

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

May -June 2016



Edmund Rice awards 2016: The Edmund Rice Awards took place this year in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. 5th Class students from the Presentation Monastery in Killarney, Co Kerry, and from St Brendan's Primary School in Birr, Co Offaly, gathered to remember and celebrate Blessed Edmund Rice. The Birr students engaged in a lively and poignant retelling of Blessed Edmund's life, and spoke about how his memory still inspires their school today. The Killarney students' presentation gave a fascinating insight into the history of their 178 year-old school, and, once again, how Blessed Edmund Rice's values still blossom in the community to this day. Br Andrew Hickey presented each student with a certificate, and congratulated them on the work they have done. The boys then got a lovely lunch and played games together including the popular "catch the pig" The Awards will return next year. Thanks to Ms Ward and the excellent boys who represented the best of what our school is about.

PA Sponsored walk/ Cycle- This was a great activity for the boys and great fundraiser for the school. We last did this 2 years ago so now all boys in 5th/6th have had the opportunity of taking part in a biking activity with school. We took a crowd of 50 eager boys and they split into bikers and walkers and took off for 2 hours of exploring and activity in the park. The bikers each covered an impressive 12 km. Thanks to Keith Harte for transport of bikes, bike hire at Lough Boora for very reasonable rate and for Andrew Walsh support with provision of bus. Our classes JI-4th went to Birr Castle for their sponsored walk and each walked good distances with their teachers. Thanks to the staff for ensuring all went well and to Birr Castle for allowing us great access. Special thanks to PA for organising the events

Assessment and reporting

Classes from 1st–6th are given the standardised English (MICRA-T) and standardised Math (SIGMA-T) tests during the month of May. Class end of year reports for all classes will be sent home with pupils during week beginning Mon 20th June. Class teachers for academic year 16/17 and school calendar for the year will be included in the report. Just a date to note also for families planning their summer- Boys will return to school on Wednesday 31st August 2016.

HSCL Update

Dates for your diary:

County Photos—Please return all monies / envelopes to school by this FRIDAY 17th June

Support 4 Downs-Syndrome Ice-cream day— Fri 5th June-JI to 2nd class—€ 2

National Lunchtime cycle—event planned for Birr- Wed 15th June @12.30 pm from playground—we will take boys from 3rd to 6th who have bike and helmet.

End year mass- Thursday 23rd June @1.10pm-All classes go home at 2pm approx.

Last day term— Tuesday 28th June @ 12.30pm

School Notices

- Staff car park is for STAFF ONLY . Please respect this.
- Please inform school of any changes to mobile numbers.
- Please keep up the great effort with school uniforms and in "sunny weather" no jerseys allowed.
- There has been some anti-social behavior carried out by a few individuals over the past few weekends / nights. These have been identified by our CCTV and they have been dealt with accordingly . We ask all parents to be aware of where their son / daughter is after school hours and if they are at school for football or to chat ; that they treat OUR school with the respect that it deserves. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Hurling

Senior hurling league in St Brendans park



Class activities in April / May 2016

Kind regards, Niall Crofton, Principal.