

St. Joseph's N.S. Boyerstown

Newsletter Monday 22nd October 2018

- We wish the best of luck to the Boyerstown Girls Gaelic Football team who play a semi-final in the Div. 4 Cumann na mBunscol na Mí competition on Tuesday @ 2pm in Dunderry v Coole N.S. The girls have secured impressive victories over Oristown N.S., Kilbride N.S. and Castletown N.S. and have been improving with each outing. There are 27 girls on the panel from 3rd to 6th classes. Thanks to Miss Sherlock and Mr ÓBric for coaching the team and thanks to all the parents and pupils for their support and encouragement for the girls so far in this competition.
- The Boyerstown Boys team will not qualify for the latter stages of the Cumann na mBunscol competition despite a number of very encouraging performances against Coole N.S., Dunderry N.S., Curragha N.S. and Bellewstown N.S. We have a very young squad this year with 14 players still in third and fourth classes. These players have shown great courage and determination and with continued support and patience, they will win matches in the future. Well done also to our older players in fifth and sixth classes for providing the leadership and encouragement for our younger brigade.
- The Boyerstown Parents Council will hold their Annual Sponsored Walk on Wednesday 24th October. The Junior Infants to 2nd class will walk in the morning @ 11.20am and the 3rd to 6th class will walk @ 1.05pm. We welcome and parents who are available to assist with either walk.
- The School Photographer will visit the school tomorrow Tuesday 23rd October to take photos of individual pupils, family groups and class groups. Please complete the Consent Form which was given to each family at school today and return it to the class teacher tomorrow Tuesday 23rd October.
- The 4th to 6th class will visit the Solstice Theatre this Thursday to meet author Shane Hegarty creator of the Darkmouth thriller series from 12noon to 1pm. There is a bus organised to transport the pupils to and from the Solstice. The cost of the bus is €6.00 per child. Please bring the money in either tomorrow or Wednesday to the class teacher.
- The school will close this Friday 26th October for the staff and pupils. The school will be used as a polling station for the Presidential Elections. Our school will re-open on Monday November 5th @ 9.15am.
- We have noticed an increased number of pupils being dropped off at the school in the morning between ten and twenty minutes before the supervising teacher

comes into the schoolyard @ 9.05am. Any pupil in the schoolyard before 9.05am MUST be supervised by a parent/guardian.

- We wish the best of luck to the eight pupils in 5th & 6th class who will represent their school in the upcoming Meath Credit Union Quiz to be held in the Newgrange Hotel on Tuesday 13th November @ 7.30pm. The pupils are = Ian McKeever, Libby Clynch, Ruby O'Brien, Chloe White, Cayla Becton, Conor Finnegan, Kyle Smith and Áine Lynam.
- Well done to the 15 pupils in 6th class who attended their Confirmation Enrolment Mass in Bohermeen on Sunday 21st October. Their Alpha programme, preparing for Confirmation with their parents, continues each Wednesday evening in Bohermeen Parish Centre and Church. Confirmation takes place on Friday 8th February 2019 with the new Bishop Thomas Deenihan.
- Do This in Memory Programme for the pupils in 2nd class preparing for First Holy communion in May 2019 continues. A gentle reminder for those who have not yet brought in the €10.00 towards the candle can you please do so as soon as possible. Please also send in a photo of your child. The next mass will be held on Sunday 28th October @ 9am in Boyerstown Church.
- The children of 4th to 6th class are invited to take part in the Annual Christmas Concert @ the Solstice Arts Centre, Navan in the first week of December. Due to the new fire regulations at the Theatre we can only bring a maximum of 45 children, and therefore have to break with the tradition of 3rd to 6th class children and include only 4th to 6th class as our numbers in the senior classes are very large.
- The Food Dudes, Healthy Eating Project for all pupils in the school continues this week and has been a great success in encouraging our boys and girls to have some fruit and vegetables as part of their everyday lunch and to perhaps try to taste new fruit or vegetables that may not have been tasted before now. Keep up the good work boys and girls. On this note parents are reminded that we are a Healthy Eating School and encourage parents to follow our Policy on Healthy Eating: no crisps of any sort, sweets, bars (including cereal bars), biscuits, or yogurt topped rice cakes are allowed. Dessert yogurts are also not allowed. Homemade goods are allowed. This is a great chance to involve your children in baking some healthy treats from home.
- We welcome back Miss Dalton this week to our Support Teacher role in the school. She has been on a Learning Support Course for the past four weeks in St. Patricks College of Education, Dublin. We thank Mrs McCarthy for teaching Miss Dalton's pupils while she was away.

- Well done to the 36 pupils in 3rd and 4th classes that took part in the FAI Futsal Indoor soccer tournament in Gormanston last Thursday. The girls' team won one match and drew three matches, the boys' team won two games and lost two games. It was a very well run and enjoyable tournament for all the pupils.
- Bohermeen Community Centre are holding a Bake Sale on Thursday 24th October @ 12.30pm in Boyerstown Hall. The Bake Sale is in aid of Jack & Jill Childrens foundation, who provide nursing hours and support for children who suffer severe intellectual and physical delay. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Calendar

Important Dates

- Presidential Election - Friday 26th October
- Halloween Mid-Term Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November
- Christmas - Friday 21st December to Monday 7th January
- Confirmation - Friday 8th February
- Mid-term Thursday 21st February and Friday 22nd February
- Easter - Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April

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