



## St. John of God G.N.S. May Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are all probably aware by now, the school will be celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 1-4 p.m.** The Parents' Association and Teachers have put together a programme of events that will ensure we have a nostalgic and fun day to mark this auspicious occasion! **The celebration is open to all our current and past pupils, their families and friends, and indeed anyone who has had a link with the school over the past 50 years.** Please spread the word so we can ensure lots of reunions and catch ups on the day☺

We are looking for volunteers to help with a **general clean up after school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** to have the place looking its best. Please call 8477193 if you are available.

We are also **looking for volunteers on the day itself to help for just a 30 minute slot.** If you know of anyone willing to give their time, please let us know.

**HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY SJG!!**

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

- ✓ **Woolly Wards Mobile Pet Farm** will be here from 1:30-3:30. The children will be able to pet the animals and ask questions of the farmers.
- ✓ The Artane Band will perform a session at 3p.m.
- ✓ The school choir will also be performing and setting spines a-tingling.
- ✓ 2 Bouncy Castles for toning up the leg muscles☺
- ✓ Dublin City Council are providing large playground games for the children to enjoy. There will also be a specific toddler play area on the day.
- ✓ Face painting and Glamorous Nail Bar
- ✓ D.J.
- ✓ Photo Booth – get your photo taken with your old schoolmate. Paste one pic in the guestbook with a comment and take the other pic home for posterity.
- ✓ Candyfloss, popcorn machine, goody bags and icepops
- ✓ Welcome Table – write your name and the decade you were here on a sticker and let the reunions begin!
- ✓ Free Raffle
- ✓ A Walk Through The Decades – The 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s will be represented through art work, music and playlists, projects, toys from each era and of course, scrapbooks of photos. Are you brave enough?!!!
- ✓ Guided Tours of the school will run every 30 minutes and will offer everyone a chance to walk the halls and classrooms and allow the memories to come flooding back.
- ✓ Tea, coffee, sandwiches and biscuits available for the early comers but be warned...When they're gone, they're definitely gone☺

## TESTING WEEK:

**Testing Week**, during which we administer National Standardised Tests in **English, Gaelige and Maths**, will run in the school from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. It is really important your daughter is in every day on time as some tests will start at 9.00a.m.

## YOGA

**Junior Infants-Sixth** will be starting a **programme of Yoga** over the course of May and June. The children are asked to wear their **tracksuits on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. We think this will be an important routine to build into their lives to promote health and wellbeing and make time to get some peace.

## HSCL Parental Involvement 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class:

Aisling has some lovely craft-based activities in store for parents in May. Najet will be leading a **candle-making** class for parents on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 9-10** followed by teaching **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class how to make their own candles on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-10.30**. We will be **making cards on 17<sup>th</sup> May from 1-2.30** and **Graduation Jewellery on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.30**. Please contact Aisling if you're available for and interested in any of the upcoming classes on **086 0439773**. All welcome.

## Cycle Right Programme:

Our **5<sup>th</sup> class** are taking part in The Cycle Right Programme on **4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May** to develop the children's cycling skills to a road-worthy level.

## Santry Sports

**The Santry Athletics Team will be competing in Morton Stadium on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the sprints and relays categories and training is underway every day with Ms. Carr and Ms. Quigg.**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Recorders:

**3<sup>rd</sup> class** continue their musical collaboration with the **Artane Band** for the month of May, making sweet music and loads of progress on recorder.

## Full Attendance Assembly:

We will be holding our monthly Full Attendance Assembly on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May** to celebrate the girls with full attendance for May and 3 months full attendance.

## Swimming

**Swimming** lessons continue for **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class** on **1st, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May** in Northside Pool.



Our Tag Team impressed in Donnybrook☺

## Tag Rugby

Congrats to our Tag Rugby Ladies who impressed Leinster Rugby so much at the blitz in Donnybrook that they have been invited to participate in the **National Blitz in the Aviva Stadium on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May!** We were the only all-girls team present and had a wonderful day out, testing our skills and racking up the points. Well done girls. Onwards and upwards☺

## First Holy Communion

**2<sup>nd</sup> class** have been busy preparing for their **First Holy Communion** which will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00a.m.** in St. John Vianney Church. The photographer, **Richard Gavin**, will be in the school on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** to take their photos. We will be making special **Communion bracelets** with **2<sup>nd</sup> class** on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

## No Uniform Day:

The Parents' Association will be holding their No Uniform Day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. A donation of €1 per child is requested on the day.

## “Arabian Adventure”

**Junior Infants-2<sup>nd</sup> class** will be enjoying our annual dramatic performance by West Midlands Theatre Company “Arabian Adventure” on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**. This is always a highlight for the children.

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Aoife McNicholas**