

St Joseph's National School

Boyerstown

Newsletter 20th November 2018

- Congratulations to the Boyerstown Girls Gaelic Football Team who won the Meath Schools Division 4 Title on Saturday in Pairc Tailteann. It was a close contest with rivals Oristown N.S. but the girls showed great resolve and determination and plenty of skill and fitness to get the better of their opponents on a scoreline of 4-2 to 2-4. The captains Kate Kearney, Toyah Hennessey and Orlaith Reilly accepted the cup on behalf of the 28 girls from third to sixth class who all contributed so much in training and games throughout the campaign that started in early September. We would like to thank all the pupils, parents, grandparents and friends in the Boyerstown Community who turned out in great numbers to support the team on Saturday morning.
We thank Siobhan and Niall O'Regan and David Callaghan from Crannóg Roofing for generously sponsoring a set of half-zip tops for the girls and mentors for the final.
We thank the Parents Council and Rosita and John Moyles for organising the delicious food for the girls and their families after the final in the Boyerstown Community Centre.
We thank Margaret Hennessey, Miss Sherlock and Mr ÓBric for their work with the team on Saturday and over the past ten weeks.
Last but not least, thank you to the 28 girls who put heart and soul into being the fastest, fittest, strongest and most skilful team they could be over the past two and a half months. You are a great credit to your families, your clubs and your school. Well done!
- Congratulations to the U-11 girls' cross-country running team who claimed the Meath Primary Schools title in Bellewstown last Wednesday. The team included Orlaith Reilly, Clodagh Fitzsimons, Rebecca Reilly, Bella Garvey, Sarah McHugh, Mia Haber, Niamh Rattigan and Alisha Mills. Special mention must go to Clodagh Fitzsimons who claimed an individual placing of 5th in her race and to Orlaith Reilly who claimed an outstanding first place in the U-11 girls' race for small and medium sized schools in Meath. Great performances were also recorded in the Boys U-11 with Diarmuid ÓBric first of the Boyerstown Boys to cross the finish line, the U-13 Boys with Conor Finnegan and the U-13 girls with Cayla Becton first to cross the finish line for Boyerstown. Well done to all our runners.

- The two Credit Union Quiz teams from Boyerstown N.S., Fifth and Sixth Class, performed brilliantly last Tuesday evening in the Newgrange Hotel, Navan scoring 44 and 41 from a total of 48 questions on the night. With 26 teams competing on the night, the First Boyerstown team came 3rd overall and our second team came eighth. Well done to Ian McKeever, Chloe White, Libby Clynych, Ruby O'Brien, Conor Finnegan, Kyle Smith, Cayla Becton and Áine Lynam on their fabulous performances.
- Many thanks to the pupils and parents of Boyerstown N.S. who very generously contributed 90 Christmas Shoeboxes to the annual Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal. The shoeboxes were delivered to Oaktree Business Park in Trim last Friday, where they will be packed into larger cardboard boxes for distribution to orphaned children in Africa. These children will receive their shoeboxes on Christmas morning.
- The Parents Association would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Sponsored Walk. We had a fantastic response and it is a fun event for the children.
Our AGM took place last month with a very good attendance. After reports from our Chairperson and Treasurer, we were delighted as ever that our Principal Mr ÓBric addressed the meeting.
Our 2018/19 Committee is: Chairperson - Alan Clynych; Vice-Chairperson - Edel Curtis; Secretary - Fiona Rogers; Assistant Secretary - Maria Brady; Treasurer - Rosita Moyles; Assistant Treasurer - David Keyes; PRO - Elaine McKenna; National Parents Council Reps - Tish O'Toole and Naoimh O'Brien; Green Schools Reps- Bernie Doohan and Ryan Martin; Board of Management Reps - Ray Finnegan and Ruth Reilly; Committee - Muireann Bray, Jessica Campbell, Monica Cleary, Siobhan Comerford, Fiona Connell, Michelle Conaty, Tina Duignan, Catherine Dunphy, Angela Farrelly, Fiona Geraghty, Ian Matthews, Tracey Prunty.
- The school has agreed to take part in a National Health Behaviour Study being conducted by NUIG Galway for pupils from 3rd to 6th classes. Consent forms with information on the nature of the study are being sent out to parents/guardians today (Tuesday) and these consent forms need to be **returned by Friday 23rd November 2018.** We assure parents/guardians that all surveys are anonymous, the pupils do not write their names or addresses etc. on the survey forms. We took part in this

National Survey in 2012 and this is a follow up on that study to examine healthy trends in the 9 - 12 year old children in Ireland today.

- A reminder that any parents who wish to **order photographs** from the school photographer, that the **final date for orders and money to be sent back in the envelopes supplied is tomorrow Wednesday 21st November.**
- Many thanks to Bernie Doohan and the very helpful set of parents and the 6th class pupils who co-ordinated the very exciting and engaging Science Day last Friday in Boyerstown School for all the pupils in the school. The themes explored in a fun way were: Slime, Sport Science, Explosions/Chemical Reactions and Surface Tension. The pupils really enjoyed the experience.
- Catechist, Maureen Fanning, will visit Boyerstown N.S. from 1pm to 3pm this Friday 23rd November visiting all the classes, seeing and listening to the work the pupils are doing the area of Religious Education.
- Tommy Rogers, Boyerstown, who is involved in a group who are developing the Bohermeen Bog Walk has asked for donations of Daffodils bulbs from families in Boyerstown, Bohermeen and Cortown schools to plant along the bog walk. These daffodil bulbs will be in full bloom in spring 2019 for families to enjoy.

Dates for your Diary

Parent/Teacher Meetings - Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th Nov
School for pupils from 1st to 6th class will finish @ 2.45pm to
facilitate parent meetings starting @ 3pm on both Monday and
Tuesday.

Solstice Christmas Show - Friday 7th December

Christmas Holidays - Schools closes on Friday 21st December
Re-opens Monday 7th January 2019

Confirmation - Friday 8th February 2019

Cathal ÓBric
Principal