



C.B.S. TIMES

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The year 2015 - 2016 has ended on a very sad note for St. Joseph's CBS Primary School Community with the passing of teacher Mr. Peter O'Reilly, a loss which has been particularly felt by the staff and pupils of our school. The nature of the illness and the rapidity at which our dear teacher and colleague was taken from us made it a very difficult and emotional time. That sense of loss will not fade easily but we must take consolation from the gifts that "Mr. Reilly's" presence as a teacher brought to life in St. Joseph's, his modest, caring, gentle nature; his loyalty and dedication to the best interests of pupils and colleagues being examples of a great human being whose life was so immersed in the day to day world of St. Joseph's. Undoubtedly the dignity and honour shown by our boys at the prayer services and the funeral mass were a true reflection of that special regard in which Mr. O'Reilly was held.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. May his soul rest in God's presence.

In the shadow cast by this sad event we must acknowledge the very positive year of learning and growth towards maturity that has been ongoing within the walls of St. Joseph's. The work efforts of the pupils in each year has been very commendable and along the path of learning there has been a good deal of fun to be enjoyed as well. After-school activities were also very much part of the school year and the introduction of the school free-lunches has continued to be much appreciated, and not just by the boys!

During this final term the school has successfully achieved the awarding of the fifth Green Schools Flag, the Active Schools Flag and the Junior Entrepreneurs Flag all of which take a very significant and sustained effort on behalf of pupils and staff if they are to be awarded. Beir bua gach dune!

The school kitchen continues to be enthusiastically visited and as well as being a most educationally worthwhile exercise in itself, it also provides an added incentive for the pupils to deliver that extra focus required so as other academic tasks are completed to exacting standards! What's that they say about the way to a man's heart? Something to do with food?

It's time now also to bid a special farewell to our 6th class pupils who have given a really good account of themselves this year. It has been a

real pleasure to experience their positive attitude to all the demands that were made of them. We wish them the very best as they move on to the next level of education. Well done boys. Maith sibh!

Once again tribute must be paid to the members of the Board of Management that 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. Many thanks are due to all staff members : teachers, Special Needs Assistants, especially Stephen, our caretaker and Sandra , our highly efficient secretary, as well as Olive and Mick our school cleaners and Rita our Lollipop lady.

Finally, as we wish all the school community a very happy holiday period, please keep the pleasure of Reading part of the daily leisure - visits to our local library are highly recommended!

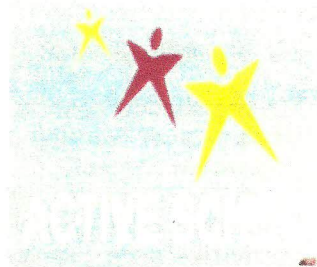
Le gach dea ghui,

J. Clayton

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

After working continuously for the past two years, on June 1st we received a visit from the Active Schools judge. He was hugely impressed with the amount of sports and activities that are taking place in our school and the attitude and enthusiasm of our students!!

As a result our school was granted the Active Schools Flag for the very first time!! The Blue flag will now fly proudly outside our school to represent the hard work and effort that is put in all year round by our school community to keep active and fit. Congratulations go especially to the Active Schools Committee led by our Co-chairmen Dylan Zama and Connor Browne!! Well done to everyone!! And remember 'Fitness and Health is Body Wealth!'



CLASS NEWS

The G5 boys have been very creative, writing their own songs and performing them in front of class! Super stars in the making!

R11 entered the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and hosted a very successful "Second Hand Store" event which raised €500. This was divided between the school and the Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre. Well done to all involved!

Junior 
ENTREPRENEUR
PROGRAMME

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

St Joseph's Parent's Association mourn the loss of Mr Reilly and offer our sympathy to the teachers, staff and pupils. He'll be sadly missed.

The Coffee, Cake & Concert morning was a thorough success raising over €1,500. Thanks to all who donated cakes and to the boys for their wonderful performances.

Thanks to the teachers for organising the double heptathlon. The boys, who raised over €3500, all received a medal as a thanks for their fundraising. All money goes towards improving school facilities and library books.

The traffic safety situation outside the school is due to be reviewed by the Borough Council. Please continue to follow Rita's instructions when crossing and do not park or set down outside the school.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer and good luck to all 6th Class boys as they leave well prepared for secondary school.

New members are welcome to our next meeting Tuesday September 13th, 8pm.



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

The Green School Committee was celebrating on the double this week. First, the 5th Green Flag for Biodiversity was raised, followed by a celebratory lunch in Scholars as a treat for all the hard working committee members.

The committee was also celebrating success at the Louth County Council GROW Awards, where we achieved a 3 star award. The enthusiasm and knowledge of the pupils was particularly commended by the judges. We also received a special award for Biodiversity as a result of the Native Garden Project carried out this year.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this year such a success for Green Schools. We are very sorry to lose our 6th Class boys who are all valued members of the committee and we wish them well in secondary school.



GAA

Huge congratulations go to our Under 13's football team who reached the final of Corn Mhuire for the second year running. The team showed huge determination and skill to make it to the final firstly by beating Monastery, Ardee in the quarter final and then The Friary, Dundalk in the semis. The final took place in The Wolfe Tones grounds and we faced St. Mary's Drogheda. Unfortunately the lads came up just short of a famous victory but, like the Irish soccer team, can look back at the competition with their heads held high!! They gave every ounce of effort and courage they had and represented our school with honour and sportsmanship, something that would have made their coach, Mr. O'Reilly, very proud! Well done Lads!!

The Team:

1. Oliver Clutterbuck 2. Max Gardiner 3. Stephen Reynolds 4. Stephen Kerr Rafferty 5. Adam McDonagh 6. Emmett Murray 7. Conor McGuirk 8. Kyle McElroy (c) 9. Michael Leddy 10. Patrick Abako 11. Matthew O'Brien 12. Coinneach Farrell 13. Tadhg Martin 14. Ruaraí Fitzpatrick 15. Lennon McCormack 16. Connor Browne 17. Emmanuel Oyediji 18. Oileann Farrell 19. Kai Dowd 20. Ignas Silikas 21. Luke Doyle 22. Enoch Adegbite 23. Jamie Levins 24. Jack Connor 25. Emmanuel Akinyemi

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

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

IN OUR CLASSROOM

