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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you and yours have settled back into the routine of school. We are delighted to see them again. Here are some notices that may be interest.

Junior Certificate Results

The Junior Certificate results were published on Sept 9th. Well done to all students who have worked hard to achieve these excellent results.

In all papers sat, the average number of students receiving A, B, C's was

20 % - A

44 % - B

26 % - C

Mr. Alexander In India

Before the start of term, Mr. John Alexander visit Kolkata to plan for this year's TY India Project. The conditions were tough with high temperatures and a monsoon. But the planning and meetings went successfully ahead and the "Trickle Down Ripple Out" Education project will proceed this year. As part of this project two teachers will come from Kolkata in early November to give an education program to our students in TY.

JSS Students Performing for the India Prime Minister

The Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is coming to visit Ireland on 23rd September for one day only, and around 25 JSS children (from 3rd Class up) have been invited to display our Sanskrit skills. We cannot tell you the location yet as for security reasons we have not been informed!

John Scottus on TV

Please find below the link to the clip of JSS on TV.

<http://www.rte.ie/player/ie/show/10462711/>

It runs from 0:22 to 2.25 mins

Jack Bruton

Just to let you know about Jack Bruton's achievement in Bowling for Ireland.

Jack represented his country in the under 16's category for Ireland. In the British Isles competition, Jack had an average score of 183, got a high score of 257 and was the top

Irish player in the competition. He received a bronze medal for his efforts. Well done Jack.

Online Safety

Mr. Mick Moran is giving a talk on online safety of young children- 'Connected kids, disconnected parents - the creation of a digital environment around your child' - in Pillo Hotel, Ashbourne this Saturday 12th at 5pm. More information is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1466449090346632/> .

Mr. Mick Morans also the Head of Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Unit in INTERPOL.

Study Skills Seminar

There will be a Study skills seminar held in the school on Saturday Sept 12th. This is mainly targeted at 5th and 6th year students, however any interested student can attend. The cost is €25 per student. If interested please contact Mr. O'Connor at doconnor@johnscottus.ie. The feedback from a similar seminar last year was excellent

Consent for taking pictures

During the course of the year the school will be taking pictures of students during various educational, sports and extra-curricular activities. These pictures are used to promote the school and support student learning activities through the school website, school newsletters and school publications. If you do not give your consent to this could you please contact the office at secondary@johnscottus.ie.

Anti bullying week

Next week the 6th year students will launch and run the anti-bullying week. As part of the week of activities, the 6th year students will give classes on internet bullying, give talks at assembly and meet all classes on a daily basis. It is a credit to these students for planning and organising the week.

Start of year Church Service

The start of year church service takes place next Sept 17th at 8.30am. You are all invited to attend.

Summary of Events coming up

Study Skills Seminar: Saturday Sept 12th

3Y Science Ecology Trip Wednesday Sept 16th

Start of year church Service – Thursday Sept 17th 8.30 am

6Y Higher Options Trip – Thursday Sept 17th

6Y Geography Field Trip Friday Sept 18th

Founder's Day Larch Hill Trip – Sept 24th and Sept 25th (Overnight stay)

A philosophical thought for the day

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled.” – Plutarch

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Declan Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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