

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

March 2015 (Easter)



St Brendan's Boys Beats

The boys of St. Brendan's PS had a fantastic day last Wednesday as their school hall was transformed into a recording studio. The boys became professional musical artists in their own right as they recorded a school CD titled " St. Brendans Boys Beats". Each and every boy got the chance to sing on the CD as under the guidance and tutelage of Ms. Majella Killeen a vast range of songs were performed and recorded. Bringing the magic of recording to the boys was Mr. Joe Molloy and it was a credit to all involved that the 19 songs got recorded on time and on schedule.

We welcomed a few guest performers in the amazing Ronan Bell on banjo, past pupils Mark , Darragh and Campbell, Fr. Tony Cahir and the staff members that have a love for and talent in music.

The CD's have now been produced and will be launched in Dooleys Hotel Birr on **Thursday 26th March starting at 7pm**. This is not a school concert but we hope to launch the CD with a sample of live performances on the night.

CD's will be on sale at €10 with all proceeds going to the "Help build our Wall " fundraising campaign currently ongoing in the school. Finger food will be served along with a draw for a bike (kindly donated by Adrian Haines) and a medal presentation for the Schools Gaelic Football team will also take place.

Hope to see all of the St. Brendans family, friends and school community there on the night for what promises to be a great night. (More details PTO)

Classes singing and performing
1st / 3rd /4th / 5th / 6th

These classes (boys) asked to wear FULL
uniform please where possible.

Boys asked to sit with class groups under
pillars in Dooleys ballroom.

Junior Infants / Senior Infants / 2nd class
also welcome on the night and can wear
casual clothes and sit with parents / guardi-
ans.

PA will have crisps and drinks for all pupils.
Launch will start at 7pm sharp.
Launch will finish around 8pm approx

CD's will be on sale at €10 before / during
and after the launch.



**CD LAUNCH
IN DOOLY'S HOTEL**

IN AID OF OUR HURLING WALL FUND
ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7PM
**Live performances, Raffle,
Presentations, Finger Food.**
OPEN INVITATION ALL WELCOME

Dates for your diary;

Thurs 26th March

Friday 27th March @12.30pm

Monday 13th April

Mon 20th—Fri 24th April

Mon 4th / Tues 5th May

Mon 1st / Tues 2nd June

CD LAUNCH in Dooleys hotel

School closed— Easter Holidays

School reopens

Celtic book fair in the school

School closed

School closed

Sacramental notes

First Communion ceremony— Saturday 25th April at 11am

Confirmation ceremony— Saturday 16th May at 1pm . Full uniform to be worn

6th Class confirmation retreat— Wed 22nd April

School Notices

- Staff car park is for STAFF ONLY . Please respect this.
- Thank you all for the great effort with uniforms—Boys looking well !

Hurling

Boys in hurling panel with Mr. Kennedy going well this year. A few challenge matches under their belts and plenty of game time also. First round of championship over with a narrow loss to Dromakeenan over in Ballyskinneach. Match played with a good spirit and boys looking forward to next round after Easter.

Cumann na mBunscoil have announced their hurls and helmets scheme again this year. Orders to be taken in school by FRIDAY 27TH MARCH.

Helmets small / medium—€30 , large € 40

Hurls 28 / 30 / 32 € 10 , 34 € 12

Home– School

Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered to come in for maths stations in Junior Infants earlier this month. The boys really loved the project.

Community games art and craft 2015

Well done to all the boys who took part this year. We had a great entry and thanks to all the teachers and Mrs. Kelly for promoting this great event. We had 14 gold/silver and bronze medal winners in the Birr heats with 9 boys going on to represent Birr in the Offaly heats which will be held in Marion hall . Thanks to Catherine Barry for her tireless enthusiasm of CG Art and craft on behalf of our school.

Sports hall athletics

We were delighted to hear the news that our 3rd / 4th class team had won the OFFALY sports hall athletics competition. They were chosen from training with Jean provided by Offaly sports partnership. Mr Cunningham and Mr McArdle took the boys to Tullamore along with the 5th / 6th class team. The 5th / 6th class boys did so well also and came 2nd place in Offaly. Ms. Sheils and Mr. McArdle took the 3rd / 4th team to the ALL IRELAND finals in Athlone on wed 26th march and we hope they enjoy the day !

Class activities in March 2015

Junior Infants :We listened to the story of St . Patrick and discussed the life of St. Patrick. We sang the song “ La le Padraig and made leipreachauns and Ireland flags

Senior Infants : We have been looking at the theme of Spring. We learned that baby animals are born in spring and that new flowers grow. We made fluffy lambs and created a collage of baby chicks in their nest. Our favourite thing about spring is that the Easter Bunny comes— we love Easter Eggs !

Rang 1: We have been learning about spring and made some beautiful spring flowers including daffodils , crocuses , daisies and primroses. We also wrote about spring and made our own acrostic poems.

Rang 2: Boys received the sacrament of First Confession this month. The boys sang their songs very well and were very well prepared for their special night. Everyone is very proud of them !

Rang 3 : We have had a busy March. We created lovely mothers day cards to celebrate our fantastic mums. We took part in seachtain na Gaelige by playing Irish games and learning about St. Patrick as gaeilge. We also watched some programmes on CULA 4 / TG4. Bhi craic agus spoirt again I rang a tri

Rang 4: 4th class boys have been working in teams on a project about Ancient Rome. The class have also planted carrots , onions , tomatoes, sweetcorn, lettuce and potaatoes. Hopefully come June they will produce a nice harvest!

Rang 5 (Ms.Egan) This month in History we learned all about Ireland in the 17th and 18th century. In science we learned all about the age of information and how computers were invented. At present we are busy making Easter Eggs from paper Mache

Rang 5: (Ms.Ward) This month we explored the Famine through Drama. We also learned about how aeroplanes work and we had great fun making our own paper aeroplanes. We led the stations of the cross in the hall for the other classes and also participated in a fantastic gymnastics display with 5th / 6th classes.

Rang 6 : Our debating team from 6th class reached the semi final of the competition against Charleville NS Tullamore. The boys really enjoyed the whole experience and were very unfortunate to be knocked out at that event. Future politicians without doubt !

Mr.Carroll: Mr Carrolls class have made birdfeeders for the nesting birds of spring. We designed , measured and put together these real birdhouses. It was a fun way of learning. The boys have also got used to doing great work on their I-PADS— One minute reader is a big hit.

Hope you all have a great Easter Break , Kind regards, Niall Crofton (principal)