



St. John Bosco's Christmas Newsletter 2022

Guided Reading

In September, our school invested heavily in a new reading program that gives all pupils in our school the opportunity to read stories that are differentiated to their reading level. As they progress, they will graduate to more challenging levels.

Our second class boys have begun the PM reading program in class and at home. Pupils are split into smaller groups and have their reading heard daily. The PM E-Reader should be used in conjunction with the in-class readers when the boys are reading at home. To ensure that this reading program can be used every day with each second class, it is not possible for the physical books to be sent home. Although we've heard great stories of pupils reading two to three books a night using the digital platform, it is most beneficial that they spend two to three days reading one book and can demonstrate understanding of what has been read and discuss key aspects of the book. It is essential that students can read fluently but also can 'read for meaning'.

Our third to sixth class boys have been taking part in the Collins Big Cat reading program. This is like PM and allows classes to break up into smaller groups where children's reading is heard daily. These books are also graded and allows boys to access stories that are at their reading level. These books will come home in blue folders.

In our school, we are targeting the areas of vocabulary and comprehension. When completing reading at home, it would be greatly beneficial if parents/guardians put an emphasis on these areas when reading with your child. Accompanying this newsletter will be a link to a guided reading manual with helpful tips and questions that you could raise with your child while reading.

Happy Reading!

My favourite book was all about bikes. I could see that the book was about real life. BMX bikes are my favourite. -Callum, 2nd class, Room 7.

My favourite book was about Dairy Farmers because it was interesting. I would like to be a farmer after reading this book. - David, 2nd class, Room 7.

I am reading the PM readers at home. I like listening to the narrator. I record myself reading and my teacher hears my progress. Fionn, 2nd Class, Room 2

I am reading the PM readers at home. I read with my mum and enjoy recording myself. Flynn, 2nd Class, Room 2





Carol Service

We had a very special event on Friday the 9th of December this year. The Bosco's school choir along with every class level performed in the Christmas Carol Service. Each stream performed their song on the day and they sang their hearts out for everyone to enjoy. The school choir were practising for many weeks before. They gave up their lunchtimes and their class time to practice for this very special day. They sounded amazing and we are all very proud of them. We are very happy to have Bosco's choir back up and running this year and may it continue to lift our spirits.



Our School Choir

Our school choir is great fun. Tim, Charlie and I are the boys from Room 5 in choir. We go to the church for our practices. Ms. Kelly and Ms. Keenan are our school choir teachers along with Katie. Last Friday was our school Christmas Carol Service. It was great, I was a bit nervous but we all had good fun.

- Oisin Donegan, 4th Class Room 5 Ms. Kelly

I like the school choir, it is pretty good. It was a fun wait up until the carol service. Sometimes we had to practice during lunchtimes on Thursdays. I enjoy singing in the school choir.

- Tim Linehan, 4th Class Room 5 Ms. Kelly





Garda Band Visit

On Wednesday 14th December, we had a special visit from the local Garda band along with a very special guest... SANTA!!

We sang lots of songs such as 'Jingle Bells', 'Santa Claus is coming to Town' and 'Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer'.

Everyone was in great spirits and we had lots of fun!
We even got a fist bump from Santa!

- Lorcan Sweeney, Room 8, 2nd Class, Ms. Laughlin



Science Week in room 6

During Science week we did many fun experiments. One was Water Walking where we put food colouring into cups of water and put tissue between them. The colours spread from one to the other.

- Ben Browne, 6th class



Christmas Poems in room 7



Christmas
Homes are bright
Reindeer are running
I'm playing in the snow
Santa's coming tonight
Tomorrow there'll be presents under the tree
My friends and I will be playing with toys
Advent calendars are empty
Santa will be gone without a trace

- Ayrton, 2nd class



Christmas

Holy

Rudolf

Igloo

Saint Nicholas

Toys

Mary

Advent

Snow

- Fiachra, 2nd class



Candle
Holy
Rudolf
Igloo
Snow globe
Tree
Mass
Angel
Santa

- Eoghan, 2nd
class

Candles shine bright
Happy and cheer
Ripping open presents
It's that time of year
Shining lights
Timing the days until Christmas
Many are happy
As Santa comes
So Merry Christmas

- David, 2nd class





Winter Art in room 1

St. Vincent De Paul Hampers

A sincere thank you to all of the boys and their families for their generous donations towards the St.Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper appeal this year. The collection was a great success and we managed to send off 18 festive hampers to families who need them this Christmas. The volunteers at SVP have expressed how important these donations are, especially at this time of year. With the rising costs of living, causing great stress and anxiety, these gifts not only provide families with well needed items, they also put smiles on their faces this Christmas, as they have one less thing to worry about.

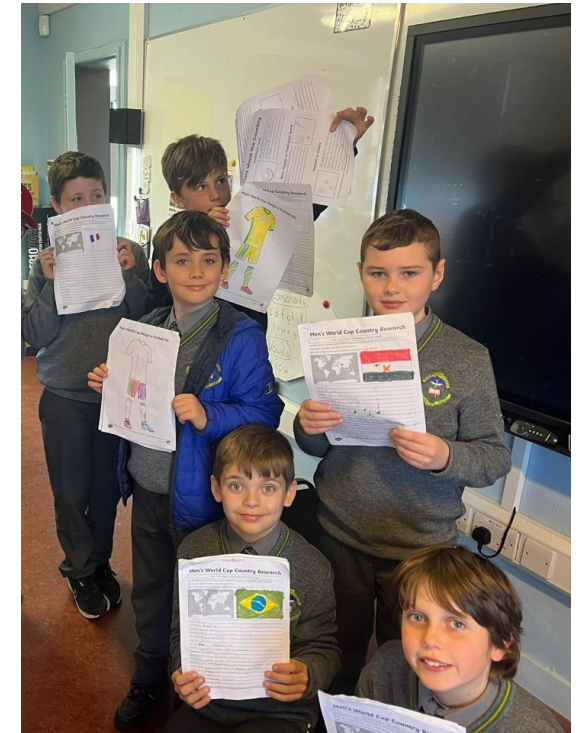
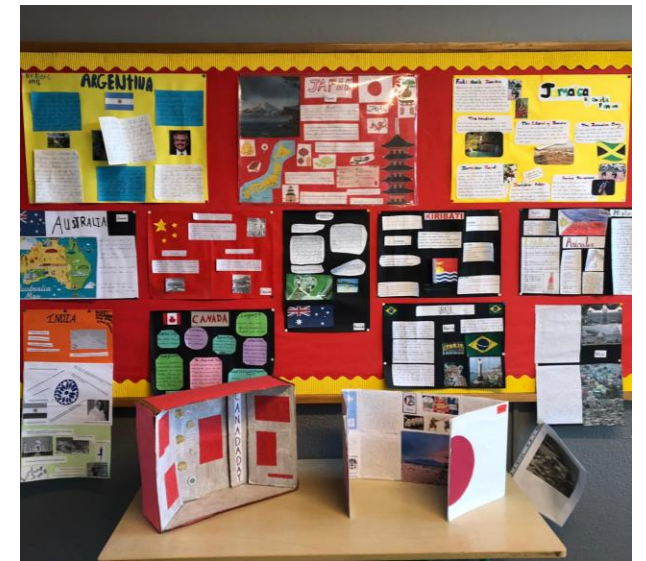
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World Cup Fever

The last few weeks have been a very busy and exciting time for our class. The World Cup began last month on the 20th of November and prior to the beginning of the tournament, Mr. Deegan conducted a World Cup draw where each one of us received a country to support and complete a project on. We really enjoyed completing our projects and learning lots of new and fascinating facts about our countries. We also got to watch some of the World Cup games in school which was great. Last Friday, the 9th of December, ourselves along with the other two 4th class groups performed the song 'Santa Claus Is Coming to Town' at the Christmas Carol service in the church. We had a very busy few weeks rehearsing and learning the song, and we were delighted that we managed to perform the song so well in front of our families and the school community. We also had a visit from Santa Claus and the Garda band on Wednesday the 14th of December. The Garda band performed lots of classic Christmas songs, while Santa came around and said hello to everyone. We really enjoyed the show and it was great to see Santa before the big day next week!





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Our Christmas Fair



Daniel and I were doing ring toss. It was loads of fun and we raised a lot of money. I wish I could do it next year. -Orán Gao Room 6, 6th Class

In the sale of work this year, we had lots of books, toys and games to buy.

All of the money we received went to charity. There was also a straw raffle and games. - Jack Delaney Room 6, 6th Class

At the sale of work, Deiras and I made a cup game. We made €25 and had loads of fun. I spent all of my money on the straw raffle and I won a nice game. I bought delicious cupcakes and it was a really nice, relaxing event. -

Tymon Room 6, 6th Class

For the sale of work, I helped with the football. After helping, it was our turn to have fun. The games were very fun and what was offer was great. -Hugo Room 6, 6th Class





News From Our Board Of Management

Dear Parents and Guardians,

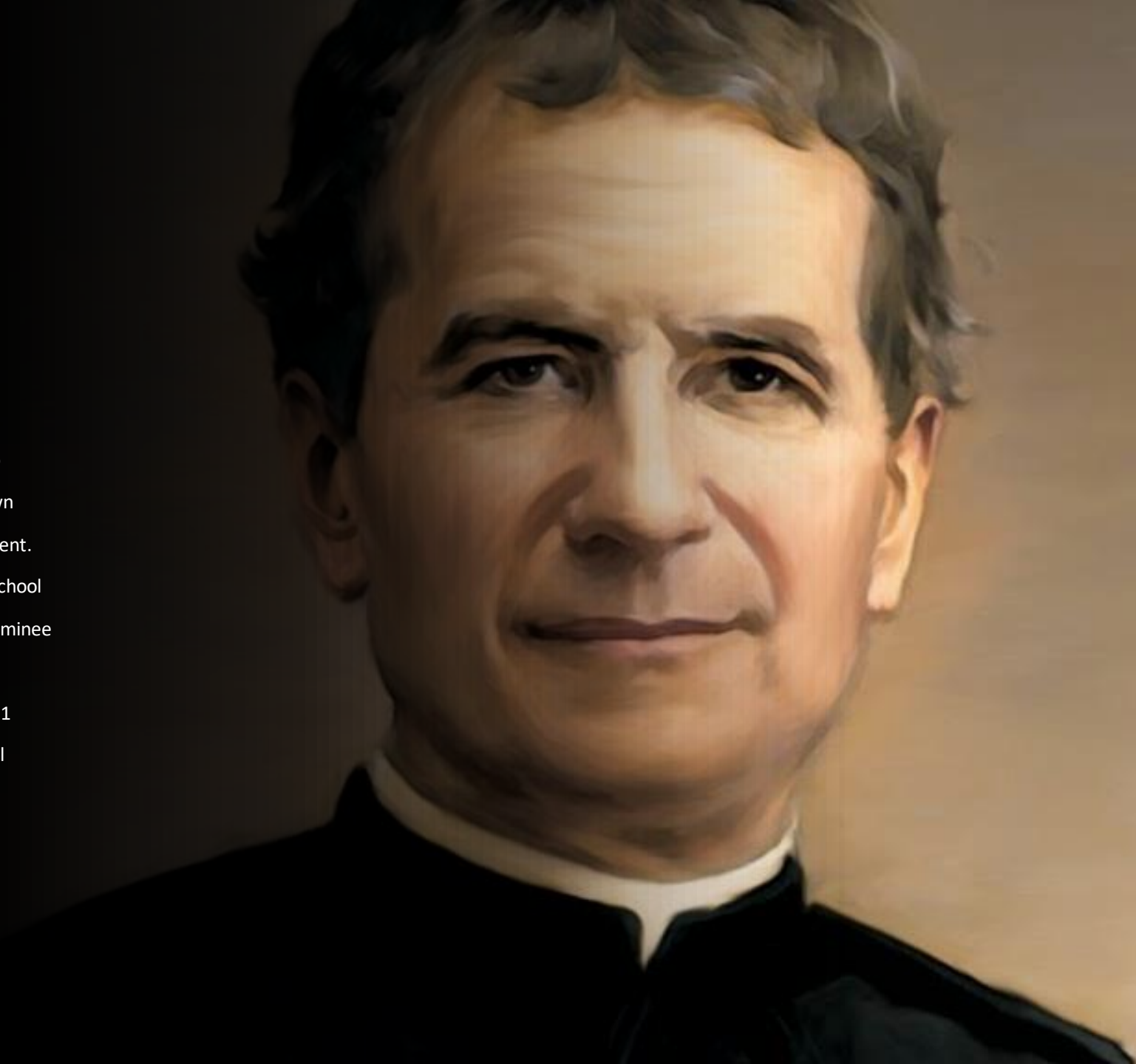
The Board of Management of St.John Bosco Senior Boys' School Roll no 179120 wish to announce that Mr Garrett O'Leary will be stepping down from his role as one of the parent nominees on our Board of Management. We wish to thank him for his wonderful and dedicated support of our school community over the past 3 years. We are now seeking a new parent nominee (father) to join our Board of Management team.

Please contact Mr Bourke at principal@stjohnboscosbs.ie... Or phone 01 8380371..if you wish to discuss going forward for this role on our school board.

Thank you,

Mr Bourke.

On behalf of the Board of Management.





Merit Awards

December Merit Award Winners

2nd Class:

Liam O'Riordan, Flynn Donnelly and Harry Deering.

3rd Class:

Noah Corrigan, Iarlaith Connolly and Jake Monahan.

4th Class:

Carter Doyle, Tomás Connolly and Dylan Quinn.

5th Class:

Zach Hughes, Stanislaw Mata and Liviu Nistor.

6th Class:

Adam Bedford, Ben Mc Donnell and Jayden Lin.





St. John Bosco's will
close on
Wednesday 21st
December at 12pm
and will re-open on
5th January 2023

Nollaig Shona
Daoibh!!

