

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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Drogheda Women's Refuge.

There were a number of fund raising events held in the school during Christmas week which raised a total of €1,600 for the Women's Refuge in Drogheda. Representatives of the student body presented Ms. Theresa Wood with a cheque for €1,100. Students and their families donated groceries and toys to the Refuge and €500 of the funds raised were spent to purchase additional groceries and toys.

Photo L—R: Ms Flood, school chaplain, Gareth Lodge-Lau, James Leonard, Jordie Myers, Ms. Theresa Wood, Joe Linogao and Ronan O' Gara.

Subject options sampling day.

On Friday 6th February the 6th class primary students were invited to attend classes in St. Joseph's to sample the ten different option subjects on offer to them when they start their secondary school education next September. This new initiative was arranged to assist the students in choosing which three option subjects they would like to take for their Junior Cert. Photo right shows Kobi Hannon from St. Joseph's CBS primary school sampling the drums in the music class.



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.

The Annual Report of the Board of Management to the Parents of St. Joseph's Secondary School, Newfoundwell, Drogheda for the School Year 2013 – 2014 can now be accessed on the school's website www.droghedacbs.ie

Check out the latest news on our School's Website

www.droghedacbs.ie

New email address: cbsoff2015@gmail.com





Photo shows Dylan Reynolds from St. Joseph's CBS primary school and Aaron Donnelly from St. Joseph's Mell examining woodwork projects during the option sampling day arranged for incoming 1st year students.

Junior and Senior Water Polo Competition

The new Water Polo season is about to commence. Trials have been arranged for the Aura swimming Pool, Drogheda, and further information is available from teacher Ms Hackett or coach Dom Gradwell. We can confirm the dates for the 2015 Junior and senior schools competition. Seniors will take place on March 11th in Trinity Pool, Donaghmede, Dublin and the Juniors on March 18th in Falls pool, Belfast.

We wish a safe trip home to 5th year student Moritz Kern who is returning home to Germany. Moritz is pictured opposite holding the green and white part of the tricolour flag with some of his fellow 5th year students.
Auf widersehen Moritz.

School Calendar 2014—2015

February 2015

25th Fifth year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

March 2015

11th First year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

17th Bank Holiday

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



'Bug' Hotel

A bug hotel is a manmade structure created from natural materials, they can come in a variety of shapes and sizes depending on the specific purpose or specific insect it is catered to. Most consist of several different sections that provide insects with nesting facilities – particularly during winter, offering shelter or refuge for many types of insects. In the photo opposite are students Cathal Doherty, Fawwaz Kekere-Ekun, Damien Conlon and Kristofer Tarvids from 2R with their Bug Hotel which is located in the school grounds. 2R have constructed the bug hotel as part of their Junior Cert ecology project and will be examining some of the bugs in their science lab with their teacher Ms Sweeney.

Transition Year European Science project

St. Joseph's Secondary School has teamed up with three other secondary schools located in Italy, Portugal and Germany for a European Science project which is fully funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ KA2 Schools to Schools Partnership. As part of this project TY students from St. Joseph's will travel to the other participating schools with their Science teachers to investigate and research new materials such as the so called "smart" materials which may be the key to sustainability and address many of the fundamental challenges that human kind will have to meet in the coming years. From an educational point of view the project offers the opportunity to be associated with cutting edge research topics, innovate experimental lab work at school, encourage students' creativity as they envision, design and implement new possible applications and last but not least evaluate their impact on society.

Travelling to Portugal for a week in March are L-R Alan McGrane, Dylan Floyd, John Holcroft, Aaron Foley, science teachers Ms Clinton and Mr Mc Donagh, Shane Mc Quillan, Liam Ryan, Euan Reid, Adam Connolly and Evan McGrane. Missing from photo, Eoin Reid.

