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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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

## **Academy Launch**

The launch of the New Academy programme for Senior Cycle students took place on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>. The mission of our new Academy Programme is to empower our Senior students to excel by providing exceptional personalised support for them at this time in their academic career. It is our belief that by only focusing on the particular strengths and needs of each student, will it be possible to maximise his or her academic performance. For more details of the programme please click [here](#).

## **Mindfulness Practice in Schools Conference**

The Mindfulness Practice in Schools, organized by John Scottus Secondary School, took place on March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Avila Retreat Centre. It was completely booked out with a long waiting list. The success of the event illustrates how the benefits of Mindfulness in education are now widely accepted. For more details please click [here](#).

## **Mosaic Art Project**

Details of the Mosaic Art Project can be found on the JSS website with week by week posts giving an update on the how the students are creating a breathtaking Art piece. This project is being carried out as a whole school project in order to heighten the awareness and the value of community/team spirit within John Scottus. The output will be a creative and imaginative school wall Mosaic. Ms. Sinead Sweeney and Mr. Conor O'Brien are leading the project. For further details follow the links

[Week 1 and Week 2 link](#)

[Week 3 link](#)

[Week 4 link](#)

[Week 5 link](#)

## **Artemis Fowl Film**

The development of a film based on the recreation of an 'An Abduction' inspired by the kidnapping theme in Artemis Fowl is coming to completion. The 1<sup>st</sup> years have been working all out to complete the filming in the last two weeks. Details of the premiere will be announced shortly.

## **March Sports Update**

Click [here](#) to get the March sports update and read about swimming, Salsa dancing, dodge ball, soccer, hockey and Frisbee activities

### **1<sup>st</sup> years see Romeo and Juliet**

1<sup>st</sup> year girls and boys attended a performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Helix Theatre on Friday, March 20. For details of the trip please click [here](#).

### **Sustainable Energy Workshop**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students participated in an interactive science workshop called "Everyday Experimenting" led by an expert science facilitator Vivienne from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. For more details please click [here](#).

### **SciFest**

Congratulations are in order for six second year students whose science investigations were selected for SciFest 2015. The following projects will be displayed at the SciFest science fair in Blanchardstown IT on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Isobel Kelliher, Tien Le and Aiza Revazova's investigation 'Tune In or Turn Down',  
Emma Lohan and Anna Nakonechna's project 'IQ Chew'  
David Shpekht's investigation 'Magnetic Repulsion Generates Electricity'.

### **Sechtain na Gaeilge**

During Seachtain na Gaeilge the school community was engaged in several fun activities. For more details please click [here](#).

### **Bring a Book, Buy a Book.**

Bring a Book Buy, Book was an important event run in the secondary school by the 1<sup>st</sup> year girls. The aim of the event was to promote literacy in the school and to raise funds for St Michael's House. For more details please click [here](#).

### **Golf Classic**

You are warmly invited to the inaugural John Scottus Golf Classic, organised by John Scottus Secondary School. The event will take place on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. At the Lisheen Springs Golf Club, Brittas, Co. Dublin (<http://lisheenspringsgolfclub.ie/>). Tee off times will start at 12.00pm The event will be in Scramble team format, further details will follow. The fee of €50 will include a round of golf and food afterwards. To sign up for the event please click [here](#). I look forward to seeing you there.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trip to Ordinance Survey Ireland, Phoenix Park, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

Thanks to Mr. Tony Murphy, Market Development Manager at OSI the 2<sup>nd</sup> years had a wonderful visit to their beautiful offices in the Phoenix Park. For details of the trip please click [here](#). All in all this was a very successful trip and the students enjoyed and learnt a lot. A special thanks to Ms .Tara Mallon Doyle for organising the trip.

### **French Exchange Trip**

A group of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students left for France on March 27<sup>th</sup> to the city of Toulouse for a French exchange trip. For details of the trip please click [here](#). A special thanks to

Mr. Timothy Telford for organising the exchange.

### **Chess Club**

The chess club, organised by Mr. Daniel Flynn is proving to be very successful. For more details please click [here](#).

### **Upcoming events**

- School re-opens Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Active School week begins Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Celebration and Prize Giving, Thursday 7.00 pm, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Sports Day, 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Leaving Service and Reception for 6<sup>th</sup> years, 15<sup>th</sup> May
- End of year exams begin Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May
- Class trips for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years, Tuesday to Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Summer term ends on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>

### **A philosophical thought for the day**

*"He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander"*

- Aristotle

Yours sincerely,



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