



Welcome to our Newsletter for the school year 2008 - 2009 - the 142nd year of our school. The newsletter outlines for you many of the activities and events of the past school year which have given much enjoyment and pleasure to all. We thank all the people who have contributed to it.

**Farewell to the boys of 6<sup>th</sup> Class:** At the end of June we will say farewell to the boys of 6<sup>th</sup> Class and it is with mixed emotions that we see them leave us. Most of the boys have been with us for eight years and during that time they have developed a personal relationship with all of us at the school. We have watched them grow and develop from those tender years when they were in junior infants into fine young adolescents who are now well ready to take on the new challenges of 2<sup>nd</sup> level schools.

During their last school year with us they have contributed much to the life and running of the school and we are very grateful to them for their services. The boys have given us great reason to be proud of them and they leave fond memories with us. A special graduation Mass was celebrated on Tuesday 23rd June where all of them received special plaques (courtesy of the Parents' Association) in honour of their years with us. We wish them well in their new schools.

**New Junior Infants:** On Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August we will welcome our new Junior Infants. It is difficult at this time to visualise 2017 when the boys will leave for their 2<sup>nd</sup> level schools. We hope that their years with us will be happy, enjoyable and rewarding.

**Condolences:** We express our sympathy to Ms. Rachel Moloney (Speech and Drama Teacher) on the recent death of her father. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h'anam.

**Board of Management:** The Board of Management has completed two years of its four year term of office. At this time, we extend a special word of thanks to Ms. Lorraine Murray and Mr. Ted Nealon whose term of office on the Board has expired. Both have given exemplary commitment in voluntary service to our school community. Thank you Lorraine and Ted. The election of their successors will take place following the AGM of the Parents' Association on 28<sup>th</sup> September. We also express our thanks to all the members of our Board who give so much to serve the needs of our community. School management is a complex process which demands wise and consummate skills and we are most grateful to our Church, parents, teachers and community representatives for their voluntary commitment to the management of the life of St. Joseph's. **Members of the Board:** Very Rev. F. McDonnell, Chairperson, Mr. Gerard Whyte, Treasurer, Ms. Carmel Durkan, Secretary, Ms. K. Sweeney, Mr. Sean Kenny, (Ms. Lorraine Murray, Mr. Ted Nealon out-going) and Mr. Matt Hume.



**Parents' Association:** Once again a very special thank you to the Executive Committee for their great work on behalf of the school. The work of the Executive Committee begins in early September and runs to late June. St. Joseph's School would be much diminished without their wonderful work.

This summer Ms. Lorraine Murray, Mr. Ted Nealon, Ms. Liz Bleahene, Ms. Breda Gallagher, Ms. Fidelma Corbett and Ms. Ursula Cleary will resign from the committee. They have given years of outstanding service to our school community and we are most grateful to them. Thank You!

We welcome our new officers under the leadership of President Ms. Julie Ling. The officers and executive committee members make a huge commitment out of personal and family time in support of so many activities which they organise during the course of the school year and the teachers would like to thank the executive for organising the purchase of much needed PE and classroom equipment which is much appreciated. The executive also sponsored our very successful art competition for which we are most grateful.

We also say thank-you to all our parents who contribute so generously to the maintenance and upkeep of the school. The tangible response by parents to our school appeals and functions is a great source of support and strength to us all.

**Insurance:** The Board of Management is concerned in relation to its duty of care to the large number of pupils who come into the school premises before the official starting time of 8.50 a.m. The school insurance applies to pupils within school hours and during teacher supervised activities outside of school hours. **The Board cannot accept responsibility for pupils arriving before 8.50 a.m. A similar situation arises in relation to caring for pupils after school hours. The Board does not accept responsibility for pupils who await collection after 2.30 p.m.**

**Personal Accident Insurance:** The Board of Management is requesting all parents to subscribe to the Personal Accident Insurance Scheme. Details of the scheme are outlined below at a cost of €6.00. This premium has been included in the children's book-list.

**Operative Time:** 24 HOUR COVER i.e. while participating in school related activities, including travel to and from such activities and also in the course of social and leisure activities outside school hours, to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

**Schedule of Benefit:**

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| 1. Death by accident  | €30,000  |
| 2. Permanent total loss of sight of one eye or one limb.                                  | €100,000 |
| 3. Permanent total loss of both eyes or use of both limbs or permanent total disablement. | €150,000 |
| 4. Total or irrecoverable loss of hearing in one ear.                                     | €30,000  |
| 5. Total or irrecoverable loss of hearing in both ears.                                   | €100,000 |
| 6. Medical and/or dental expenses not recoverable from any other source.                  | €30,000  |

The insurance shall not apply in respect of any claim arising out of a pre-existing physical defect, infirmity or medical condition. There are other excluded activities in relation to intoxication and pupils' employment other than school work experience programmes.

**Traffic Arrangements:** Once again parents are reminded of the importance of observing the following traffic arrangements:

- (i) Parents are requested not to drive to the school building entrance i.e. the area inside the yellow barrier and between the church and the school building
- (ii) The Church gates at the Rathfarnham Road entrance are closed each morning at 8.00 a.m. (with the exception of wet mornings when children are not out in the yard).
- (iii) The gates at the church railings are permanently closed.
- (iv) Gates at Beechlawn Way (off Rathfarnham Road) are locked from 8.00 a. m. to 2.15 p.m. each day.
- (v) Cars are not allowed into the main church-yard when collecting children at 1.30 p.m. The car-park from Terenure Road East is open from 1.00 p.m. each day and should be used.
- (vi) The gates at Beechlawn Way are open at 2.15 p.m. Access to main church yard will be from Beechlawn Way only. ***Traffic may only enter or leave the main church yard from Beechlawn Way.***



**School Attendance and the Education Welfare Act 2000:** Parents are advised of the following requirements regarding school attendance under the Education Welfare Act. Section 21 of the Act obliges the Principal of the school to maintain a record of:

- (i) ***all pupil absences for each school year and***
- (ii) ***the reasons for each absence.***

The school Principal is obliged to notify the school's Education Welfare Officer when a pupil is absent for twenty or more school days and when a pupil is not attending school regularly. In order to implement these requirements the Board of Management has decided that when a pupil returns to school following absence, the class teacher should be informed in writing of the reasons for the absence. The school is obliged to keep the written records which may be inspected by the school's Education Welfare Officer.

**School Uniform:** Thank you to all parents for your co-operation in implementing the school policy on school uniform. It is still important to remind some of our pupils that they are requested to wear a plain white tee-shirt - logo free - with their track-suit on PE days. It is important for the boys to have an identity mark on items of clothing such as tracksuit top and bottom, sweater, tie and coat. Items of clothing continue to accumulate in the school lost property.

**Mobile Phones:** Children with mobile phones must have them switched off during school hours. Mobile phones with photographic or recording capability may not be used in any way which will offend the privacy of any school individual and/or be damaging to the reputation of the school.

**Dogs:** Parents are advised that dogs should not be taken into the school premises. It is not our intention to be unfriendly to our canine friends but the Board of Management is concerned that an accident could arise if a dog became upset or stressed for any reason while in the school or classroom.

### ***News from the Parents Association***

*As the summer holidays are now upon us, on behalf of the Committee of the Parents' Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your support throughout the past year.*

*Our Cake Sale which took place on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Hall was a huge success. Thank you to all bakers and buyers for their contribution and a special word of thanks to the boys who were our best customers. It was a really sociable and fun event, raising over €2,600 from the sale of cakes and the ever popular raffle. With your help, we plan to have another cake sale in December.*

*Despite the tough economic climate we have had a fantastic response to all of our requests for support and our ventures both fundraising and social have been great successes. This has translated into real benefits for our sons and so far this year your money has funded:*

- *New kit for the junior hurling team*
- *School jackets (in St Joseph's colours and with the logo) for teams and teachers representing the school at sports events - looked fantastic in Croke Park!*

- *New musical instruments*
- *New gym equipment*
- *Art competition prizes*
- *Games, books and equipment purchased by each teacher for their individual classrooms*
- *Contributions for events such as sports day, a computer fund and for updating stock for the blazers rental scheme etc.*

*In the autumn the committee plan to produce a school calendar, just in time for the Christmas market! We have some other ideas for next year but as always would welcome any suggestions or comments from you regarding how we could improve things. As usual, you can contact us via at [parents@stjosephsterenure.ie](mailto:parents@stjosephsterenure.ie) or via any member of the committee.*

*It was agreed at our AGM last September that the constitution of the Parent's Association needed to be amended. A copy of the original constitution and copies of the proposed amendments are available for you to look at either on the Parents page of the school website or hard copies are available from the school office. We would be grateful if you could take a look at this and if possible feedback comments before the next AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009.*

*I would like to thank all of those parents who have served on the committee this year, particularly those who are now leaving, some having served for several years. Their hard work has been much appreciated and they will be really missed. I hope that some of you will consider joining us on the committee next year and look forward to seeing you at the AGM in September. In the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to your continued support next year.*

***Julie Ling, President, Parents Association***

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

***Confirmation and First Holy Communion:*** Congratulations to the boys from 6<sup>th</sup> Class who were confirmed by Bishop Fiachra Ó Ceallaigh on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and also the boys of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. These were very special occasions for the boys and their families. The boys looked really well in their blazers and we thank the Parents' Association for organising the blazer rental scheme again this year.

**Charities:** The Society of St. Vincent De Paul has extended a special word of thanks to all the children and their parents for the wonderful gifts that were presented at Toy Sunday. The toys brought great joy to many families and children in need.

There was also a huge response to our shoe-box appeal in aid of Operation Christmas Child and €2,977.08 was raised in response to our annual Lenten Trocaire Campaign.

Our World Book Day "colours day" raised €315.00 which we donated to Mark Jones (a past pupil) in aid of the "Wells or Zoe" - a charity to help provide drinking water in Malawi.

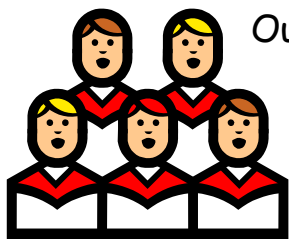
On 19<sup>th</sup> November the boys raised over €1,000 for the Linda Community in Zambia in a "colours day" and yard run. The school at Linda provides education for 1,128 children and the most pressing need of the school community is to provide food for children along with essential school requisites such as pencils, books and pens.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December Danny O'Reilly and the Coronas put on a concert in aid of the Billy Riordan Memorial Trust in Malawi where Mr. Reale previously worked.



**Choir & Musical Events:** Our school choirs, directed by Ms. Maher, were once again proud to use their talents to add to the celebrations of the opening and closing of the school year. All of the boys in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes got a chance to be part of the choirs for Confirmation and Communion. Plenty of training, practice and hard work ensured that the lungs and vocal chords were in fine fettle for all choir performances this year.

In December, the Junior and Senior choirs helped ring in Christmas in splendid fashion at the Toy Sunday Mass. Recorder players, under the expert tutelage of Ms. O'Riordan, and Ms. McCabe's tin whistlers also enhanced the singing. Lively percussion on the xylophones and bells rounded off the musical experience.



Our biggest outing each year is to Córfhéile na Scoileanna. Ms. Maher's Junior and Senior Choirs, Ms. O'Riordan's Recorder Ensemble and Ms. McCabe's huge 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class Trad Band journeyed to the National Basketball Arena in March. All involved played and sang with great musical talent and gusto and rocked the audience. They gained high praise from judges and audience. The programme ranged from popular to traditional to jazz. This

year, the senior choir also represented the school, and gained high praise, in the Wesley Feis with a tuneful and affecting rendition of the very old Irish song, Fill a Rún Ó. Many other **musical events** in the past school year provided great enjoyment for all involved. 5th Class travelled to the National Concert Hall to hear the National Concert Orchestra play a thrilling concert - they also sang with the orchestra.

The boys of 3<sup>rd</sup> Class were lucky to participate in a bodhrán - playing workshop. For the 4th year running, the students of St. Augustine's School in Blackrock travelled all the way to Terenure on the bus to give a concert and teach our boys the basics of beating the Irish rhythms. Some of the teachers had a go, only to find out that it is even harder than it looks!!

Infant classes went on a drumming tour around the world with Solomon and Ian from Walton's. Second Class and Fourth Class produced many dramatic scenarios to music in their workshop, also led by Walton's staff.

The musical year is brought to a close for 6<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> classes with an African Drumming session.

St. Joseph's has had choirs for almost 30 years. Sadly, because of budget cutbacks we can no longer have the luxury of a teacher dedicated to music and maths. This year's choirs are the last Junior and Senior Choirs for the foreseeable future. Over the years I have enjoyed watching the participants growing and improving musically. It has always been a thrill to conduct the finished "product" and see the joy that it brings to both audience and performer. Congratulations to all the choristers for fulfilling such an important role and for sharing the happiness that music gives. Needless to say, with so many musicians on staff, we will continue to strive for a high level of musical achievement in the school.

**Art:** Thanks to all of the boys and their teachers who worked so hard to make the art competition such a huge success. As many of you will have seen from the art work displayed in the corridor, standards were very high and judging was a hugely difficult process. Congratulations to all participants, and in particular to the winners as follows:

<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
Conor Delaney	Niall Fitzgibbon	Kailum Davis
Ross Gaynor	Evan Smith	Ethan Lennon
Hugh Stafford-Langan	Luke Ryan	Alex McQuillan
Ruairi Hogan	Andrew Kelly	Diarmuid Green

Patrick Courtney	Alex Lyons	Ryan O'Brien
Daragh McLoughlin	Matthew McGetrick	Eoin O'Doherty
Michael Carey	Fionn Cooke	Oisín Hogan
Max O'Neill	Cathal Green	Clark Ryan
Michael Coghlan Black	Tom Muldoon	Colm Byrne
Ben Flynn	Dylan Kinsella	Sean Sullivan
Richard Keogh	Sam Malone	Adam Carroll-Campbell
Daragh Phelan	Jonathan Burke	Nikolai Leake
Valeriu Sologar	Nicu Boian	Robert Byrne
Jack Boyden	Daniel Knocker	Aaron Devine-Moran
Oisín Kavanagh	Sean Lowney	Luke Boland
Kevin Moran	Conor O'Neill	Anees Niazi

**Green News:** Most of the emphasis this year has been on green-home. The areas covered were **waste** and **energy**. Because much of the work had to be done at home, it was often difficult to get feedback. We hope this will work better next year.



'Walk to school Week' in May was a great success. We've been recording travel trends over the years but on May 20<sup>th</sup> we surpassed all previous records when 79% of the boys waked or cycled to school. Ms. Larmer's Senior Infants were this year's 'Wonder Walkers'. Well done to all concerned.

In June we had 'Cycle to School Week' for the senior classes who participated in safe cycling classes run by Dublin City Council. A special thanks to the committee members as follows: Gavin Coyle, Jack O'Kelly, Liam O'Shea, Max Ebbs, Ciarán Nagle, Fionn Cooke, Jack O'Shea, Daniel Grogan, Ben Doyle, Ben Flynn, Paul Cotter, Ronan O'Keefe, Nikolai Leake, Graeme Carroll, Michael Varley, Jonathan Carey, Aaron Devine-Moran, Daniel Knocker, Morgan Coyne, Liam Laird, David Moran, Cian O'Raw, Harry Griffin, Hubert Barry.

**ICT:** We express our gratitude to Mr. Declan Donnelly our ICT Co-ordinator for his wonderful work in the area of ICT at the school. Declan updates our website, attends to all ICT maintenance and upgrades whilst also attending to staff ICT developmental needs. Declan makes a huge contribution out of his personal and family time to the development of the school. Thank you Declan.

**Accelerated Reader** is being introduced to all classes from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in September. Using this system each child is tested to find his reading level and reading age. Each pupil is then recommended a selection of appropriate books to match his reading level. He will have access to a website that will



monitor his reading progress, offer quizzes based on the books he has read and offer incentives to motivate further reading. Certain aspects of this facility may be accessed from home. The aim is to inspire a love of reading in all pupils, develop self-directed readers and encourage reluctant readers. We have also introduced a computerised checking system for the library within each class. Each boy will have his own library card, facility to write book reviews and a record of borrowing history. We would like to thank all those who responded to our request for donations of books. Each book is being labelled and distributed to appropriate classrooms.

**Quiz Teams:** Well done to our school teams who took part in the Rathfarnham Credit Union Quiz in January. Our junior team (Conor Evans, Sam O'Leary, Brian Moran and Ciarán Dunne) came out on top beating off all the local opposition. They then moved on to the South Dublin area final where they gained second place in the All Ireland Final in the RDS against 50 teams from all over the country. Others to represent Joeys were Neil Seery, Sean Conroy, Patrick Griffin, Niall Maher, Ruairí Gallagher, Diarmuid Gallagher, Anees Niazi, Luke Gilligan, Conor Seery, Sean Lowney, Brian Gillespie and Fergal Moran.

**Golf:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May saw the end of the 2008 - 2009 Dublin Junior Schools Golf Programme in the Castle Golf Club. This initiative to encourage school children to play golf was developed and promoted by Hilary Hayden & Co. Chartered Accountants and the Castle Golf Club. St. Joseph's was well represented by Fergal Moran, Kevin Moran, Ben Murray and Cian Croke. Two other up and coming golfers - J. J. O'Shea and Paul Ryan received golf coaching from PGA Golf Professionals. Many thanks to Ms. Lalor and all the parents who helped organize practice sessions and who provided chaperon assistance on the day.

**Speech and Drama:** Well done to all the boys who took part in the Irish Board of Speech and Drama Examinations. Once again the results were outstanding. Congratulations to Ms. Mulhall's and Ms. Rooney's Class who both received first class honours in choral verse speaking. Well done also to our medal winners Rory Keogh, Sean Heeran, Paul Ryan and Dylan McDonald.



The play "A Shopping Experience" featured the boys of 6<sup>th</sup> Class Room 10 in a 45 minute comedy performance that entertained 275 parents recently. Moreover with donations at the door €900 was raised for the charity Smile Train. The Oscars will never again be safe!

Ms. Hogan and Ms. Rooney wish to commend the boys from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Class on their impressive mimes and improvisations in drama classes throughout the year. Congratulations to all our aspiring actors and hope to see you all again next year!

Well done to Alex McQuillan from Ms. Hogan's Senior Infants who won a prize in the Category B of the regional final in the INTO/ESB Handwriting competition 2009.

**Rock Climbing:** The climbers from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class were climbing the walls again this year with Mr. O'Riain in Westwood, Clontarf. We bid farewell to the 6<sup>th</sup> Class climbers who have been with us for the last 3 years. Thanks to Westwood Climbing Club.

**Write a Book 2009:** Congratulations to all the 376 boys who participated in the project. All the boys received a "Write a Book Certificate". The Merit Winner from each class went to the Awards Ceremony on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel in Killiney where they received a gold medal.

**Merit**

**Highly Commended**

Alex McQuillan

Hugh Stafford Langan

Leon Avery

Michael Sologar

Andrew Kelly

Hugo Massey

Matthew Walsh

Joshua Butler

<b>Merit</b>	Ciarán O'Riordan	Nickey Keatinge
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Eoin O'Doherty	Patrick Courtney
	Fiachra Curran	Daniel Scally
	Adam Craig	Padraic Evoy
<b>Merit</b>	Michael Carey	James Byrne
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Michael Noone	Oisín Quinn
	Marcel Latu	Cathal Greene
	Lee Shortt	Cathal Devenney
<b>Merit</b>	Tom Muldoon	Conor Riordan
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Michael Coghlan Black	Cian Coyle
	James Clarke	Conor Gleeson
	Ryan Baker	Andrew Coman
<b>Merit</b>	Dylan McDonald	Darragh Phelan
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Conn O'Riordan	Jack McVeigh
	Hugh Lynch	Mark Tobin
	Sam Keane	Jonathan Burke
<b>Merit</b>	Críofan Morrison	
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Joshua O'Brien	
	Andrew Enright	
	Eoin Gleeson	
<b>Merit</b>	Conor O'Neill	
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Chris O'Neill	
	Daniel Varley	Conor Seery



**Athletics:** In the all too scarce sunshine the St. Joseph's team produced an excellent display of athletics in Section A of Santry this year. They netted three medals - a gold in the 500m with Sean Morrin. He nearly grabbed his second gold but made the silver medal place in the 100m sprint U13 - no small feat considering the opposition. Gregory McDonnell took a bronze in the long jump. All the athletes ran brilliantly in all events, the medal haul is bound to be heading upwards next year!

**Tennis:** Well done to the boys who represented the school in the Leinster Junior Primary Schools Tennis Final. While the second team were narrowly

beaten in their group the first team made it to the play offs pulling out all the stops and making it to the final in Lansdowne Tennis Club on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately they were beaten by the narrowest of margins (1 - 2) by Stackallen. Thanks to all the parents who assisted in lifts and to Ms. Anne Lalor for helping to organize the event.

**Teams:** Fergal Moran, Ben Murray, Sean Quinlan, Kevin Moran, Jake Moore, David Meenaghan, Tadhg Nealon, David Moran, Robert Moran  
Cian Croke, Diarmuid Gallagher, Ruairí Gallagher, Brian Moran, Ciaran Flanagan, Ronan Corbett, Robert Moran.

**Football League:** The Football League for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes ended on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Having been very lucky with the weather, everything went to schedule. The 2<sup>nd</sup> class winners were Galway with Dublin coming second. The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Class winners were Mayo who beat Cork in a very exciting final. We wish to thank the staff of the VEC Grounds for their cooperation, all the teachers and referees and, especially, the boys who provided such quality entertainment over the four weeks.



**Participants:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class Mayo (Winners):** Jonathan Carey, Cian Blackford, Jack Ryan, Thomas McTague, Simon Clear, James Nolan, John Quirke, Jack Gallagher, Conor Kelly.

**Cork:** Robert Moran, Jack Grant, Conor Nolan, Jake Farrell, Barry Corish, Jack Boland, John Maher, Adam Maher, Philip Jordan.

**Dublin:** Sam Malone, Aidan Herlihy, Tom Muldoon, Rory Keogh, Michael Coghlan Black, Ben McAvinue, Robert Power, Nicholas Craig, Hugh Lynch

**Laois:** Peter Heeran, Joseph Cooke, Harry Boyden, Matthew Kelly, James Clarke, Ben Collins, Theo McDonnell, Luke Lennon, Sam Keane.

**Kerry:** Shola Edodo, Colm Byrne, Jack Walsh, Gerard McTague, Gerard Hall, Alex Kelly, Padraic Dooley, Richard Keogh, Dylan McDonald James Hall.

**Armagh:** Ciaran Byrne, Sean Heeran, Andrew Coman, Ben Flynn, Dylan Kensella, Eanna Curran, Sean Evoy, Nikloi Leake, Harry McDonald

**Tyrone:** Jack Gallagher, Liam Hannigan, Sean Sullivan, Andrew McDonnell, Alex O'Toole, Cian Moynagh, Edward Keogh, Fionn Barron, Alister Fitzpatrick

**Galway:** Rossa O'Kane, Ben Doyle, Cian Doyle, Conor Gleeson, Brian Barrett, Daniel Nason, Graeme Carroll, Conor Murphy, Finneas Bolger

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Participants:**

**Galway (Winners):** Sean Flanagan, David Brady, Cathal Devenney, Justin Dirgela, Jack Townsend, Jack Kinsella, Ciaran Nagle, Mark Lysaght, Lee Shortt.

**Dublin:** Evan Byrne, Conor Duffy, David Durkin, Glen Hollywood, Daniel Grogan, Odhran Dixon, Thomas Ruane, James Boyd

**Kerry:** Marcel Latu, Clark Ryan, Cathal Green, Neil Crawford, James O'Brien, Luke Byrne, Mahim Hossain, Thomas O'Rourke, James Byrne

**Tyrone:** Michael Carey, Jack O'Shea, Ross Hand, Finn Quinlan, Conor Neill, Dylan Keogh, Niall Finnegan, Dylan O'Brien

**Cork:** Nathan Guinevan, Oisin Quinn, Finn McCormack, Joseph McKeon, Scott Mansfield, Eoghan Byrne, Michael Noone, Patrick Shields

**Wexford:** Oliver Kelly, Hugh Prendergast, Sean McNamara, Adam Flynn, Aaron Daly, Oisin Hogan, Fionn Cooke, Paul Gleeson

**Senior Football:** Our two senior football teams distinguished themselves during September and October with several fine displays. It was great to have over forty boys representing the school every week. In the Div 1 Corn Kitterick we fielded our strongest team in several years and we started with a narrow victory over Hollypark in the rain when Rian Doyle's late goal decided the issue.



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but were unlucky to come up against equally strong outfits in Kilmacud and Knocklyon losing both games narrowly after two great contests. Our second senior team also enjoyed a great season with three good wins over Ballyroan, St. Pius and Bishop Galvin. A special word of thanks to all the parents who helped us with transport and washing of jerseys. SQUADS: Hugh McVeigh, Aaron Kavanagh, Chris Bennett, Conor O'Sullivan, Conor Seery, Diarmuid Gallagher, Paul Ryan, Ruairí Gallagher, Ciaran Brady, Chris O'Neill, Lorcan O'Dea, Riain Doyle, Jamie Hollywood, Fergal Moran, Aaron O'Reilly, Con Hannigan, Ben Murray, Tadhg Nealon, Sean Morrin, JJ O'Shea, Kevin Moran, Cian Croke, Oisin Kavanagh,

Cian O Raw, Ronan Corbett, Gregory McDonnell, Sean Collins, Morgan Coyne, Ciaran Harrison, Darragh Faughnan, Mark Fahey, Sean Quinlan, Darragh Butler, Sean Lowney, Conor O'Neill, Shane Fallon, Harry Ebbs, Eoin Delaney.

**Junior Football Teams:** As has been the recent format, the junior competition was run on a league basis and was a marvellous success with most of the games ending in a tight finish. We had a good squad and felt we would

give a good account of ourselves in the new campaign. Though we didn't win the competition, we were right in contention for the league honours 'til the very end. It proved an absorbing journey and for this, great credit must be given to the whole squad.

We opened with a game against Johnstown who always proved difficult opponents and this game was no different. They had defeated us last year but this year a couple of crucial saves by Matthew Hegarty, super defending by Jack McVeigh and Ciarán Cahill, super midfield play by Aaron O`Reilly and great scores by David Lynch and James Paterson ensured victory. Our next game was against Knocklyon and despite super displays by David Meenaghan, Conor Doyle and Philip Jordan we were without the guiding of Aaron midfield. Great scores by Dylan McDonald and Conor Murphy, it took a last minute by Seán Conroy to give a draw. The next game against St. Marys was going to be crucial and though we conceded some early scores, with a marvellous display of character and determination, plus great displays by Neil Seery, Neil Bennett, Graeme Carroll and Killian Prendergast we won by five points.

We next defeated Hollypark with one of our best displays. This set us up for a crunch game against Kilmacud. After a great start, playing some textbook football, we conceded a few unfortunate goals. The boys played brilliantly, especially Conor Evans, David Lynch, Aaron O`Reilly and Robert Moran, in the second half, during which we hit the post on three occasions and coupled with some great saves by their goalkeeper, we eventually lost by two points. We won our final game against Ballyroan. Though we had beaten St. Marys, they actually won the league after a play off against Kilmacud. So near and yet so far. However, coming second was a super achievement, especially the manner in which the boys applied themselves and the effort shown. With the talent, dedication, attitude and commitment that these boys have, the future is very bright for Joey's senior team next September.

Throughout the campaign, the B team achieved some notable victories. They won their league and great credit is due to Mr. Reale and Mr. O'Riain for all their dedication. ALL of the boys deserve huge admiration and credit for the way they represented the school. The help from parents and teachers showed the co-operation that exists within the school. With the talent that's in this school. We look forward to September 2009 when once again we`ll set out to try and win our first league trophy.

**Panel:** Seán Conroy, Matthew Hegarty, Cillian Prendergast, Ciarán Flanagan, Ciarán Cahill, Conor Lynch, Jordan O'Connor, Seán Collins, Morgan Coyne, Eoin Gilroy, David Meenaghan, Brian Moran, Shane Murray, Aaron O'Reilly, James Paterson, Neil Seery, Gerard Whelan, Neil Bennett, Gavin Brady, John Burns, Jonathan Carey, David Croke, Conor Doyle, Ciarán Dunne, Jack Gallagher, James Hall, Peter Heeran, Sam Malone, Dylan McDonald, Jake Moore, Conn O'Riordan, John Quirke, Michael Varley, Fionn Barron, Finneas Bolger, Graeme Carroll, Philip Jordan, Edward Keogh, David Lynch, Adam Maher, Jack McVeigh, Robert Moran, Conor Murphy, Seán Heeran, Conor Gleeson, Sam Keane, Richard Keogh, Conor Kelly.

**Junior A Hurlers:** The boys from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Classes tried out in January to become members of the junior hurling squad. It was such a difficult decision that we formed two junior teams. The Junior A Team competed in Corn Oideachais where they won five matches and lost two. This resulted in a semi final match against Schil Mhuire, Marino. This was a bruising encounter with Marino ending up victorious after a great second half comeback from Joey's. Special word of thanks to the parents of the boys for their support and Mrs. Meenaghan for the washing of the jerseys.

**Team:** John Quirke, David Croke, Neil Bennett, Neil Seery, Jake Moore, David Meenaghan, Sean Conroy, Jack McVeigh, James Patterson, Eoin Gilroy, Ciaran Flanagan, Killian Prendergast, Jack Gallagher, Sam O'Leary, James Donovan, Conor Doyle, Gerard Whelan.

**Junior B Hurlers bring home the Cup:** The Corn Uí Neill Junior Hurling Team had a long and very successful season this year. They began their journey to Croke Park back in January with two tough challenge games against St. Pius' and Scoil San Treasa. After this they went on to top their group in the competition beating St. Michael's, St. Pius' and St. Mary's. In their final match they defeated Ballyroan by two points to set themselves up for a semi-final against Scoil Damien in Bushy Park. In a hard fought encounter they held their nerve to pull away and win by three goals and book a place in the final in Croke Park on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

In the final they faced a well prepared Holy Rosary team from Ballycragh. However, saving their best performance of the year until last they were victorious on a score line of 3 - 2 to 1 - 0. A special mention must go to Dylan McDonald who on his last game in a Joey's jersey lifted the Corn Uí

Neill as Captain. This was truly a panel effort and all 23 players showed heart, courage and determination right throughout the season.

**Team:** John Quirke, Robert Moran, Macdara Curran, Simon Clear, Sam Keane, David Lynch, Mogan Coyne, Philip Jordan, Dylan McDonnell, Cillian Ambrose, Patrick Griffin, Adam Maher, Robert Byrne, Mx Drazewski, Conor Lynch, Darren Swaine, Michael Kelly, Edward Keogh, Joseph Cooke, Liam Hannigan, Adam Carroll-Campbell, Jordan Cruise and Johnny Burns.

**Senior Hurlers:** The Senior Hurling Panel began training in the VEC Ground in early January. We played various challenge matches throughout the months of February and March in preparation for the Corn Marino which began in April. In the following weeks we had great wins over St. Brigid's, Ballyroan, Bishop Galvin and Scoil Lorcáin. These results set us up for a semi final in Belgrove in Ringsend. After an extremely hard fought match we emerged on the winning side by a margin of one goal. On 18<sup>th</sup> June we competed against Marino in Croke Park. This was an epic encounter but at the final whistle we came short by the narrowest of margins. Many thanks to all the players for their commitment and parents for their support.

**Panel:** Sean Lowney, Con Hannigan, Conor Seery, Eoin Nagle, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Hugh McVeigh, Chris O'Neill, Chris Bennett, Ciaran Brady, J. J. O'Shea, Tim Gleeson, Kevin McMahan, Riain Doyle, Paul Tonge, Aaron Kavanagh, Luke Gilligan, Darragh Butler, Ciaran Harrison, Lorcan O'Dea, Harry Griffin, Oisín Kavanagh, David Moran.

## SCHOOL SPORTS 2009



On the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> May in balmy temperatures our Annual Sports were enjoyed by all. We would like to congratulate all the boys for participating so enthusiastically. Our thanks to Nick Fanning and his staff in the VEC Grounds for all his help many other school events during the year. Thanks to all who helped make the night such a success.

## *2009 Sports Results*

### *6<sup>th</sup> Standard Relay Final - Mr. O'Flynn & Mr. Hallinan*

<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
Fionn Byrne	Sean Lowney	Aaron Kavanagh
Shane Fallon	Adam Doherty	Kevin McMahon
Conor McLoughlin	Hubert Barry	Harry Ebbs
Eoin Conroy	Brian Gillespie	Oisín Kavanagh
Kevin Moran	Ciaran Harrison	Gregory McDonnell
Louis Gilmartin	Hugh McVeigh	Rory Gallagher
Daniel Varley	Ronan Corbett	Conor Seery
Conor O'Neill	Paul Tonge	Cian O'Raw

### *5<sup>th</sup> Standard Relay Final - Ms. Bleahene/Ms. McCabe/Mr. Ring*

<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
Kilian Prendergast	Ciaran Flanagan	Conor Lynch
Aaron Devine-Moran	Kieran Flannery	Max Drazewsky
Jordan O'Connor	Michael Kelly	Darren Swaine
James O'Donovan	Kevin Keogh	Daniel Knocker
Joshua O'Reilly	Josh O'Brien	Shane Murray
Lorcan Judd	Eoghan Gleeson	Gerard Whelan
Andrew Enright	Sean Collins	Nicu Boian
Aaron O'Reilly	Hamza Masood	Niall Maher

### *6<sup>th</sup> Standard 400m*

<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
Sean Morrin	Lorcan O'Dea	Cian Croke

### *5<sup>th</sup> Standard 400m*

<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
Niall Seery	Mark Fahy	Killian Prendergast

### *Junior Infant Skittle & Ribbon Race Bean Uí Loingsigh/Ms. Harte*

<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
Fintan Dignam	Ashton HigginsBasabas	Cal Dempsey
Niall Fitzgibbon	John Caslin	Adam Hall
Colum O'Connor	Shane Hoban	Brian Courtney
Ethan Lennon	Jack McCormack	Alex Cooke
Ryan O'Hanlon	Cian Reilly	Alex Fulham
Eoghan Roe	Geordan Keane	Cormac Green

**Senior Infants Skittle & Hoop Race - Ms. Hogan/Ms. Larmer**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Ricardo Silva Devlin	James Quinn	Oscar Gilligan
Owen Russell	Daniel Soloveychik	Matthew Downey
Max Laffan	Luke Ryan	Oliver Grant
Joseph Donoghue	Tom McVeigh	Conal Cunningham
Diarmuid Green	Jack Kelliher	Harry McWalters
Sam Feeney	Theo Rouiller	Dean Fahy

**1<sup>st</sup> Standard Assault Course - Ms. Rooney/Ms. Mulhall**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Sean McCormack	Barra Dignam	Dylan Wray
Alex Dempsey	Oscar Coyne	Padraic Evoy
Harry Pender	Nicky Keating	Jack O'Kelly
Liam O'Shea	Darragh McLoughlin	Max Ebbs
Matthew McGetrick	Oisin Lydon	Joseph Keane
Jack Dempsey	Fionn Moynihan	Hugo McDonald

**2<sup>nd</sup> Standard Novelty Ball & Spoon - Ms. Durkan/Mr. Reale**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Michael Carey	Nathan Guinevan	Ciaran Nagle
Marcel Latu	Lee Shortt	Mark Lysaght
Eoghan Byrne	Dylan Keogh	Fionn Cooke
Cathal Greene	Oliver Kelly	Adam Flynn
Oisin Quinn	Clarke Ryan	David Brady/Hugh Prendergast
James O'Brien	Patrick Shields	Sean McNamara

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class Novelty - Sack Race - Mr. Brennan/Ms. Byrne**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Gerrard McTague	Tom Muldoon	Joseph Cooke
Harry Boyden	Michael Coughlin	Matthew Kelly
James Clarke	Ryan Baker/Cian Blackford	Robert Power
Jack Grant	Andrew Coman	Aaron Gormley
Philip Kearney	Sean Heeran	Conor Nolan
Conor Gleeson	Eanna Curran	Barry Corish

**4<sup>th</sup> Class Novelty - Quoit on Head - Mr. O'Riain/Mr. O'Malley**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Philip Jordan	Ciaran Byrne	Fionn Barron
Rossa O'Reilly O'Kane	David O'Brien	Darragh Phelan
Jack McVeigh	Rory Clarke	Edward Keogh

Peter Heeran	Jordan Cruise	Jack Gallagher
James Hall	Conn O'Riordan	Sam Keane
Ciaran Dunne	Dylan McDonald	Michael Varley

**5<sup>th</sup> Standard Sack/Wheelbarrow Mr. Ring/Ms. Bleahene/Ms. McCabe**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Mark Fahey	Shane Murray	Aaron O'Reilly
James Paterson	Eoin Gilroy	Conor Evans
Kieran Flannery	Ciaran Flanagan	Tello Daroca
Darren Swaine	Kilian Prendergast	Ignacio Gramunt
Jack Boyden	Matthew Hegarty	Cillian Ambrose
Max Drazewski	Daniel Knocker	Eoghan Tuffy

**6<sup>th</sup> Standard Mr. Hallinan 3 Legged Race/Mr. O'Flynn**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Ruairí Gallagher	Gregory McDonnell	Eoin Nagle
Lorcan O'Dea	Donal Murphy	Conor Seery
Hugh McVeigh	Riain Doyle	J. J. O'Shea
Daniel Varley	Kevin Moran	Ronan Corbett
Darragh Butler	Chris Bennett	Hubert Barry
Ben Murray	Luke Boland	Oisin O'Raw
Sean Morrin	Shane Fallon	Harry Ebbs
Fergal Moran	Aaron Kavanagh	Brendan Maher

**1<sup>st</sup> Class Sprints - Ms. Rooney/Ms. Mulhall**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Alex Dempsey	Barra Dignam	Oisin O'Connell
Luke Whelan	Alex Dunne	Oscar Coyne
Jack O'Kelly	Sean McCormack	Rian Gormley
Max Ebbs	Tom Malone	Naylan Naidu
Matthew McGetrick	Darragh McLoughlin	Ciaran O'Riordan
Ben Clarke	Fionn Moynihan	Adam Buckley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class Sprints Ms. Durkan/Mr. Reale**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Eoghan Byrne	Marcel Latu	Mark Lysaght
Ciaran Nagle	Thomas Ruane	Nathan Guinevan
Paul Gleeson	Joseph McKeown	Dylan Keogh
Dylan O'Brien	James O'Brien	Adam Flynn
Hugh Prendergast	Glen Hollywood	David Durkin
Daniel Grogan	Clarke Ryan	Oisin Quinn

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class Sprints Ms. Byrne/Mr. Brennan**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Conor Gleeson  
Sean Heeran  
Andrew Coman  
Michael Coghlan  
Jack Ryan  
Harry Boyden

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Barry Corish  
Alex O'Toole  
Ben Flynn  
Jack Walsh  
Cian Blackford  
Tom Muldoon

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sean Sullivan  
Jack Boland  
Liam Hannigan  
James Nolan  
James Clarke  
Ryan Baker

**4<sup>th</sup> Class Sprints Mr. O'Riain/Mr. O'Malley**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Tom Feerick  
David Lynch  
Dan Feerick  
Conn O'Riordan  
Shola Edodo  
Gavin Brady  
Sam Malone

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Fionn Barron  
Jack McVeigh  
Adam Maher  
David Croke  
Peter Heeran  
Conor Doyle  
Shane Kelly

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Graeme Carroll  
Harry McDonnell  
Eoghan Flanagan  
Richard Keogh  
Michael Varley

**5<sup>th</sup> Class Sprints Ms. McCabe/Ms. Bleahene/Mr. Ring**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Mark Fahey

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Niall Seery

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Brian Moran

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Sprint Mr. Hallinan/Mr. O'Flynn**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Sean Morrin

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Chris Bennett

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lorcan O'Dea

**Mothers' Race/Fathers' Race/Teachers' Race**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Mary O'Neill  
Ili Bacu  
Ms. Hogan  
Ms. Rooney

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Geraldine Casey  
Sean McCormack  
Mr. Brennan  
Mr. Reale

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Caroline Brady  
Cormac O'Reilly  
Ms. Larmer  
Ms. Byrne

**SWIMMING GALA**

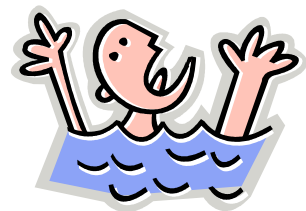
Once again we returned to Terenure Swimming Pool for our recent junior and senior swimming galas. At the junior gala we had numerous winners in the infants section and the most improved swimmer award went to Katie Gallagher. We also had some marvellous races in the junior section and here the most improved swimmer award went to James Byrne.

The following weekend we held the senior galas, again with some nail biting finishes amidst great excitement for the very large crowd. Proving a great prospect for the future and the star of the night was Paul Ryan, who won the front crawl, back crawl and the butterfly. However, in a marvellous contest, Hugh McVeigh just edged out Seán Conroy when winning the breast stroke. The most improved swimmer award went to Riain Doyle. In the intermediate section, Morgan Coyne in the front Crawl, Conor Evans in the back crawl and a dead heat between Morgan Coyne and his sister Claudia Coyne in the breast stroke also displayed great technique to capture gold, with Nicolai Leake getting the most improved swimmer award in this section. In the girls senior section, Claudia Coyne displayed her supreme talent star when capturing the cup in the front crawl, as well as winning the back crawl and butterfly.

Besides the races on both nights, we also had closely fought water polo competitions. More than 50 races took place during the two nights and a special thanks to coaches Bobby, Darina and Andrew for all their work during the year. I look forward to seeing you again in September when we will again begin, not only our preparations for next year's galas but more importantly teaching more children how to swim and improving those who already swim. Thanks again. ( E.Hallinan)

**REMEMBER - ALWAYS BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU ARE SWIMMING,  
SWIM ONLY IN A SAFE PLACE, NEVER ALONE AND ALWAYS WITH  
ADULT SUPERVISION**

### Gala Results



#### Infants Front Crawl

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Tom McVeigh      | 1. Cormac Greene   |
| 2. John Maher       | 2. Fionn McCormack |
| 3. Padraic Dooley   | 3. Oscar McCormack |
| 1. Max Ebbs         | 1 Seán Flanagan    |
| 2. Michael Flanagan | 2.Cathal Greene    |
| 3. Stephen Grogan   | 3. Diarmuid Greene |
| 1. Katie Gallagher  | 1. Harvey Coyne    |
| 2. Rachel Seery     | 2. Katie Kavanagh  |
| 3. Irina Leake      | 3. David Varley    |

### **Junior Front Crawl**

- |                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Valerio Sologur    | 1. Saidhbh McCormack               |
| 2. Conor Lynch        | 2. Saibhbh Nealon                  |
| 3. Daragh O` Loughlin | 3. Doireann O` Shea 3. James Byrne |

### **Junior Back Crawl:**

- |                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Seán O` Sullivan   | 1. Saidhbh McCormack               |
| 2. Valerio Sologur    | 2. Rosa McCormack                  |
| 3. Daragh O` Loughlin | 3. Doireann O` Shea 3. Anne Whelan |

### **Intermediate**

#### **Front Crawl**

1. Morgan Coyne
2. James Patterson
3. Brendan Maher

#### **Breast Stroke:**

1. Morgan Coyne
1. Claudia Coyne
3. Conor Evans

#### **Senior Section:**

##### **Front Crawl:**

1. Paul Ryan
2. Hugh McVeigh
3. J.J.O` Shea

##### **Back Stroke:**

1. Paul Ryan
2. Daniel Kelly
3. Con Hannigan

##### **Breast Stroke:**

1. Hugh McVeigh
2. Seán Conroy
3. JJ O'Shea

#### **Back Crawl**

1. Conor Evans
2. Aaron Kavanagh
3. Morgan Coyne

#### **Butterfly:**

1. Claudia Coyne
2. Morgan Coyne
3. Conor Evans

1. Claudia Coyne
2. Katie Grogan

1. Claudia Coyne
2. Katie Grogan

#### **Butterfly:**

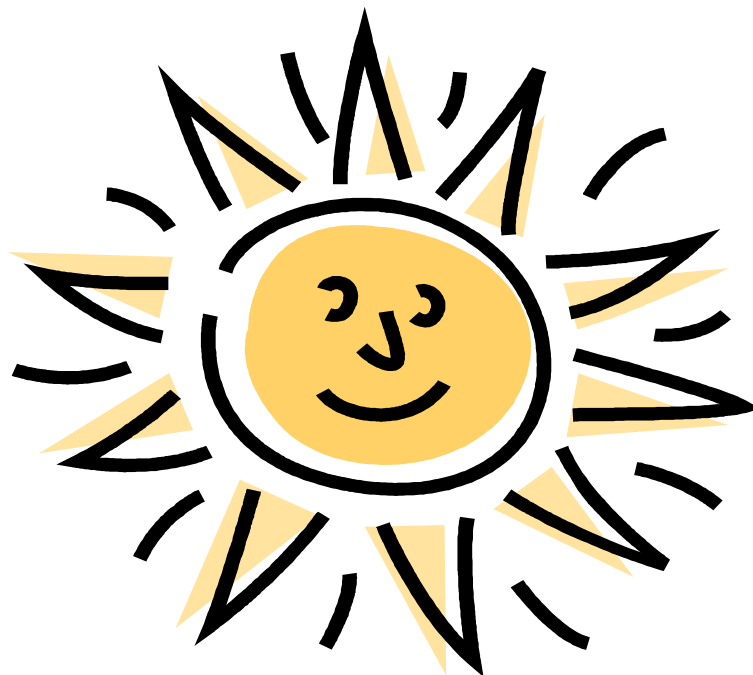
1. Paul Ryan
2. Hugh McVeigh
3. Jonathan Burke

**Finally.** Our thanks to all the teachers and staff of the school for their continued dedication and commitment to the children. Long may it continue.

We look forward to the school holidays which begin on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 noon for infant classes and 12.30 p.m. for the rest of the school. We hope everybody in St. Joseph's School Community will have an enjoyable and safe summer holiday. We reopen on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August** at 8.50 a.m. **'Til then - Slán.**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2009 - 2010

<b><i>Autumn:</i></b>	The school will be closed from 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> October incl.
<b><i>Christmas:</i></b>	The school will close early on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2009 which will be the final day of the school term and will re-open on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2010.
<b><i>Mid-Term:</i></b>	Closed 15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> February inclusive.
<b><i>March:</i></b>	Closed 17 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b><i>Easter:</i></b>	The school will close early on Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March and will re-open on Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b><i>May</i></b>	Closed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May.
<b><i>June:</i></b>	Closed 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> June.
<b><i>Holidays</i></b>	The school will close early on 30 <sup>th</sup> June for summer holidays.



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