

# St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

June 2017



## Green flag awarded to St Brendan's PS 2017

St Brendan's PS were awarded their 5th Green Flag from An Taisce this month at the regional awards ceremony in Athlone. This was the culmination of 2 years work by our fantastic Green Schools committee led by teachers Sarah Pilkington and Paula Doyle. The committee was made up of pupils from each of our older classes. Jack and Dylan travelled to Athlone representing the boys and they look fab in full uniform as well—fair play lads! Pictured also is Mieke Scholte who is our long standing support from An Taisce. The committee will celebrate in style with lunch down town before June and we hope to raise the flag on the last day of this term—Friday 30th June- times and details to follow.

Their green code for this flag was—

You and me, together can help Bio-diversity.

## Staffing—Sept 2018

Mr Niall Kelly ( Deputy Principal) has announced his retirement from 30th June 2017 after 36 years of teaching at St Brendan's PS. Mrs Mary Lonergan ( B-Post) will also retire on 30th June after 20 years service at the school. We are sad to lose them from our staff but happy to see them sail into retirement with health and happiness and are grateful for the many years of excellent teaching , solid school leadership and friendship. Our end of year school mass in June will acknowledge Mr Kelly and his time here. We will have a start of year school mass in September where we can pay tribute to Mrs Lonergan.

## **Sacraments 2017**

Congratulations to all pupils from 2nd/ 6th classes who received your sacraments this year. The ceremonies were lovely as always with great singing artwork and playing instruments to make them memorable occasions. Thank you to the staff ( teachers, SNA, Secretary ) for all the work that goes on behind the scenes to prepare the boys so well for the day. Thank you to our PA who presented token of appreciation to both Ms.Ryan and Mr.Cunningham on behalf of the parent body.

## **Dates for your diary:**

Corpus Christi procession—Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm in bac of church—all boys who got 1st communion asked to attend

County Photos—Please return all monies / envelopes to school by this FRIDAY 16th June. After this date parents must deal directly with county photos.

Wed 14th June	National Lunchtime cycle—5th / 6th
Fri 16th June	Sports day—PLAN C !!
Fri 23rd June	End year Mass 1pm /PA cake sale/ Home 2pm
Tues 27th June- 5PM	6th Graduation—Hero presentation
Wed 28th	Fred" The Magic man" Corvenio €2
Last day term—	Friday 30th June @ 12.30pm
3rd July	July Provision begins ( ASD class)
Thursday 31 August	1st day of new school year ( 17/18)

## **Parents Association:**

The bag2school company were in the school on Thursday 8th June & collected our bags of clothes. Many thanks to all the parents and local residents who supported this event.

The winner of the Sponsored walk / cycle pupil draw was Henry Larkin ( 3rd class) who won himself a €100 note !

The last fundraising event of this school year will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, our annual Cake Sale Day.

## **GAA in our DNA !**

The boys in 6th class have launched their own GAA magazine for the school. It has articles , tips for young players, interviews with county players and fun things to do connected with the theme of GAA and hurling. We hope to make this magazine again each year as it allows us to develop interest in hurling in the school while getting boys reading and writing in the process. **Copies are 50 cent each and production numbers are limited !!**

## **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" shorts are ok but no jerseys allowed.

## **Hurling**

Junior hurling league is nearly finished and senior hurling league is about to commence. Thanks to Mr Kennedy for organizing these again this year. Finals hope to be held in St Brendans Park as usual on TUESDAY 27th JUNE at 11.15am- parents are welcome to attend.

## **Write-a-book competition**

Boys from 4th and 6th classes took part this year in this project run by Laois Education centre. Each boy had to plan, design , write , edit and complete a book for entry. The standard is always high but the real winners are each and every boy that writes his own book. The awards ceremony are this THURSDAY 15th june in Heritage hotel in Portlaoise. Merit winners get prize on the night. Congratulations to:

Merit winners- Antonio Anspoks (4th) and Ciaran Abbott (6th)

Highly commended- Eoin Hoare/ Dylan Guilfoyle / Sean McBride / Darragh Tierney / Ben Miller / Damien Delaney / Jack Kirwan / Nanghal Khan / Ben O'Brien

## **Read anytime anywhere**

This programme was organized through Birr Library. 4th and 6th took part and 4th class will collect the certificate of participation on thurs 15th june from librarian Joe. All boys encouraged to take part in this summer reading challenge in the library!!

## **Jersey day—June 2017**

Thanks to all for your donations to Jersey day last Friday. The total raised was €177.05 A cheque for €100 was sent to Faithful Fields GAA through Cumann na mbunscoil with €77.05 being donated to the Birr U14 Feile team fund.

## First Responders—CPR course 2017



We were delighted to link up with Birr responders again this year to upskill in the area of CPR and First Aid. The staff of the school did after-school sessions with David McEvoy and all agreed that it was an excellent course to do and a great skill to have in life. David then organized Ross and Christina to do a day course with our 6th class pupils and their parents. The boys really got stuck and we were delighted to have so many parents attend. Thanks to Ms. Treacy, Rose Harte and Carambola for the tea and sandwiches. Sincere thanks to Birr Responder group for being so generous with their time and expertise. David McEvoy pledged to try train 1000 people this year and I believe our school brought him near 700 so that's fantastic going to all concerned. Mile buiochas to the Birr Responder group from all at St Brendans PS.

