

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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St Joseph's Quiz Win

For the fifth time in the past six years a team from St Joseph's Secondary School emerged as overall winners in the Local History Quiz, organised by the Old Drogheda Society and held in the Barbican Centre, Drogheda. The quiz was held on Tuesday 9th December. Six secondary schools competed in the Moira and Terry Corcoran History Cup. They were St. Joseph's, Our Lady's College Greenhills, Sacred Heart, St Mary's, St Oliver's and Coláiste na hInse. The standard this year was higher than usual with two stand-out teams: St Joseph's and Sacred Heart.

There were four rounds of ten questions each, with both St Joseph's and Sacred Heart achieving a perfect score of 40 points. Greenhills and St Oliver's were unlucky to miss out on the tie-break round, scoring 39 and 38 points respectively. The fiercely contested battle concluded with five tie-break questions. However, St Joseph's came out on top, achieving a perfect round once again, with Sacred Heart missing out by just one question. There was a great atmosphere on the day with many Transition Year students cheering on their respective schools.

St Joseph's captain John Holdcroft was presented with the trophy shortly after the scores were announced. A special thanks is due to St Joseph's teacher Mr Sharkey for his support and guidance in the lead up to the quiz. After missing out on last year's title, St Joseph's will be glad to see the trophy come home once again. Team Photo above. Back row, l-r: Adam Byrne, Adam Mc Loughlin, Conor Callaghan, Louis Flanagan, Dylan Rice, Liam Ryan, Mr. Sharkey history teacher. Front row, l-r: Michael Janik, Luke Mc Guinness, Scott Murphy, John Holdcroft, Alan Mc Grane, Shane Mc Quillan.



Scott Murphy and Alan McGrane



AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

After school study is available to all students from 4pm to 6pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive. Third and sixth year students in particular are encouraged to avail of this service.

Presentation of cheque for €1,700 to The Drogheda Cancer Research and Education Trust. Photo L-R: Shea Heslin 2T, Liz Somersby Unit Manager, Anna Harbison Egan Founding Member, James Russell 6.2, teachers Ms Mac Namee and Ms Flood.

Check out the latest news on our School's Website
www.droghedacbs.ie



Joey's Rugby

Photo shows Evan Mc Ginn being tackled by Cody O'Neill.

Training is held every Wednesday lunch time for Senior, Junior and U-15. The coaches are Eoghan Duffy Boyne RFC, Mike Walls Leinster Branch and teacher Ms Hackett. Our first match was against St. Mary's on Dec 17th at senior level. New players are always welcome at the training.



Texting system for parents

The school regularly sends out text messages to parents about events in the school. The texting system has proven invaluable when the school was closed for weather reasons such as snow. If you haven't been receiving text messages from us please contact the school office at 041-9837232 so your mobile number can be added to the texting system. Parents often change their phone and forget to inform the school office about their new number phone number. Only one parent's mobile number per student can be registered on the texting system.



Ms. Flood's 6th year form class pictured playing laser quest on a team-building day in Carlingford Adventure Centre, December.



School Calendar 2014—2015

January 2015

5th School re-opens

February 2015

4th Pre exams start

12th Second year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

16th to 20th midterm break

25th Fifth year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

March 2015

17th Bank Holiday

12th First year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

30th Start of Easter break

April 2015

30th March to 10th April Easter break

5th Easter Sunday

May 2015

4th Bank Holiday

21st Sixth year Graduation Mass

25th TY Parent Evening

25th Summer House Exams start

29th Last day of term



As part of the mini company programme in Transition Year, students Liam Ryan and Dylan Rice are selling track suit tops with the school crest and personalised initials to students and staff at €35. The tops are proving popular with students for PE classes and extra curricular activities. They can be ordered to size with Liam or Dylan.

Christmas Fundraisers

Photos opposite show various activities which were held during the last week of term. Mr Stephenson organised the annual Johnny Mc Kenna run to the pier in Clogher Head and raised funds for the Drogheda Hospice Service. 5th year LCA students organised a 'Spinathon' with Mr Mc Cole to raise funds for the Women's Refuge in Drogheda. TY students opened a café for staff on one of the morning breaks for the teachers. Arron Kieran and Shane McQuillan raffled prizes for the teachers. A non uniform Santa day overseen by Ms Flood brought the total raised for the Women's Refuge to €1,600.