

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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Green Schools

L-r Lee Kilroy, Josh Fitzpatrick, Joshua levins, Josh Maguire, Steven Carr and Robbie McAuley. Pictured above are a few members of our Green Schools team planting vegetables on our new plot. This is all part of our Biodiversity theme which we have been working very hard to promote throughout our school for the past two years. As part of this we have installed a pond with koi fish, built an insect hotel, planted numerous vegetables including potatoes, carrots, onions etc. We have had a very successful two years and are delighted with the progress we have made. We would like to thank all those who have been involved with Green Schools and would especially to thank our caretakers Niall and Jim, we could not have done it without them.

Students Council

The school has a very active Students Council. The role of the Council is to represent the students by making representations to school management and the Board of Management on students needs. The Council meet regularly and liaise with teacher Mr O Connor. Pictured opp. l-r are Darren Kerr, Sean Healy, Stephen Newman, Fawaz Kekere Darren Holcroft Eoin Reilly, Sean Carolan, Ryan Sands and Michael Janik.

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.

Supervised study is also available to 3rd and 6th year students each Saturday morning from 9am to 12pm.

All-weather Pitch

Work on the all-weather pitch will finally commence on the 15th of April. The pitch will measure 52 m long x 27 m wide. It will be equipped with Gaelic and soccer goals, flood-lighting for evening time use and netting

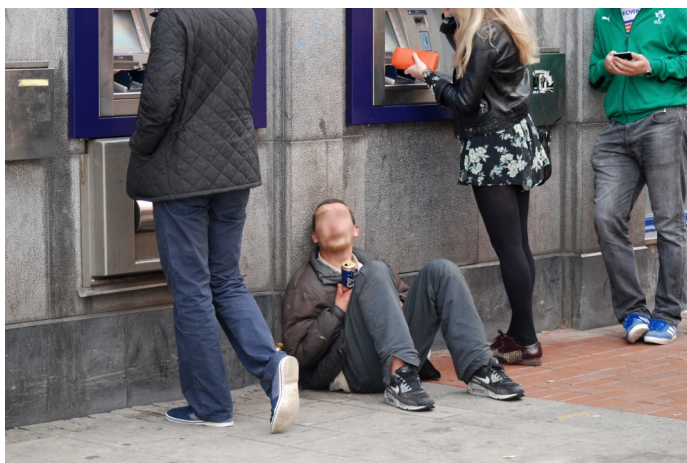


across the top to contain the footballs. The pitch can be divided in two with an internal curtain to give two pitches of 27m x 26m. It will be located between the new school extension and the Newtown Meadows housing estate. This new all-weather pitch will complement the newly installed sporting facilities at St. Joseph's and ensure that the sporting interests of our students are fully catered for. In the photo above at the signing of the contract is l-r Mr Colm Coyle, Coyle Sports Surfaces, main contractor, and Mr John McEneaney, chairperson of St Joseph's Board of Management.



Check out the latest news on our School's Website
www.droghedacbs.ie
New email address: cbsoff2015@gmail.com





Congratulations to TY student Michael Janik who came second in the in the National photojournalism category of NNI Press Pass, photo entry above. The competition had entries from over 600 secondary school nationally.

St. Joseph's Annual Golf Day

Each year a golf outing is hosted for all the students in the school who are members of a golf club. The venue for this year's outing was once again the fabulous County Louth Golf Club, Baltray. There were 36 students playing for a number of prizes. Cathaoir-leach of Louth County Council and retired teacher from St. Joseph's, Mr Oliver Tully, presented the prizes during the non uniform day to all the winners. The photo opposite shows Pete Murphy and Evin Mc Connon (3rd team member absent from picture Ryan Walsh) receiving the Oliver Tully Trophy for the winning team, parent Mr Ray Mitchell who organises the competition each year and he was ably assisted this year by the Chairperson of the Parents Council, Mr David Byrne. We congratulate all who participated and a special word of thanks to the President, Captain and management of County Louth Golf Club, Baltray for generously hosting the competition and for their on going support for golf in St. Joseph's.

School Calendar 2014—2015

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

June 2015

3rd Start of JC and LC exams



AIB Build a Bank

Congratulations to TY students Alan Mc Grane, Joseph Corrigan, Aaron Kearns, Evan Mc Grane, Dylan Rice, Louis Flanagan and teacher Ms Murray. The students have progressed through the regional finals which involved competing against 180 schools to reach the national final which will be on the 16th April in the RDS.

End of term fundraiser and non uniform day

On the last day of term, Friday 27th March, before we closed for the Easter break we held our non uniform day to fundraise for two worthy causes. We collected €800 in total from the students and staff and this will be distributed equally to the Boomerang Café and the Irish Cancer Society.

Activities on the day included teacher Mr Stephenson organising a 5K run for all the athletes in the school. Four of our student have formed a band called 'The City' and they performed a lively set at lunch time to a packed student canteen. Photo of The City I-r , Graham Fagan, Barry Lally, Cian Mc Closkey and Sean Thornton. Well done to teacher Ms Murray and her TY students for making all the arrangements for the non uniform day.

