JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We arrived at the end of a very eventful first term. Here are just a few the notices I would like to share with you.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service takes place on Tuesday Dec 22^{nd} at 11.15am in St. Mary's church, Haddington road. I hope to see you there.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a great success. Special thanks to all involved. All proceeds go towards supporting the school musical and extra-curricular Taekwon-Do lessons. To see pictures of the event please click here.

John Scottus Students Star in Radio Drama

The "Shortest Day of Winter" is an exciting new radio drama. Played by the children of John Scottus School, the characters come to life as they address issues such as environmental pollution, bullying and corruption. For more details please click here.

Transition Year Activities

On Thursday November 19th, TY attended a youth summit in the RDS. For more details please click <u>here</u>.

The TY debaters on their first outing did JS proud. For more details please click here.

6th Year Career Talks

For the past number of weeks the 6^{th} years have had various guests speaking about Science as a career. For more details please click <u>here</u>.

Literacy Week Annual Speech Competition

Another great annual speech competition took place on Thursday December 2^{nd} . For details of the event and the winners please click <u>here</u>.

Literacy week was a fun filled week. Some of the activities included DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and a Shelfie Book Competition. Please click here for some photographs.

Science Week

Science week started off with a bang at assembly with Ms. Cronin and Alex Balami demonstrating the captivating "Whoosh" bottle experiment. For details of the week

please click here.

Development Education

Our TY and 1st year Development education students are now video pen pals with teenagers from the Ituango a remote village in the mountains of Colombia. For more details please click <u>here</u>.

On Tuesday Nov 24th a delegation of senior students travelled to UCD having received an invitation by the School of Education to take part in the UCD student-teacher Development Education training day. For more details please click <a href="https://example.com/here-training-trainin

Fighting words

First Year boys and girls attended a creative writing workshop at Fighting Words on Tuesday 15 December. Fighting Words is a creative writing workshop set up by Roddy Doyle and Sean Love. For more details please click <u>here</u>.

School Musical

The Stolen Child is a sparkling new story by award-winning playwright Joe O'Donnell (inspired by the poem by WB Yeats) performed by a group of young seasoned performers from John Scottus School. For more details please click <u>here</u>.

College Feeder Schools

As reported in the Irish Independent, in the year 2015 John Scottus had a 100% progression rate into third level. Good luck to all our graduates in their studies. For more details please click <u>here</u>

Magazine

The latest student school magazine has now been released. Please click <u>here</u> to get a copy. Thanks to all students involved.

Summary of Events coming up

School Re-opens – Wednesday Jan 7th Parent-Class Teacher Meetings – Monday Jan 11th Philosophy Week – Starting Monday Jan 18th

A philosophical thought for the day

"Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in Man" – Vivekananda

Yours sincerely,

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