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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Here are a few notices from the month of April that you may be interested in.

Mindfulness Seminars

The first of the Mindfulness Seminars “Bringing Mindfulness into Education” took place last Tuesday May 5th. The seminar explored how Mindfulness can bring out the natural limitless brilliance within us all. It also explored how in a practical way Mindfulness can be brought into education through excellent practices, a rich curriculum and excellent teaching.

To book tickets for the remaining two seminars “Mindful Emotions and Me” and “Mindfulness: The key to high performance in school”, please click [here](#).

Celebration and Prize Giving Night

The JSS Celebration & Prize Giving took place last Thursday April 30th. We had an evening of inspirational speeches, particularly by Mr. Shane Mulhall, and recognition of excellent endeavour. It really was an uplifting experience for all. It was a reflection of how our students are discovering their limitless essence through the development of stillness, attention and enquiry. To see pictures of the event please click [here](#).

TY Drama – Merchant of Venice

The exciting production of Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice” takes place at Trinity College, from Wednesday May 20th to Saturday 23rd. To book a ticket, please click [here](#).

Pals *The Irish at Gallipoli*

The 3rd year History class took a trip, with Ms. Waters to see the Anu Production *Pals: The Irish at Gallipoli*. To find out more about the trip, please click [here](#).

Parent Support Survey

We are putting together a database of parents who wish to support the school in any way. Please click on the link [here](#) to complete a 2 minute survey.

JSS Golf Classic

The inaugural John Scottus Golf Classic took place on Sunday, April 26th at the Lisheen Springs Golf Club. The event was a great success enjoyed by all. Keep it in your diaries for the same month next year.

Student Magazine – The Pause

The first issue of the new student magazine “The Pause” has been published. A special thanks must be given to Ms Maguire Timmins and the team of students for making this happen. All secondary school students have received one and there is also an online version available on the website [here](#). If you would like to a sponsor (€300) a free printed copy for each student in the primary school, please contact me.

Drama and Film Night

The premiere of the film “Gone Missing”, scripted and produced by 1st years, will take place at 7.00 pm Thursday May 14th in Morehampton road. The film is based on the novel Artemis Fowl and is the fruit of year long endeavour. All are invited to come. For some reflections by students on their experience of Drama in 1st year please click [here](#).

Past Pupil – Brendan Hennessy

Congratulations to past pupil, Brendan Hennessy, who completed the 'Marathon Des Sables' (six marathons in six days across the Sahara Desert) in April 2015. For more details please click [here](#).

Active School Week

Sports day took place on Friday May 1st. The day was a great success with many great examples of individual and team performance. A special mention must be made of Mr. Craig and Ms. Sweeney for the superb organisation and communication. For some pictures of the day please click [here](#).

Upcoming events

- Film Showing of “Gone Missing”, 7.00 pm Thursday May 14th
- Leaving Service and Reception for 6th years, 15th May
- End of year exams begin Monday, 18th May
- Class trips for 1st, 2nd and 5th years, Tuesday to Friday, 26th May
- Summer term ends on Friday May 29th

A philosophical thought for the day

“If you want to be happy, be.”

- - Henry David Thoreau

Yours sincerely,



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