

# St. John Bosco's Spring Newsletter 2022

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# Message From Our Principal

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well.

Please note that in relation to Covid-19 the following measures have been implemented in our school since Monday 28th of February.

**Removal of the requirement that staff and pupils wear face masks in school. ( however Department guidelines are clear that if members of staff or pupils wish to continue wearing face masks or coverings, they may do so.)**

**Removal of the requirement to maintain children in class bubbles, each separated from the other.**

**Removal of the requirement for children to remain in pods within their classrooms.**

**Schools no longer need to request staff or pupils/students to complete a Return to Work form or a Return to School form after school holidays/breaks.** Please note that infection control measures remain in place. Chief among these is **staying at home if you have symptoms: the requirement to stay at home if you have symptoms remains for pupils and staff alike.**

As a school community we continue to manage the risks of Covid-19.

We try to do everything practical to avoid the introduction of Covid-19 into the school. If infection is not introduced it cannot be spread.

Current infection control measures that will remain in place in schools include:

- **hand washing/sanitising**
- **respiratory hygiene**
- **ventilation where required**
- **HEPA filter units have been installed in every classroom**
- **enhanced cleaning**

### Attendance Notes on Aladdin

Please complete any outstanding absences. Please **complete reason for absence** with **note explaining the type of illness etc** or if it recorded as **"Other"** please **complete explanation note for this absence**. If absences are in separate blocks they need to be completed separately with **explanatory note of absence**.

### Parents/Guardians on site

Parents/guardians are not permitted on our site. Children will be supervised on the yard in the morning before school (from **08.30** to **08.50**) Boys are to stand in their line. No games/running/play time etc is permitted before school in the yard. All appointments/meetings etc must be made through the school office.

### Rainy Days

On rainy days please note that children will have to wait on yard before school starts. Please ensure that your child has rainy day clothing and that they are not waiting on yard for an excessive amount of time before school starts on bad weather days.

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### Walking on campus

Boys must always walk to and from their lines at the beginning and end of the school day. No running is permitted during the school line up and exit periods.

### Use of bicycles and scooters

Boys must walk their bicycles and scooters on and off the school campus all the way to the entrance/exit gates of the school campus (front Church gate at the Navan road entrance /Keyhole gate at the Kinvara entrance). Boys must have a helmet, hi-vis vest and a lock.

### Use of mobile phones

Boys whose parents have submitted **written permission** to the school for their child to have access to a mobile phone must ensure that their child only uses their phone when he is off the campus. (Boys who report to school with a phone and no written permission will have their phone confiscated and this phone must be collected from the school administration office by a parent/guardian) Boys are not allowed use their phones in the school or on school grounds. Boys must hand in their phones to their class teacher at the start of the day and they will collect them at the end of the day (the class teacher will ensure they are stored securely during the school day).

### Late arrivals to the school

Boys who arrive late to school must report to the Principal's office.

### School uniform

Boys who arrive in school without the full uniform must report to the Principal's office.

We thank you for your continued support of our school community.

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Mr Bourke.

# Book Reviews

Author Suzanne Collins

Book: The Hunger Games

This book is a dystopian thriller set in a world where poverty rules the majority.

Every 12 boys and 12 girls are forced to appear in a live tv show called The Hunger Games. There is only one rule., kill or be killed. Remember there can only be one victor. May the odds be ever in your favour.

I liked that this book was very well written and you are constantly waiting for a plot twist. There wasn't much I didn't like and in my personal opinion it is perfect. Everything falls together and it's exciting.

Donagh O' Callaghan 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Author: Jonathan Meres

Book: The World Of Norm: May Be Recycled

It is a funny and fictional book.

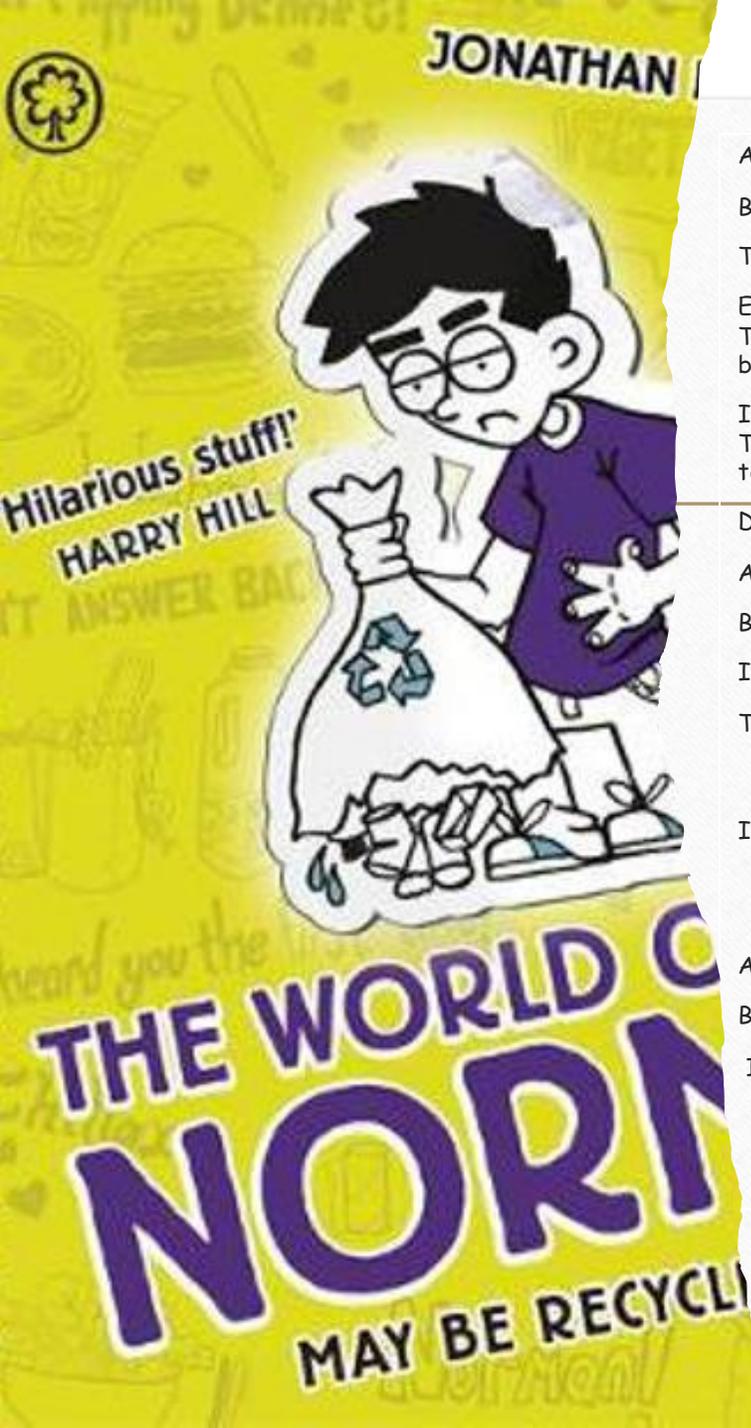
The book is about a boy called Norm living, what eh think, unfair life with his mama, dad, two annoying brothers and their dog, John. In this book, his family decide to turn vegetarian and you can imagine Norm is NOT happy.

I like this book because it is funny, clever, and relatable in parts. There wasn't much I didn't like in this book. It's just a good book. I would rate it 9/10 and I definitely recommend it. There are other books in the series but this is my favourite one. I would it is for 10+ years old. Olan Bradley 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Author: Rob Biddulph

Book: Peanut Jones And The Illustrated City

I love this book so much and I hope you do too. This book is very creative, easy to picture it in your mind, magical and it's a fun adventure book. Peanut Jones lives in England and goes to a very boring, annoying and strict school.. Art is her favourite thing in school, she loved it so much as her dad was an artist. Ever since he went missing, she has loved it even more. She would watch him change a blank white canvas into a whole new world. One day she finds an unusual pencil. It leads her into a world that was creative, colourful it just feels like home to her. She felt like she belonged. I really recommend this book to everyone. I'm a picky reader but his book is different to other books. It's like reading a movie. I give it 10 out of 10.- Ethan Higgins 6<sup>th</sup> Class



Author: Philip Pullman

Book: His Dark Materials

His dark materials is a book about a parallel universe following the adventures of Lyra and Pantalaimon. It's a trilogy of three books. These are The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass. I recommend these books for ages 10 to 13. I really enjoyed them and I think you would too if you read them.

Ciarán O' Callaghan 4<sup>th</sup> Class

Author: JRR Tolkien

Book: The Hobbit

I recommend this book to children and adults aged 9+. I wouldn't recommend it for younger readers as the beginning is hard to follow. I really like the book because of the adventures. They go through forests, a spider lair and a dragon lair. Bilbo is the main hobbit and he is a quiet man but he becomes a new person through the story.

Cillian Lynch 4<sup>th</sup> Class

Author: Jeff Kinney

Book: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

I would recommend this book to 8+ because it's humorous and is interesting. I recommend this book to confident readers...in other words it's really good.

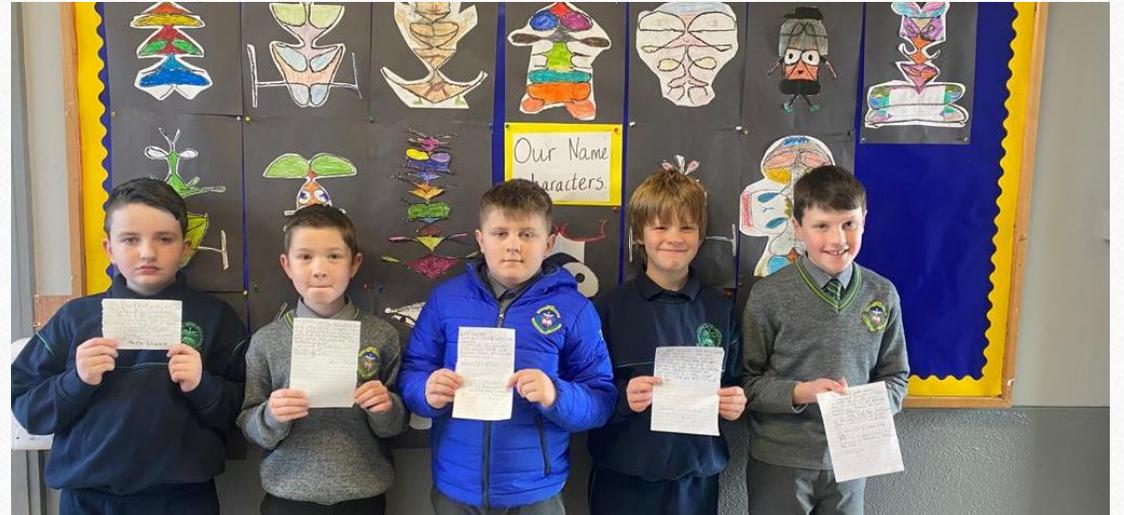
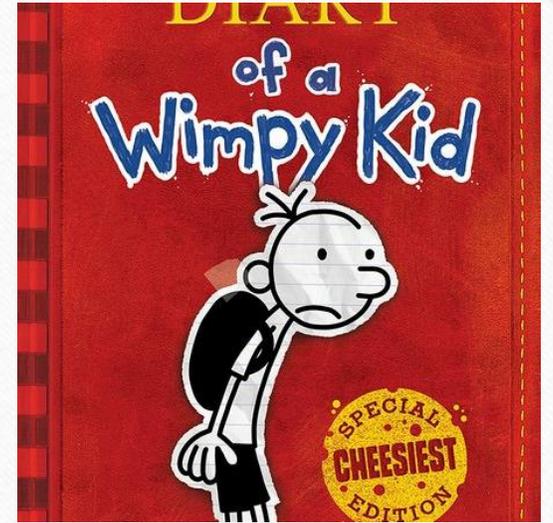
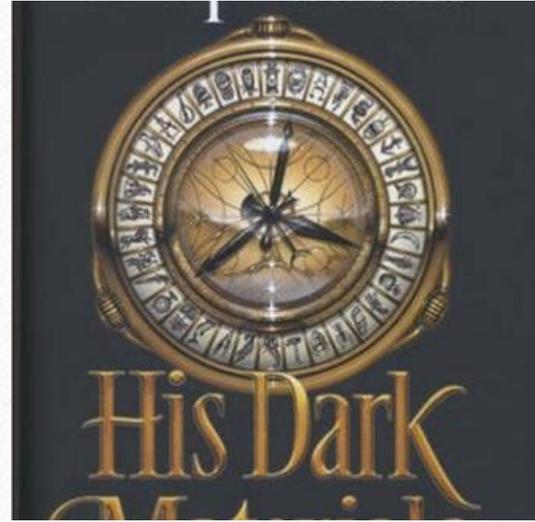
Alex Scully 4<sup>th</sup> Class

Author: JK Rowling

Book: Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone

This is a great book. It's adventurous and fun to read. The main characters are Harry Potter, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. I recommend this book between the ages of 5-18.

Jamie Fitzpatrick



# Mr. Kearney's Allstars

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In the Leinster's there are one and a half minute rounds and there's around 50 fights a day. The competition lasts for four days and then it's off for a year. The fights might not seem long but when you are in the ring it does. There are three judges on each side of the ring and every time you hit your opponents head or body without hitting the headgear you get a point.

My next fight is in the Dublin's / Cadets in four weeks.

This photograph is of an under 12s SFAI cup match I played in recently. I was playing against a team called Park Villa in Navan, Co. Meath. It was a great match for us as my team, Shelbourne FC won 7-1 and I scored two of the goals. The match was the last 32 of the tournament and we are the last team from Shelbourne to be in the SFAI Cup. It was very fun and I hope we can win the SFAI Cup. We are now in the last 16 and I am very happy that me and my team have come so far in the SFAI Cup.



# Ms. Relihan's Budding Writers

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Show, Don't Tell - writing process

Seomra a Ceathair are well into the writing process and are learning how to implement the "Show, Don't Tell" writing strategy. They are making huge strides in applying their life experience, reading and observations to their writing to ensure it is personalised, vivid and 'shows' their knowledge and perception of our beautiful world.

I am scared - his face was ghost white and his lip trembled by Cian Dodrill

Ionizer was angry - his whole body motionless except for the internal conflict within - by Cronan Drake

Bone Cruncher's face was menacing - his slit snake-like blood red eyes pierced through your soul, leaving you trembling by Jimmy O' Donoghue

Tell - John was delighted

Show - a joyful grin from ear to ear spread across John's face - he had finally won the school raffle! By Jacé O'Rourke

Tell - John was furious

Show - John lashed his book on the table, he had had it with problem solving! Even though he tried his best, he still struggled to pass his test.

By Jack Kelly Morrissey



# Seachtain Na Gaeilge

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Seachtain na Gaeilge a bhí ann sa scoil idir an chéad lá de Mharta agus an seachtú lá déag. Bhí a lán craic timpeall na scoile. Bhí lá glas sa scoil ar seú lá déag. Bhain na buachailli an-taitneamh as an d'Tráth na gCeist. Fuair na buaiteoirí uibheacha Cásca agus bhí athas an domhain orthu.



# Comortas Seanfhocail

Boys around our school took part in seanfhocal poster competition during Seachtain Na Gaeilge. Here are the winners below!

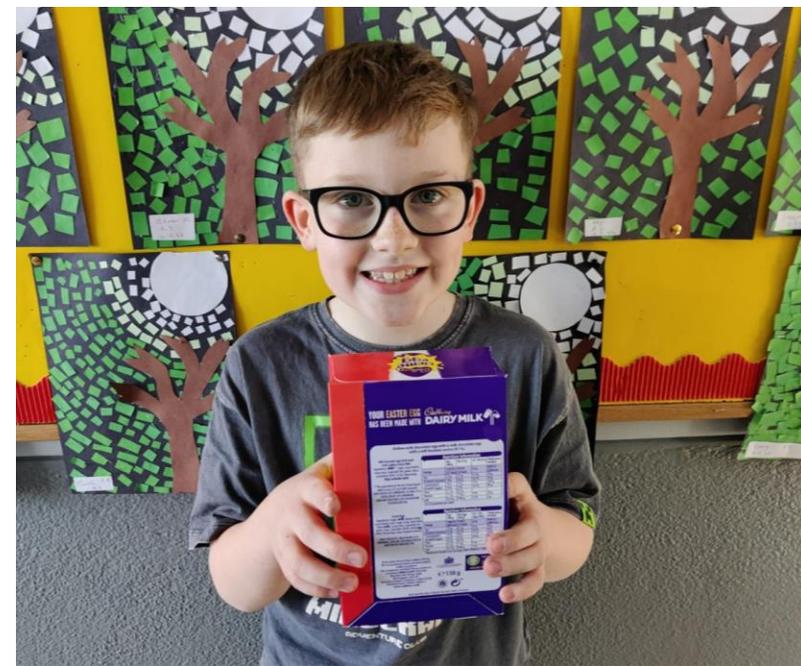
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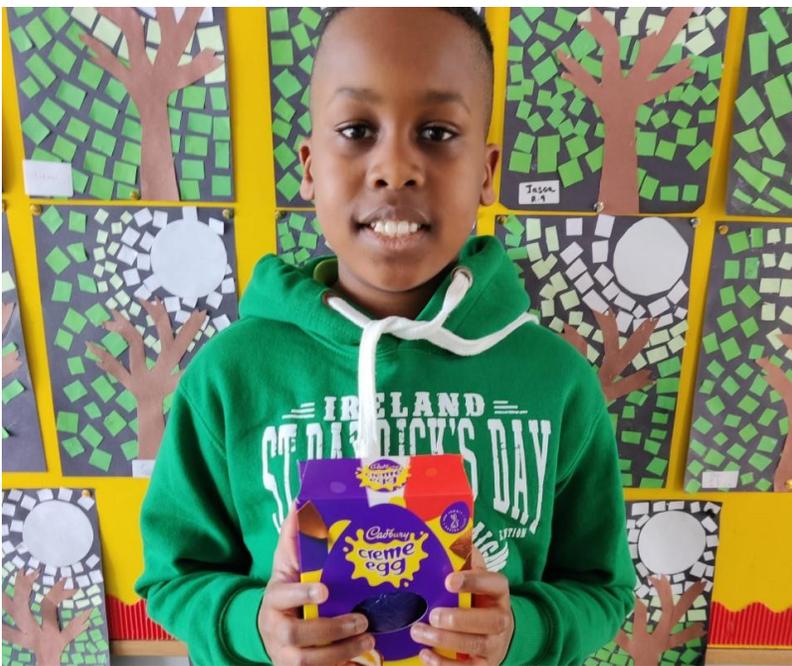
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Na Buaiteoirí i dTráth Na gCeist



# After School Clubs Return

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We are delighted to welcome back afterschool clubs this term and after Easter for our whole school.

The following afterschool clubs are running this term;

- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Class- Wellbeing Warriors (Mondays and Tuesdays)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Class- Art Club (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
- 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> Class- Lego Club (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- All classes- Homework Club (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays)



## School Calendar

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- Our Book Fair will take place on April 1st
- The Penance Service will take place on Friday April 1st at 12pm
- The First Communion will take place on May 11th(Room 8) and May 12th (Room 2+7)
- Easter Holidays begin on Friday 8th April. School will be closed on Monday 11th April and will re-open Monday 25th April
- School Closure 27th April Autism Class training by NCSE
- Cake sale in aid of Aven's Pink Tie for 2nd and 5th class 29th April





# Message From Our Parents' Commitee

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We are looking for parents to volunteer some of their time in supporting our school community.

The St. John Bosco Senior Boys School Parents' Committee has been a long established and successful part of our school community over the years and we would like to welcome new parents to join.

With monthly meetings, the parents committee will establish fundraising ideas for the school while linking in with school staff to discuss and decide on areas of need and support. We have been very lucky in our school with the generosity of the parents committee, which has contributed to traditions in our school, resources for yard games, additional P.E. equipment and I.T, resources that are used daily in our school life by the pupils.

Should you be interested in getting involved, please contact Ms Brennan, Deputy Principal, via the school email- [boscosen.ias@eircom.net](mailto:boscosen.ias@eircom.net) to express your interest.

A big thank you to the current parents committee for their dedication over the past two years, we are excited to continue our work together over the coming months.

Ms Brennan