to enjoy**.

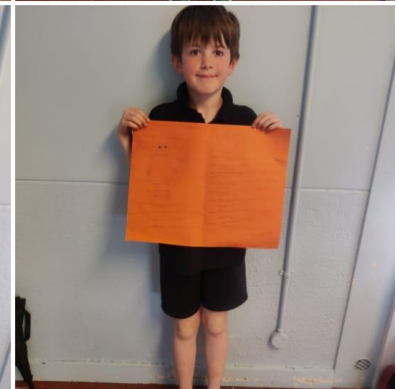
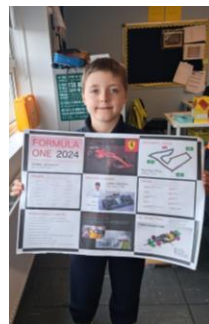
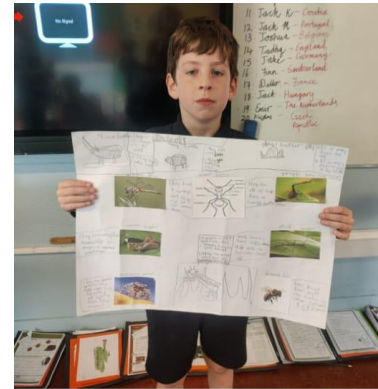


# Project Passion

Everyone in the school has really enjoyed doing **Project passion** in the month of June.

This is an opportunity for the **boys** to complete a project on a **subject area of their choice**. It gives them **great freedom and scope to develop their research and creativity skills** and the results this year were awesome. There was such a **wide range of projects from lego to soccer to countries**. The overall winner was **Niall Mc Sweeney from prefab 4** who completed an **amazing project on electricity**.

The standard was so high and we thank **Ms Laughlin** once again for developing this initiative in our school.



# Merit Award Winners

April 2024

## 2nd Class

Joshua McQueen, Mikey Redmond and Ody Charalabides.

## 3rd Class

Mason Duffy, Charlie Kavanagh and Jayden Ryan.

## 4th Class

Jason Bedford, Sam O'Leary and Ryan Kinch.

## 5th Class

Youssef Elghobashy, Seán Murray and Aidan O'Hare.

## 6th Class

Senan O'Reilly, Noah Mulligan and Rory Bridson



# Merit Award Winners

**May 2024**

2nd Class Olly Hanly, Seán Stone and Daniel Nistor.

3rd Class Barry Drake, Finn Halstead and Finn Summers.

4th Class Harry Saunders, Ivan Esobar and Sam O'Connor.

5th Class Charlie Stanley, Aaron Mc Mahon and Adam Mc Cormack.

6th Class Ben Flanagan, Louie Fox and Jamie Fitzpatrick.





# Merit Award Winners

## June 2024

- 2nd Class - Jack Keegan, Harry Conneely and Hudson Daly.
- 3rd Class - David Osuji Amadu, Harry Wainwright and Lachlan Rice.
- 4th Class - Cían Maloney, Cillian Donnelly and Cian Conway.
- 5th Class - Hector O'Brien, Ruairí Stenson and Thady Nolan.
- 6th Class - Eddie Dragos, Daniel Kershaw and Alex Scully.
- Autism Class - Liam Flood, Keith Layden, Brian O'Driscoll and Alan Sibi.



# Summer Stars



**For more information visit:**

<https://www.dublincity.ie/library/blog/summer-adventure-summer-stars>



# Farewell to Ms D'Arcy

It is with **great sadness but wonderful memories** that we say **goodbye to Ms D'Arcy** who is retiring from teaching after **twenty five years service in the school.**

Ms D'Arcy started working in the school in 1999 and throughout this period she has helped many boys and has been a **stalwart colleague and friend to all.** She taught many classes throughout the years **working in mainstream and SET.** Ms D'Arcy will be sorely missed around the school by everyone. Her friendly demeanour and warm smile has made her a **firm favourite with everyone and we will all miss her dearly.**

**We wish her every success in the future** and we hope she has many great adventures ahead.



Slán go foill Ms D'Arcy and  
míle buíochas for everything  
you did for the school  
throughout the years.

Farewell to the boys of sixth class!!



Congratulations to the  
Class of 2024!

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We hope you enjoyed this edition of our newsletter!

Our School will be closed on Friday June 28th at 12pm.

Our school will re-open on Monday 2nd September.

We wish you all a happy and healthy summer with your families.

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**“Run, Read and Pray Every Day”**

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