

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Summer 2019



End of year school mass

End of year mass 2019 - and we were outside again for the 2nd year in a row! - fantastic singing and prayer to celebrate the theme of "Being Thankful" 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 and for Fr Michael who celebrated the mass for us

Presentations made at today's mass to Mrs Mary Roddy on her retirement after 19 years at St Brendans PS from the parents association and board of management of our school. Mrs Roddy was thanked for her fantastic service to the pupils of this school firstly as school secretary and then as SNA. Mr Crofton complimented her caring and compassionate nature along with her professionalism and pride in her work supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs. The mass concluded with Mrs Roddy thanking the school , parents and pupils and how she enjoyed her time at the school. She was then presented with the words of her special song " Mrs Roddy you're the best" and this was sung by the whole school for her. We wish her many years of health and happiness in her retirement and will welcome her back warmly to future events.

Important dates

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

School reopens : Thursday 28th August 2019 at 9.20am

End of year tradition for our fantastic 6th class - they took on the school staff in the annual soccer match in glorious sunshine - staff took a two goal lead and the boys looked in trouble. They took a goal back and then conceded another. The staff led 3-2. A wonder-goal from Brad McEyoy could not save the boys as experience and class shone through (with great goalkeeping from Dean in 5th class to help!) and the losing streak was ended !! Thanks to all supporters and to our fab referee on the day Mr Adam Fitzgerald.

End of year awards and medals for competitions 2018-2019

End of year awards (2019) 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 / Tommy K. These hold a special place in our hearts and we are delighted to welcome members of these families to school to present these awards.

Congrats to all this years winners 🍀

- The Brother Finian Cup for the 6th class long race was won by Kayode Agboola
- The McManus Cup (Special Achievement Award) was won by Stephen Nolan
- The Derek Maher Trophy (Student of the year) was won by Evan Brady
- The Aidan Rosney Cup (Snr Hurler of the year) was won Oisín Digan Sullivan
- The Kenneth Fox cup (Winning Capt of Senior Hurling league) was won by Brad McEvoy
- The St.Brendans Cup (Winning Capt.Of Junior Hurling League) was won by Barry Bennett
- The Junior Hurler of the year went to Barry Bennett
- The Johnny Cleary Cup(Most Improved Hurler) was won by Kayode Agboola
- Tommy K Infant Achievement Award was won by Alex Nettleship
- Spelling Bee Champion—Eoin Hoare

6th class graduation took place Tuesday 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 James Dean (Drifter) to JK Rowling , Brian Whelehan to Seamie Callanan 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. Mr Crofton also thanked the parents sincerely for placing their trust in the school and staff to provide the best holistic education for their boys. The evening concluded with the boys being presented Graduation caps by the PA and singing "The Voyage of St Brendans" with Mr McArdle. Thanks to Mr Cunningham in preparing the boys and for all his work in guiding 6th class

Parents Association

Congratulations to all the boys who made their Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. Many thanks to Ms.Ward and Mr.Cunningham for preparing the boys so well for the masses. Both teachers were presented with a gift on behalf of the boys from the parents association. On June 20th we held our annual Cake/Sale Coffee morning, we had a great day in the hall and were sold out of all our lovely home baking in record time. Thanks to all who helped out on the day and to all the parents who baked for the cake sale. A special thanks to the choir from junior and senior infants for all lovely singing and entertaining us so well on the day! On behalf of all the boys and their parents a presentation was made to Ms.Treacy, we thank her for all her hard work as our HSCL and wish her well as she returns to the classroom in September. We also made a presentation to Mrs.Roddy, we thank her for her hard work and commitment over the years, she will be greatly missed in St.Brendans. We wish Mrs.Roddy every health and happiness in her retirement.

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 2019.

Edmund Rice Awards 2019

This year 5th class with Ms Pilkington took part in the awards. These awards keep alive our ties and tradition with the Presentation Brothers who founded our school in 1878. The boys researched the life of Edmund Rice and the history and developments of our school. They also completed Buddy reading with Junior and senior infants and went singing to Elm Grove Nursing home with Ms. Killeen. Aisling from Pres Ministry in Cork and Brother Walter from Tullamore Road came in to view the presentation and present the awards. They complimented the boys on their reading and study skills and for their knowledge and passion about helping other just like Edmund did. We hope that some of these boys will travel to Killarney to meet up with the other schools next year also.



HSCL

The final newsletter report from HSCL for this year and its only fitting that we thank Ms Richelle Treacy for all her work in the post over the past 5 years. The new HSCL teacher is Ms Ann Hennelly and we wish her well in the job starting September. Ms Treacy did so many wonderful events and projects in the job supporting both pupils, staff and families but was primarily such a support for the parents of both schools. She has left a lasting impression on all who worked with her at this school and we wish her well as she returns to 5th class in Mercy Primary. The PA made a presentation to her after mass on Friday to thank her for all that she did as HSCL teacher.



Mile Buiochas

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. Also thanks to Mairead 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.

For more information and photos check LATEST NEWS on our school website Www.stbrendansps.ie

Niall Crofton