

Amber flag committee

The Amber flag committee celebrated their year long programme success with the FLAG award by heading out for lunch this week(Nice for these boys to get a treat after looking after the whole schools wellness all year)

- well done to the boys on the committee for their hard work this year and to the staff supporting them—
- Ms Pilkington / Ms Collins and Ms Corcoran



Match Report - Staff v 6th class soccer

The school staff soccer team had a great win today over 6th class boys in a hard fought match up on the top field this afternoon- 6th class went into the match as favourites with many staff picking up “ injuries “ in the past week - indeed they took the lead with a glorious strike into the top corner by Ryan Legace ! - 2-1 : Halftime

Second half was finely balanced with the boys having some half chances and the staff team getting the equaliser - Then Mr Kennedy produced the moment of magic to score a goal from near halfway! Staff leading 3-2 .

The boys huffed and puffed but just couldn't score past the determined (and brave !) Mr Carroll between the sticks - Great team work from the staff team with Ms Makim getting a yellow card also ! Final whistle blew - Staff win !

Thanks to all who supported and special thanks to Paul Gleeson (Birr town coach) for doing a great job as referee Thanks to all the staff (and guest players) who make the effort this year to play 6th (and supervise the supporters) and provide the boys with yet another lovely happy memory of their final year in Primary school -

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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 Chaplin Fr. Anthony and our Parents Association under Ms Shona Canham. Also thanks to Mairead, Dani and Rachel from our School Completion Programme, and Ann from HSCL. Thanks to our amazing secretary Ms Ita Morris, 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. Thanks to our amazing lunch ladies Natasha, 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 2023**



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 “ Happiness” and it was lovely to be able to gather as a school community together outside in the cool shade of the trees and celebrate the happiness 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 happiness to our hearts.

Important dates

School close for summer hols—Wed28th June-12.20/12.30pm

School reopens : Thursday 31st August 2023

School Summer Programme— Starts Tuesday 8th August

School Literacy and numeracy summer camp—Starts Monday 21st August 2023

GAA cul camp / Dance summer camp at St Brendan's PS

Offaly Coaching & Games are delighted to have available the return of our Cúl Camps for 2023, this is a fun action-packed week where children aged 6 – 13 play GAA games with qualified coaches. gaa.ie/kelloggsculcamps - Birr is 31st July to 4th August

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

17th-21st July and 24th -28th July—Please contact Lisa for booking.

End of year awards 2022/2023

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 -6th class long race was won by Yi Xuan Yang

The McManus Cup(Special Achievement Award) won by Kyrlyo Putintsev

The Derek Maher Trophy (Student of the year) was won by Ben Swanepoel

The Aidan Rosney Cup (Snr Hurler of the year) was won by Ryan Lagace.

The Kenneth Fox cup (Winning Capt of Senior Hurling league) was won by Ryan Lagace.

The St.Brendans Cup (Winning Capt.Of Junior Hurling League) was won by Andrew Plunkett.

The Junior Hurler of the year went to Alex Nettleship.

Johnny Cleary Cup – Most improved hurler award Darragh Hand.

Tommy K Infant Achiever award Cormac Mullins.

6th class graduation—Hero Public Speaking Project

This took place last Monday 26th 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 YOUTUBER Dan TDF to Salah to Barrack Obama , golfer Shane Lowry and the Birr stars- Whelehan brothers ! 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 great class who had such an amazing year with sports / robotics / trips and projects. 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 boys were presented with a graduation certificate and finished off the event with a tin whistle melody and our very own St.Brendans version of History by One Direction. Well done boys, we are all so proud of you

Cumann na mbunscoil medal presentation 2023

Massive thanks to Ben Miller / Darragh Tierney and Ailbe Watkins - past pupils and current Offaly u20 players who returned today to present the panel of 29 their Cumann na Mbunscoil winners medals - The boys spoke well about their memories of primary school matches and the dedication needed to play county and how much they enjoyed this season - Mr Kennedy spoke about the pride he has in the current panel and how he hopes they keep hurling - Coach Aaron praised the boys and encouraged them to keep playing - at the ball wall and club Mr Crofton then spoke about the whole school approach to hurling and thanked staff / coaches and BOM along with Offaly Cumann na Mbunscoil for their great support

Then the boys were called individually to accept their medals and went out to get a group photo -

All 70 boys who played in junior and senior school lunchtime hurling leagues were presented with a free sliotar by the school and then got these signed by Ben / Ailbe and Darragh - 3 lovely young men and great role models .



Lough Boora sponsored walk and cycle.

Great day at lough boora parklands last week as the boys and staff from 3rd - 6th headed out to complete their sponsored walk / cycle - The weather was glorious and the boys enjoyed the sights and lovely paths / cycleways of the parklands - The lads enjoyed a drink and snack at the end before heading back to school by bus . Thanks to all the parents and families for their support.

