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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope your sons and daughters have had an enjoyable first three months of school. Here are some points I would like to share.

Philosophy Themes

The themes for the past few weeks have been:

Do you respond naturally?

Does a still mind help in making the right decision?

For more information about the assembly themes please click [here](#).

Winner of Euroscola Business Competition

Congratulations to John Scottus business students on winning this year's Euroscola Schools Competition !! The prize is a subsidised trip to Strasbourg to represent Ireland at Euroscola on Thursday, 23rd March 2017, where young people become an MEP for a day. For more information on Euroscola log onto the website www.europarl.ie/youth. Well done to all involved.

Christmas Fair – Sunday Dec 11th

We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for the John Scottus Christmas Fair on Sunday, Dec 11th, 12.00 – 3.00 pm. There will be great activities, food, prizes and fun for the whole family including a Santa's Grotto. Come and have a cup of coffee!

Open Day, Thursday Nov 24th

The attendance at the recent School Open Day was very positive and there is a considerable number of registrations for next year and enquires for subsequent years. We look forward to having a strong number of first years next September 2017.

Science Week

Science week (Nov 14th) was kick started with a spectacular display of science by Mr Brady at assembly on Monday. During the week there were numerous Science activities including quizzes, games and presentations. Even the walls of the school were decorated with fun science facts to encapsulate the students ever inquiring minds. Thank you to all teachers and students that helped promote the relevance of science, technology, engineering and maths in our everyday lives during science week.

School Choir

Our school choir will be performing at the Christmas Carol Service. Approximately 1 in 3 students are member of the school choir, it is great to hear their voices during Friday

afternoon rehearsals. To see the latest edition of the school choir magazine please click [here](#).

Transition Year

Transition Year Students continue to be very active.

To find out more about their activities during the last few weeks please follow the links below

[TY making Videos made in Bridge 21](#)

[TY doing a First Aid course](#)

[TY get to build a computer](#)

Fundraising for Haiti

The Halloween dress up organised by 2nd and 3rd year girls raised €150 for victims of the Haiti earthquake. To see some of the costumes please click [here](#).

Student Awards

A number of student awards were give out for the period 1st Sept to Oct 25th. Please click [here](#) to see who received awards.

Poetry Aloud Competition

Well done to all our participants in the National Poetry Aloud competition. To see some pictures of the event please click [here](#).

Sports Update

On Wednesday November 16th, 30 Students from 1st to 5th year competed in the Blackrock College Cross Country Invitational. Schools from all over Dublin attended the event and it was a great way to open the school Cross Country season.

For more information please click [here](#).

School Policies

The Data protection policy, Crisis Response Policy and the Attendance strategy have been recently approved by the Board of Management. They can be viewed [here](#).

Online safety

The NSPCC has produced a guide to help parents talk with their children about the dangers and legalities surrounding sexting and empowering them say “no” to requests. Access to this guide can be found here -

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

Summary of Events coming up

Sunday Dec 11th, 12 to 3pm Christmas Fair

Monday Dec 12th, Literacy Week

Thursday Dec 15th, Speech Competition


Thursday Dec 22nd 11.15 am, Christmas Carol Service

Thursday Dec 22nd 12.00 pm, End of First Term

A philosophical thought for the day

“Well done is better than well said” – Benjamin Franklin

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Declan Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'y'.

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