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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the close of another school year and the school community looks forward to a well-deserved break from academic endeavour, it's appropriate to briefly reflect on what has passed in that September - June time space 2015 - 2016.

I myself have the great privilege of being appointed Principal of St. Joseph's CBS. Ms. Sarah Bradley was appointed Deputy Principal and there has also been a change in our Home School Community Liaison post with Mrs. Annette Horan taking on that important role. Together with the rest of the staff we will work diligently to continue to provide the best education standards for the boys in our care in a spirit of positive cooperation with you, parents and guardians.

The new initiative of providing Swimming Instruction in 4th, 5th and 6th classes has been very successful and we aim to continue with this again next year. Fiddle tuition for 3rd classes has followed on from the initial tin-whistle classes and was enthusiastically engaged with by the boys. It is now hoped that a number of boys will take up fiddle lessons available here in the school at a minimum cost. We also hope to continue with the free "Introduction to Fiddle" lessons with 3rd classes.

Throughout the year the many after-school clubs ran very well; home-work, sports, table-tennis, chess, science, computers, parent / child science and Lego construction, to mention a few. The school rock band is rocking and really impressed at the Annual School Coffee Morning. Our Gaelic football team did us proud reaching the Louth County Final. The Chess team won the Drogheda schools competition as well as our Quiz teams also being local champions.

Fifth class boys brought the Entrepreneurs Flag to the school and the Active Schools Committee are well on the way to achieving Active School Flag status. Green School team members are halfway through their 2 year programme of achieving the Bio-Diversity Flag.

There were many other activities and events during the year and a visit to our new website will give a flavour of those. Please visit the website regularly next year to keep informed of life here in St. Joseph's.

Literacy and numeracy continue to be at the forefront of School Self Evaluation and the ongoing review of these areas is being engaged with so as to address effective delivery of the curriculum.

Sadly, at this stage we bid farewell to our present 6th Class pupils. They have been a great group of students and all of the school community can be very proud of them. They have worked and played together in a most positive manner and we sincerely hope they go forward to second level well equipped for that next phase of their school life.

Once again tribute must be paid to the members of the Board of Management who volunteer their time and energy to oversee the running of the school. Also we extend our grateful appreciation to the Parent's Council members who are ever-ready to support the staff in whatever way they can. Special thanks are due to Mandy Hoey, Chairperson, and Secretary, Fiona Mulligan, who also sadly finish their time with us this year. Míle Buíochas to all.

John Clayton (Principal).

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

The Active School's Committee would like to thank all the pupils, coaches, teachers and parents who took part in our Active Schools Week (May 25th - 29th). The week was a huge success and this was all down to the enthusiasm of everyone involved! Among the events that took place was our Active Week 10km run. Amazingly, over 200 pupils took part and completed the run! We are already looking forward to next year's Active Week!

CLASS NEWS

In March Oisín Dunne from R3 travelled to London to take part in the first round auditions for Billy Elliot, the musical. Oisín was successful and was called back for the second round of auditions in June. He was chosen from 600 hopefuls and got to the final 40. Wow! What an achievement! Oisín may be called back to the West End in London for future dancing shows. We are so proud of his achievements. G5 had great fun on their school tour to Tayto Park and their Sports Day in the O'Raghallaigh's. We have also enjoyed having quizzes using Kahoot on the Surface Tablets this term.

GAELIC FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our U-13 footballers who reached the Division 1 Final for the first time in 6 years. The final took place on Saturday 13th of June in Stabannon. The team faced stiff competition from St. Mary's Parish School and despite a courageous second half display our boys just fell short of a famous victory. Every player gave their all and did their team mates, families, coaches and school proud!! The team for the final was: 1. Oliver Clutterbuck, 2. Emmett Murray, 3. Jacob Holland, 4. Coinneach Farrell, 5. Cole Everitt, 6. Mark Harris, 7. Luke Boyle, 8. Jack Murphy, 9. Mark Harris, 10. Conor McNamara, 11. Kyle McElroy, 12. Esosa Omoreghe, 13. Matthew O'Brien, 14. Ben Smith, 15. A.J. McEntaggart, 16. Ciarán Kinsella, 17. Ruairí Fitzpatrick, 18. Adam McDonagh, 19. Tadgh Martin, 20. Chinedu Uchegbu, 21. Luke Doyle, 22. Donal Oseni, 23.

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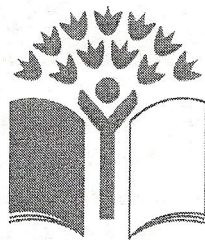
GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a busy year for the Green School Committee under the leadership of our two chairmen - Daniel R6 and Adam R3. We have done lots of work in preparation for our Biodiversity Flag next year. All classes became bird-watchers and filled in garden birds surveys. We were pleasantly surprised at the amount of birds visiting our small garden. The competition was very high in the poster and slogan competition held in March. Poster winners were 3rd place: Stephen R6, 2nd place: Daragh G6 and 1st place: Powel R6. The winning slogan is now our official Green Code and was created jointly by Patrick G6 and Marius and Darragh R11.

"Biodiversity is the way, don't let nature go astray.

Be biodiverse to our Universe!"

Organic gardening projects once again continued in the Spring/Summer term. G3 and G6 grew potatoes, strawberries, lettuce, parsley, tomatoes, turnip and carrots. Caretaker Stephen and Mrs Berrill have been brightening up the school grounds with flower pots and hanging baskets. The sunflowers in G6 are nearly as tall as the boys! Next year we will continue our Biodiversity work in preparation for the Fifth Green Flag!



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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Well here we are at the end of another school year and it has just flown by. On behalf of the Parents' Association of St. Joseph's CBS, I would like to start by thanking all the parents who have supported the school and the work of the Parents Association Committee this school year. Without the committed parents, guardians, teachers & school staff who are so consistent with their support, our school would look and feel VERY different. To those of you who have not yet been able to take the opportunity to play your role, we'd like to extend a welcoming invitation to our AGM in September or just turn up at our monthly meetings to offer your support in the easiest possible way for you, without any pressure. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish the 6th class boys the very best in the future. Just remember that even though you will take different paths in life you will always have friends that you have made along your primary school journey. Good luck to you all and may you have a fantastic new adventure as you start a new journey in life- work hard, have fun and make a difference. To all the students, teachers, staff, Principal and parents I would like to wish you a fantastic summer and let's hope the sun shines for us.

Regards,

Amanda Hoey (Chairperson Parents' Association)



A SPECIAL GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK TO
OUR 6TH
CLASS PUPILS AS THEY LEAVE FOR
SECONDARY SCHOOL.
GO NÉIRÍ LIBH!

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

-Dr. Seuss

School's Out
For Summer!!!