

School Completion Programme

Another school year has passed! Time is flying so quickly. In what seems to be a blink of an eye junior infants became 6th class boys. It only seems a short time ago when I was playing games like grumpy frog and change three things, and talking about feelings during the junior infants' class socialisation group with the boys who attended this year's transfer programme with SCP and Rachel from Offaly Local Development Company. SCP would like to take this opportunity to thank Rachel for her support and to wish all the 6th class boys the best in their new school....go follow your dreams guys!

Ms Yvonne Ryan's year's junior infants' class were quick to pick up the class socialisation games. The socialisation programme took place on Wednesdays during term one and term two. This programme continues to be fun and introduces many skills such as listening, turn-taking and following instructions along with learning all about our emotions. A big thank you to Ms Egan and Ms Maher for co-facilitating this programme with me.

The LifeSkills programme was delivered to fourth class and fifth class. This programme deals with many relevant issues such as smoking, self-esteem, assertiveness, communication, decision making and advertising. We are delighted with how well the two classes engaged with the programme and look forward to delivering it to next year's fourth class.

Throughout the year we have met with students on an individual basis and offered supports where requested. These sessions promoted self-esteem, preparation for the future and worked with the pupil around any issue they requested support with.

We were delighted to welcome Laura Lanigan as the new Project Worker to the SCP team. Laura co-facilitated groups and worked with pupils on an individual programmes. We wish Laura well in her new role.

SCP would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Niall Crofton, Ms Anne Hennelly and all of St. Brendan's Boys' School staff for their co-operation and support throughout the year. We also wish you, your family and everyone connected with the school a very happy and safe summer.

Looking forward to the next school year. Mairead

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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 reliable and caring Bus escorts, our school Chaplain Fr. Anthony and our Parents Association under Mrs. Karen Mooney. Also thanks to Mairead and Laura from our School Completion Programme, and Ann from HSCL. Thanks to our amazing secretary Sara O'Meara, our wonderful Caretaker Mick Hansbury for all their work during the year and also to our cleaning staff, Claire and Lorraine for keeping our school looking so well and so safe with extra COVID cleaning. Thanks to our amazing lunch ladies Edel, Bernie, Lisa and Liz for preparing such delicious hot meals each day for the boys and the school food company who are our catering partners.

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

I wish all of our school community (Boys, staff and families) a safe and happy summer break and we look forward to our return in August.

Niall Crofton Principal teacher

St. Brendan's Boys P.S. **Summer 2022**



End of year school mass celebration:

We held a lovely end of school year mass outside on the front grass last Thursday. Fr Anthony came to school to celebrate the mass with our boys and a huge crowd of parents and family members. The theme of the mass was "Joy" and it was lovely to be able to gather as a school community together for the first time in 3 years and celebrate the joy that the boys bring to our lives. Thanks to all who were involved in the service especially Majella and her wonderful choir with music who brought joy to our hearts.

Important dates:

School close for summer hols—Tues 28th June-12.15/12.30pm

School reopens : Tuesday 30th August 2022

School Summer Programme— Starts Monday 8th August

School Literacy and numeracy summer camp—Starts Monday 22nd August 2022

GAA cul camp:

Offaly Coaching & Games are delighted to have available the return of our Cúl Camps for 2022, this is a fun action-packed week where children aged 6 - 13 play GAA games with qualified coaches. gaa.ie/kelloggsulcamps - Birr is 25th -29th July

Lisa Hogan—Gravity Dance camps @ St Brendan's PS

11th -15th July and 25th -29th July—Please contact Lisa for booking.

End of year awards 2021/2022

End of year awards are 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 always delighted to welcome members of these families to school to present these awards.

We are delighted to have awarded the following—

Congrats to all this years winners ☐

- The Brother Finian Cup for the 6th class long race was won by Campbell Naughton
- The McManus Cup (Special Achievement Award) was won by Billy Hoare
- The Derek Maher Trophy (Student of the year) was won by Shane Dillon
- Tommy K Infant Achievement Award was won by Sam McIntyre

6th class graduation—Hero Public Speaking Project

This took place last Wednesday 22nd June in the school hall 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 heard a variety of inspirational speeches about heroes ranging from YOUTUBERS to Eoghan Cahill , Dwain the Rock Johnson and Lionel Messi ! The parents had a cup of tea at interval and the boys enjoyed their customary slide show movie of their 6th class highlights created by Mr Crofton.

Ms Grace spoke and outlined how the boys had been an such a kind and considerate group who had displayed such energy in all they did over the past year. 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 singing a graduation song. They were presented Graduation hoodies the next day(Class of 2022) by the PA .Thanks to Ms Grace , Ms Kirwan, Ms Ryan , Ms Corcoran and Mr Cunningham in preparing the boys and for the parents and school staff with supporting with their attendance.

HSCL summer message

At this time of the year it is important to acknowledge the support of all of the parents of St Brendan's P.S. I would like to thank each and every parent for your support and involvement in St Brendan's P.S over the past year. As a school we are constantly striving to improve and develop. We are fortunate to have a wonderfully supportive parent body. Your support and generosity has such a positive impact upon the school and in particular upon the children's experience at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the 6th Class pupils all the best and every good wish as they transfer to their respective Secondary Schools.

I hope everyone enjoys a very happy and healthy summer break. Bíodh samhradh taitheamhach agus sláintiúil, agus go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir as ucht chuile rud í mbliana.

Ann Hennelly HSCL Annual 6th class v staff soccer match- Delighted to have the return of this match for 2022 and the sun shone with a big crowd out as the 6th class boys took on the staff team. Needless to say it was competitive with some great displays from the boys, dodgy goalkeeping from the staff and some questionable refereeing decisions at the end. The boys took the honours winning 4-3 ! . Full report and photos on our FB page as with all school activities and events.

