

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Summer 2018



End of year school mass

End of year mass 2018 - and was so lovely to get outside - fantastic singing and prayer to celebrate the theme of "family" this year - lovely artwork on display from our boys and creative staff - thanks to all the parents and family members who came to join us .

Presentations made at today's mass to Fr David Carroll from the staff / parents association and board of management of our school. Fr David was thanked for his sincerity , kindness , support of school through tough times over the year and above all : friendship to all of our school community . Dylan also presented him with a canvas art work of his name With fingerprints supplied in colour by each pupil in the school. We wish you well in your new parish back home in the banner□

6th class graduation took place Monday evening as the boys took part in the annual hero project / each boy spoke for 1-2 minutes about his hero (famous) and how he was inspired by them - the large crowd of friends and family heard a variety of inspirational speeches about heroes ranging from Ronaldo to Liam neeson , Stevie g to a marshmallow man □

The boys enjoyed their annual slideshow of memories from the year and mr Crofton thanked all for their support in the journey over the past 8 years and encouraged each boy to always do his best and try to reach your dream.

Important dates

School close for summer holidays—Thursday 28th June at 12.30pm

School reopens : Friday 31st August 2018at 9.20am

End of year tradition for our fantastic 6th class - they took on the school staff (plus a few supporters!) in the annual soccer match in glorious sunshine - staff took the lead with a deadly finish from the lively Mr Carroll - the pupils huffed and puffed and eventually equalized with a goalmouth scramble finish claimed by Adam - this set up a frantic final few minutes where both sides had chances before Steven Dillon fired a free kick goal bound - it took a wicked deflection to end up in the bottom corner totally deceiving the excellent staff keeper! - final whistle elation for the boys and the staff losing streak continues ☹

End of year awards and medals for competitions 2017/ 2018

End of year awards (2018) ceremony is always a special occasion at our school - hurling leagues / sports days / tech week and individual awards were presented - we have a number of awards cups and trophies for sporting and academic achievements

: Kenneth fox / Aidan rosney / Derek Maher / Brian Mcmanus / Brother finian / Johnny Cleary . These hold a special place in our hearts and we are delighted to welcome members of these families to school to present these awards.

This year we created a new award - the Tommy K infant achiever award and were so happy to have Lisa Kelly and little Darragh there to present the trophy for the 1st time.

Congrats to all this years winners 👉

- The Brother Finian Cup for the 6th class long race was won by Ricky Hanlon
- The McManus Cup (Special Achievement Award) was won by Aaron Kirwan
- The Derek Maher Trophy (Student of the year) was won by Conor lally Greijmans
- The Aidan Rosney Cup (Snr Hurler of the year) was won Adam Duffy
- The Kenneth Fox cup (Winning Capt of Senior Hurling league) was won by Ricky Hanlon
- The St.Brendans Cup (Winning Capt.Of Junior Hurling League) was won by James Carroll
- The Junior Hurler of the year went to Robert Landy
- The Johnny Cleary Cup(Most Improved Hurler) was won by Oisin Digan Sullivan
- Tommy K Infant Achievement Award was won by Jack Gleeson

Visit of special Olympic medal winners

Delighted to welcome 4 of our special Olympic medal winners - all local - lovely to see 2 past pupils in Martin Carroll and mark Sadler coming to tell the boys all about their competitions and training - Karen Breslin spoke with them about the great achievement and they got a great reception from the boys ☺

School end of year reports

Reports have been given to all boys to take home. Boys who are absent / holidays will be posted home. If for some reason , you did not get a report home, please contact the school to arrange for a copy to be sent. Copies of 6th class reports automatically get forwarded to second level school where they enrol. Also included in the report was the school calendar for next year and the class teachers for September 2018.

" Read Anything, Anytime, Anywhere"

The boys from first - sixth class took part in the " Read Anything, Anytime, Anywhere" project in conjunction with Birr Library. The boys combined reading total was an amazing **29,100 minutes** contributing to the Offaly wide total of 2,032,440 minutes. The boys hard work paid off and St. Brendan's P.S. have been named as one of only 2 schools in Offaly to win an overall prize. We have won a **Full Day Lego Workshop with Learnit**. The workshop will take place in the school during the next academic year and all classes will have the opportunity the take part and construct Lego creations. Well done boys.

Write -a- Book Project

Boys from 5th and 6th class took part in the Write- a -Book Project this year. Our two overall winners of Merit were Conor Greijmans (6th) and Dylan Guilfoyle (5th). The following boys were highly commended : Kealan Franks, Steven Dillon, Matthew Donoghue, William Parsons, Séan Flanagan, Alex Delaney, Evan Brady, Dan Harte, Noah Richardson, Adriano Szoma. Well done to all who took part.

Parents Association

Congratulations to all the boys who made their Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. Thanks to their teachers for preparing the boys for their masses. The Parents association on behalf of 2nd and 6th class parents presented gifts to Ms. Teehan, Ms. Kirwan and Mr. Cunningham. Many thanks to Supervalu Birr for facilitating our bag packing day on May 18th, and a big thank you to the mums and grannies who lent us a hand on the day, it was very much appreciated. Our annual Cake Sale was held on May 31st, it was a great success. Thanks to all who helped out on the day and to all the parents who donated cakes. Many thanks to Catherine Abbott, we are losing Catherine from the Parents Association this year, thank you for all your help and hard work over the years. And finally on behalf of all the boys and their parents a presentation was made to Fr. David, we would like to thank Fr. David and wish him every success in his new parish.

Junior Hurling

Junior classes hurling league presented awards today - Eoghan Cahill Came in to present them which the boys loved - winning teams got medals and Eoghan Cahill signed sliotars for the most improved players in each class - thanks to ms Ryan / ms Pilkington and ms Hynes for running such a lovely comp for our junior classes - hope the boys keep hurling this summer with club and cul camps 🍀

Also the 6th class boys who played on school team produced our annual hurling Gaa booklet - GAA in our DNA - on sale at 50 cent tomorr with all proceeds to buys sliotars and hurls fir the school next year - thanks for all support 🍀

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Sincere thanks to all who helped out in our school over the past year, especially to our Board of Management under Chairperson Mr. Pat Teehan, our talented and enthusiastic teaching staff, our kind and wonderful SNA's, our Chaplin Fr.Reddin and our Parents Association under Mrs.Sara Gleeson. We also wish Ms Teehan well in her travels across the globe next year and look forward to her return in 2019. Also thanks to Mairead , Sam and Dani from our School Completion Programme, the volunteers from Home-school who come in for fruit scheme and math/reading/ Science programmes. Thanks to our secretary Rachel Keogh, our Caretaker Mick Hansbury for all their work during the year and also to our cleaning staff, Ruth and Claire for keeping our school looking so well. Special word of thanks from all involved in St. Brendans PS to Ms.Richelle Treacy for all her work over the past year in her role as Home-School-Community-Liaison teacher. For more information and photos check LATEST NEWS on our school website

[Www.stbrendansps,.ie](http://www.stbrendansps.ie)

Finally a photo CHALLENGE for you all.

" Dear Brendan"

Write or Send us a Letter / postcard / email with

photo telling us about what you do this summer from Kerry to Disneyland-Athlone to Poland, Lough Boora to Lough Derg...Birr swimming pool, Hurling blitzes, soccer camps, sleepovers with friends ,, the list goes on..Address : St. Brendans PS ,Moorpark st, Birr.

Principal"stbrendansps.ie

This is a summer HOLIDAY activity and must be completed and in our postbox before Thursday 31st August. Would be great writing and reading activity and we will display in September.

Have a lovely summer and best wishes,

Niall Crofton, Principal.