

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Easter 2018



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018—La Gaelge

Bhí seachtain na gaeilge againn sa scoil. Ar an Déardaoin, thainig gach buachaill go dtí an halla. Créid é nó na créid é bhí dánta agus amhráin againn ó gach rang. Bhí drama againn - na gadaí - . Bhuaileamar an spóirt as an ócáid

Peace Proms concert 2018—Kilkenny

A highlight of the year was 5th /6th class boys travelling to Kilkenny last Sunday to be part of the PEACE PROMS CHOIR 2018. The 20 boys had practiced their songs and dance moves for months under Ms. Ward and they had a great day. Lots of parents who travelled were also blown away by the concert and the live orchestra. It is a marvellous opportunity for boys to experience this and one where you definitely get more out of than you put in. The concert had been postponed with the bad snow a few weeks ago so when snow arrived Sunday is was not well-received by the choir ! Sincere thanks to Ms Ward for organising , Ms Ryan , Ms Pilkington and Mr Crofton who gave up their Sunday to travel and perform! Special mention to the group of boys who attended as they were a credit to their school and families.

Parents Association

We held our annual Church gate collection on February 17th and 18th, many thanks to our parents who helped out over the weekend and thank you for supporting our collection .

A great night was had at our Table Quiz on March 9th in the Fighting Cocks . A big thank you to Dylan Hoctor - our quiz master , The Fighting Cocks , businesses and parents who sponsored spot prizes and all who helped out and took part on the night .

We are running a clothing collection in conjunction with Bag2 school . We are asking parents to donate any unwanted good quality adult and children clothing . Plastic bags will be sent home after the Easter Holidays , or if you are having a clear over the Easter any type of plastic bag can be used . Mr Crofton has promised a homework pass for every 2 full bags of clothing . Please return bags to school by Wednesday May 9th . Detailed list of allowed items will be posted on our Facebook page, Weather permitting we will be holding our Sponsored walk / Cycle after the Easter holidays . Sponsorship cards will be going home next week, and every boy that returns his completed card with €20 raised will be entered into a draw to win €100 .

Our next meeting is on April 11th @ 8:30pm, new parents are always welcome .

HSCL Update:

Just like that...Term 2 is done!!

What a busy and enjoyable term it was.

Our Walking Group got out and about and chats and laughs were had. Will continue after the Easter Break on Tuesday mornings. Meet at the playground at 9.30am.

Valentine Craft in Junior Infants was a HUGE success. I was sorry to miss it but we had an overwhelming turnout with over 15 parents turning up to help out.

The midterm Maths Magician went down and treat and the lads did some great work filling them out.

We ran a five week Computer Course in our fab new computer room for the parent's under the guidance of our super tutor Mary O'Connor.

Everyone who participated loved the course and learned so much. They have plans for other courses and classes they want to take part in so keep an eye on the Facebook pages and letters home.

Hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable Easter Break. See you all in April!!

Richelle



School Notices

- No school lunches FRIDAY—12.30 pm finish
- Thanks to all our boys from 6th class who give out the school lunches early each morning and we will have a new team next term. Reminder to all boys to change around their lunch order and try new options.

Community games art and craft 2018

Well done to all the boys who took part this year. We had a great entry and thanks to all the teachers and Mrs. Kelly for promoting this great event. Special mention must go to the artistic boys in 5th class who had some fantastic entries. We hope to hear from Margaret and Valerie after the Easter Break about any medal winners we had.

School uniform promotion

Thank you all for the great effort with uniforms—Boys looking well ! We had 5 full uniform days in march. The results were fantastic and thanks to parents / boys for supporting. In term 3 we aim to continue this and so we will insist on either school uniform / school tracksuit as a minimum and then promote the full uniform on certain notified days. Winner of the hamper was PETER SPAIN !!

Board of Management

The BOM met and discussed our recent school closures in relation to the DES circular. DES Circular 0009/2017- Guidance for schools in relation to making up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures is included at Appendix B of this circular. This guidance sets out a structured approach to determining the measures to be put in place to make up for time lost. The guidance provides that subject to consensus at local level, any changes to normal practice that can be made to address the shortfalls should be put in place.

The Board met to look at the options outlined to make up tuition time including—cancelling school tours / cancelling sports day and music day / opening days at easter holidays.

Following feedback from Parents Association , staff and pupils the school has planned to make up lost tuition time to core subject areas through -

- School will prioritises Tuition time By using its Discretionary Teaching Time allowed to schools / roll Call time/ Assembly time each day
- Cancel Travelling Theatre / Fred the clown
- School will Not take The 2nd Half day Allowed For Child Protection Training- and will Conduct the staff training after 3pm instead

Therefore the BOM do not feel it necessary or beneficial to pupils , families to open during the Easter break. We wish all our boys and families a well-deserved easter break after their hard efforts learning this term and will see them back fresh for a busy and exciting last term.

St.Brendan's PS School Calendar 2018/ 2019

School reopens

Friday 31st August 2018

Mid Term Break

Closing

Friday 26th October 2018

Re-opening

Monday 5th November 2018

Christmas Holidays

Closing

Friday 21st December 2018

Re-opening

Monday 7th January 2019

Mid Term Break

Closed

Thursday 21st February 2019

Closed

Friday 22nd February 2019

St. Patrick's day

Closed

Friday 15th March 2019

Closed

Monday 18th March 2019

* Easter Holidays

Closing

Friday 12th April 2019

Re-opening

Monday 29th April 2019

May Bank Holiday weekend-Closed

Monday 6th May 2019

June Bank Holiday weekend-Closed

Friday 31st May 2019

Closed

Monday 3rd June 2019

Closed

Tuesday 4th June 2019

Summer Holidays

Closing

Friday 28th June 2019

Dates for your diary; TERM 3 2017-2018

Friday 23rd March @12.30pm School closed- Easter Holidays

Monday 9th April

School reopens for term 3

Wed 11th April

Grandparents day—Rang 2 / Rang 4

Thurs 12th April

FAI 5-A-SIDE Offaly final—6th class team

Saturday 21st April 3pm

Confirmation

Mon 23rd- Fri 27th April

Celtic Book fair in school

Saturday 26th May 11am

First Holy Communion