

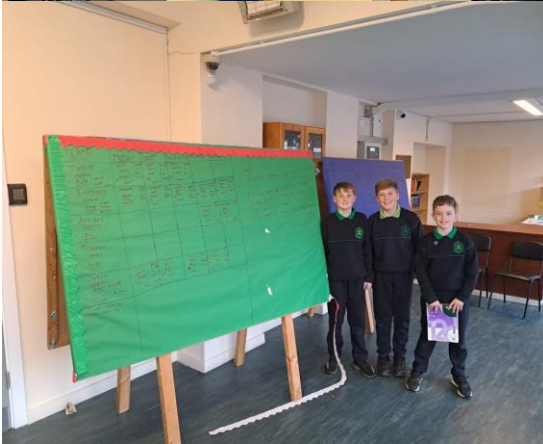
St John Bosco Senior Boys School

December Newsletter 2025





School Gallery



Sponsored Walk

Friday 10th October was a wonderful day in our school.

All the school community were hoping that the weather would be good for our annual sponsored walk and luckily all our dreams came true when **the sun came out** early on Friday morning and it was a lovely, bright, crisp day.

After little break, all the class departed from the school in their various streams. Some classes **walked to the Bogies, more to the Phoenix Park**. By the time the boys arrived back on school premises at noon, it was definitely time for a treat which was **provided by the parents committee**.

The boys have been very busy collecting sponsorship money for the school and we are **very grateful for all their efforts**.





Art Around Our School



Well done to our mass team!
They represented us so well.



Pop-up shop!



Entrepreneurs in the making.

Thank you to our Assembly
Assistance Team



Take a look at what's been happening around
our school.

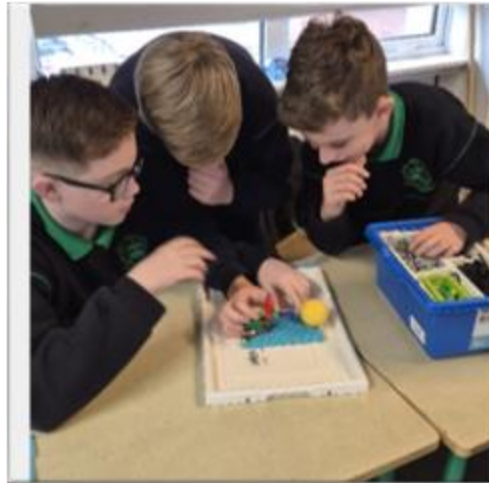
Hobby Clubs, Pop-Up Shops, Mass Teams and
Assembly Teams.

Science Week

Mr. McCarthy's boys took on the great challenge of recycling would-be rubbish into toy cars for Science Week.

Mr. Gaffney's class deigned push and pull gadgets with Lego, creating fun, hands-on games.

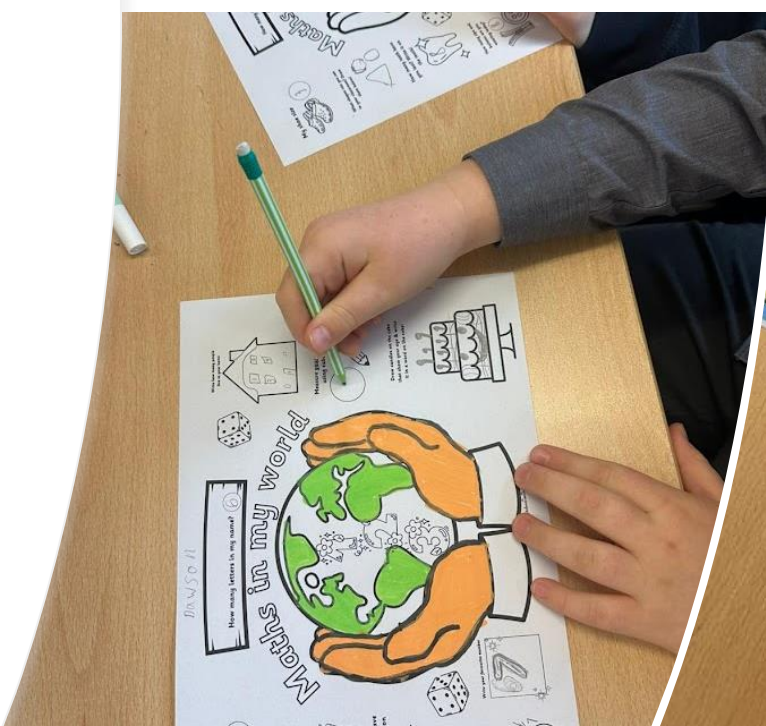
Ms. Newman and Ms. Cooney's class took on some amazing challenges with coloured water and celery and floating and sinking objects.

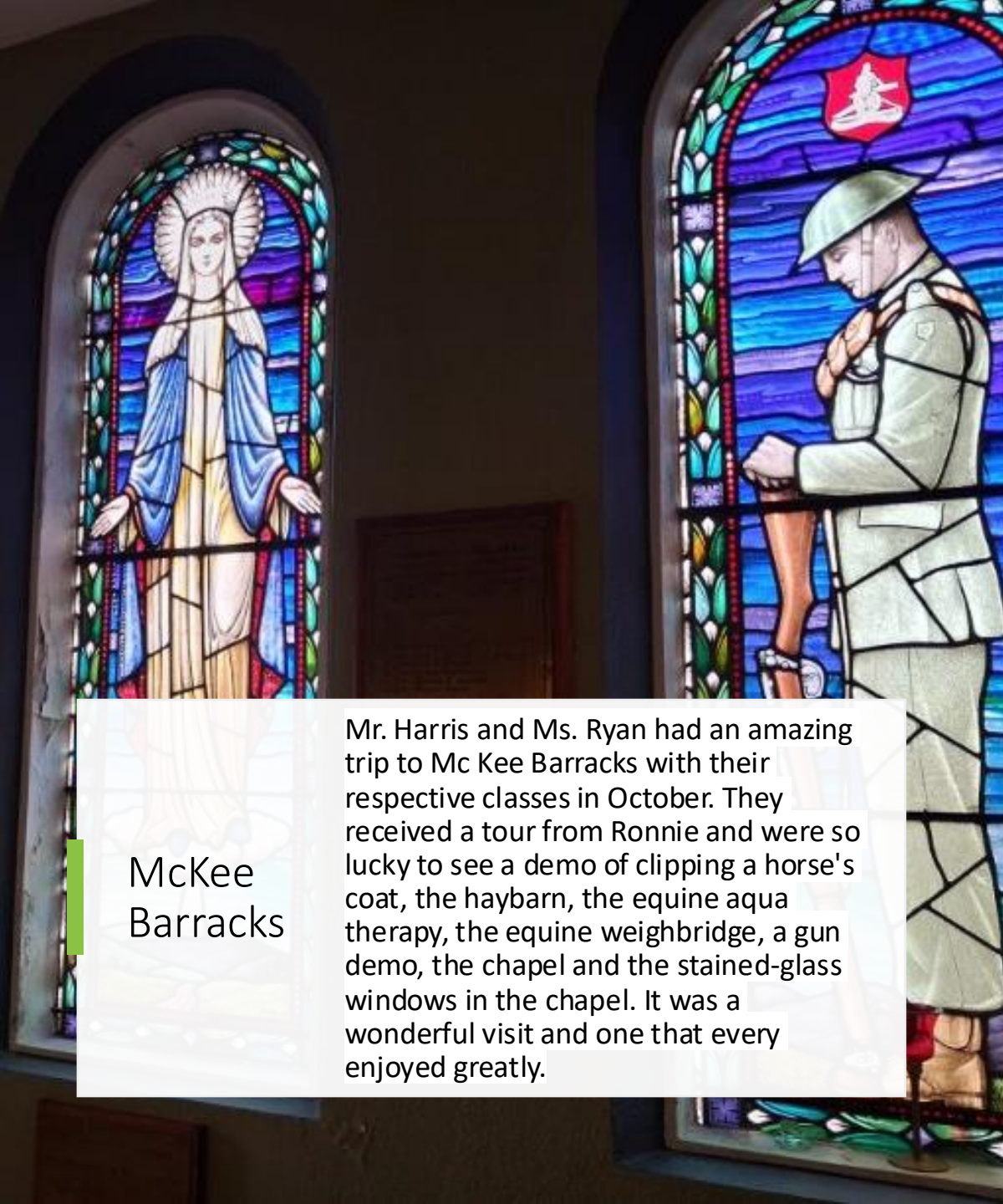


Maths Week

The school celebrated all things Maths during Math week from October 13 - 17th. Under the guidance of Ms. O'Dwyer, the boys explored the theme of Maths All Around Us encouraging the boys to notice, explore and enjoy Maths in everyday life. The boys were encouraged to engage in activities such as going on a local Maths hunt, counting steps to different rooms, finding symmetry in leaves or flowers ..

The boys engaged in many hands-on practical activities and enjoyed lots of fun games.





McKee Barracks

Mr. Harris and Ms. Ryan had an amazing trip to Mc Kee Barracks with their respective classes in October. They received a tour from Ronnie and were so lucky to see a demo of clipping a horse's coat, the haybarn, the equine aqua therapy, the equine weighbridge, a gun demo, the chapel and the stained-glass windows in the chapel. It was a wonderful visit and one that every enjoyed greatly.



Care Home Visits

The choir made a very special visit to Curam Care home on the Navan Rd on December 17th and the third classes visited Santa Sabina. The boys sang a selection of lovely carols and really enjoyed the experience. Below are some pictures of our trips





Care homes

This year Ms. Doyle and her third-class boys in prefab 6 decided to write lovely Christmas cards for those who are living in care homes so they would be feeling a little less lonely this Christmas. The cards were sent to Carechoice in Malahide and delivered with much anticipation and joy.

This week the third classes are visiting Santa Sabina House care home and the choir are visiting Curam Care on the Navan Road to sing carols and bring a little festive cheer to those who may need it.

Here are the Christmas cards made by the boys in prefab 6. A big well done to everyone

Athletics

The boys have participated in two athletics events since September and have achieved great success. On the first of October, the boys from were involved in the Brother cross country school's event . The boys really enjoyed this event with the boys in fifth class finishing in second place overall to earn silver .

On the 10th December the school had a great representation in the NAC for the sprint events with the boys in sixth class claiming gold, the fifths claimed second and third place in the A Final and the fourths came first and joined third in the B final.

A massive well done to the boys and their wonderful coaches Ms. Ryan and Ms. O'Dwyer and Jean who accompanied them to the event.





St. Vincent De Paul Hampers

A massive thanks to Ms. Laughlin and Jane Garvey who organized Christmas food hampers for the St Vincent de Paul. This is a project that Ms. Laughlin leads every year and every stream contributes by bringing in different items that contribute to a lovely food hamper. There was a total of twenty-eight hampers made up and these will be distributed to those who are in a little need this Christmas. Thank you to our school community for contributing so generously .

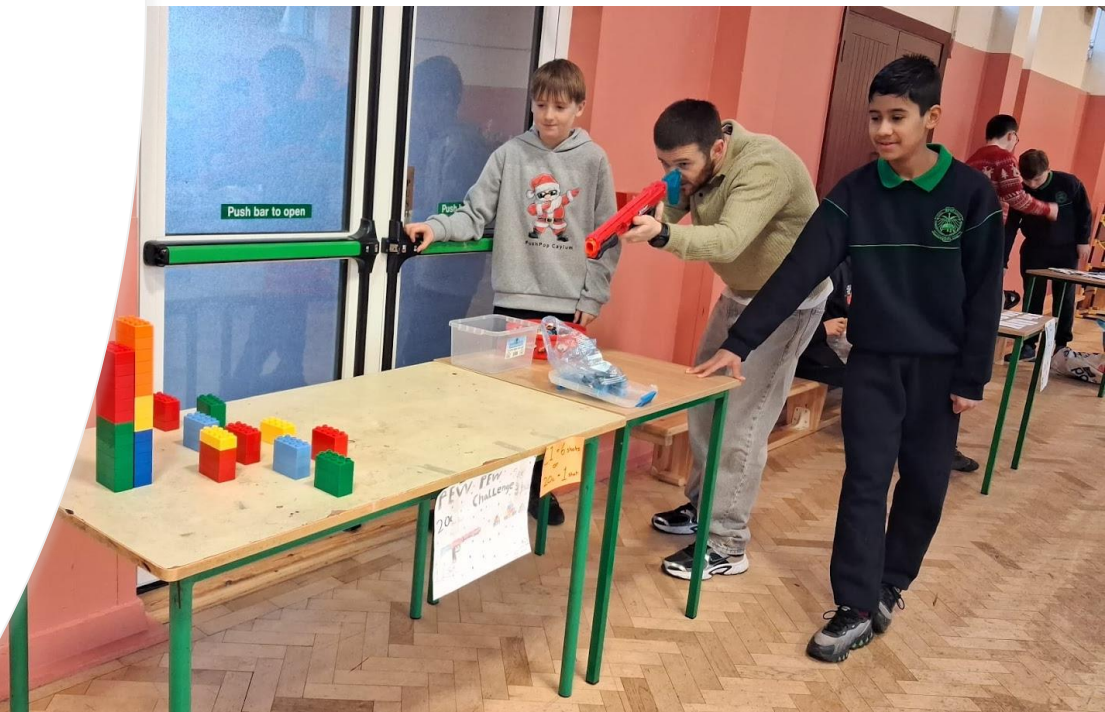
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Sale of Work

Our annual sale of work took place on Friday 12th December. It was a wonderful day filled with good spirits and fun. Thanks to all those who baked goodies for the day, those who donated prizes, those who brought toys and books for selling and last but not least the all the boys who organised the event, particularly the sixth classes who did a wonderful job. A massive well done to everyone.

Here are what the boys had to say about the day.

- Cillian(Room5) I ; I was selling in the bake sale. It was really fun
- Oisín(Room 5): It was fun and my favourite part was the selling. We ran a stall called guess the weight of the chocolate bar!
- Elizer (Room 6): I really liked selling the toys and when everything was free!
- Cian (Room 6): I was working at the raffle, and I really liked it.





Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine

We are always trying to encourage the boys to speak as much Gaeilge as possible both in and out of the classroom. To this end we are teaching the boys specific phrases every week and each teacher is asked to nominate a boy who has made a real effort in Irish with the specific phrase. The winner receives a teastas (certificate) and a treat Comhghairdeachas do na mbuachailli seo agus lean ar aghaidh leis an obair iontacha seo!!!



Carol Service

All the school gathered in the church for our annual Christmas celebration on Friday 5th December. This was a lovely event and was organised by Ms. Ryan who did a super job . All the classes sang a Christmas tune, and the choir sang a selection of Christmas hymns and festive tunes. There was a lovely addition to the service this year with all the different nationalities in the school saying Happy Christmas in the language of the country they represented.

There was a special presentation to Therese Bohan our esteemed secretary to mark 40 years working in the school. We cannot thank her enough for all she does for the school community.

Many thanks to Ms. Ryan and also Mr. Bourke, Mr. Murray, Ms. Cronin and Ms. Costello but the biggest cheer must go to the boys who performed brilliantly on the day.





Garda Band

The garda band made their annual visit to our school on Thursday 11th December. It was a joyous occasion with the boys enjoying all the festive tunes. The teachers participated ever so well in Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes while the hall echoed with the boys cheering and laughing. A great time was had by all!



Choir Update

The choir have worked very hard since October and sang most beautifully at the Christmas service and the mass to mark the 8th December. Practice takes place every Wednesday in the parish centre and the boys have been amazing learning several new hymns and tunes. There are twenty five members in the choir at the moment and they certainly sang their hearts out at the services mentioned above. Ms Costello would like to thank each and everyone of them for such wonderful participation and the choir are already looking forward to singing at the confirmation and communion services in 2026.

A Christmas Poem

Christmas a time of joy, will everyone get a toy?
Christmas Morning, never boring!
Time for some do-gooding, let's bake a Christmas pudding!
Everyone get a comfy seat, time to eat a treat!
You might get to open a present, and look outside you might see a
pheasant!
Don't forget it started with men following a star from afar.
Together Christmas forever!

by Joe Clerkin, James Quinn and Stanley Harold
5th Class





Merit Award Winners November and December

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September Merit Award Winners

2nd Class: Harry Keehan and Mason Stanley.

3rd Class: Nathaniel Cleary, Eli Mulligan and Akshit Sehrawat.

4th Class: Cillian Wall and Finn O'Reilly.

5th Class: Fiachra Kearney, Niall Bergin and Daniel Mc Cormack.

6th Class: Adam Poznanski, James Kearney and Jan Tarczon.

October Merit Award Winners

2nd Class: Harris O'Brien and Oisín Gillespie.

3rd Class: Reuben Holmes, Tom Dinneney and James O'Connor.

4th Class: Eric Bawiec and Mikey Redmond.

5th Class: Ruben D'Souza, Adrian Chapman, Liam O'Riordan and Alan Sibi.

6th Class: Archie Hales, Freddie Mc Donagh and Milo Geoghegan.

Merit Award Winners

November Merit Award Winners

2nd Class: Callum Conway King and Alex McKeown.

3rd Class: Sam Parsons, Senan Bree and Luke Donnelly.

4th Class: Kayden Fogarty and Jack Doyle.

5th Class: Lucas Lennon, Christopher McLeod and Bobby Keehan.

6th Class: Jacob Parkes, Elizer Fernandes and Sam O'Leary.

December Merit Award Winners

2nd Class: Harry Quinn and Jonathan Cafferty.

3rd Class: Fabian Smit, Aaron Voakes and Tudor Iordache.

4th Class: Jake Rattigan and Thomas Ecock.

5th Class: Callum Gavin, Flynn Donnelly and Harry Wainwright.

6th Class: Caleb Lambe, Niall Mc Mahon and Miller Munroe.

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We hope you enjoyed this edition of our newsletter!

Our School will be closed from Friday December 19th.

Our school will re-open on Monday January 5th.

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“Run, Read and Pray Every Day”

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