



JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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

Philosophy Themes

The themes for the past few weeks have been:

Does measure develop reason?

Is Meditation the master key?

Can you change your mindset?

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

The Guardian in the UK reports that over 4000 teachers are now qualified in meditation exercise that help with student stress and enhance performance. Please click [here](#) to read more.

Open Day, Thursday Nov 24th

Please spread the word of the John Scottus Secondary school Open Day taking place on Thursday Nov 24th. It takes place from 1.30 to 3.30 pm and from 5.30 to 7.30pm.

Visitors will meet our subject teachers, see different subject displays and activities, receive guided tours of the school facilities by 5th and 6th year students and talk with students about their experiences in John Scottus School. In addition from 1.30 to 3.30 pm there will be visits to classrooms where teaching is in progress.

John Scottus Christmas Fair

Please keep the date Sunday December 11th free for the John Scottus Christmas Fair. It promises to be another great event. If you are able to help in any way please contact me.

3rd years sleep out in School Yard

On Friday the 21st of October, our third years, as part of their C.S.P.E action project, chose to undergo a sleep out in the school yard to enhance our knowledge of what is it like to be homeless. To read a report by Kaiya Reddy and see some pictures please click [here](#).

Numeracy Week

Numeracy week took place on the week beginning Oct 12th. Various events and competitions were held during the week and the school walls were lined with brain teasers, posters and puzzles to ensure minds were stimulated at every moment. For more information please click [here](#).

PRISM Maths Competition

The Maths Department has successfully conducted the PRISM 2016 competition this week. PRISM stands for PProblem Solving for Irish Second level Mathematicians. To find out the winners please click [here](#).

School Outings

Please follow the links to read information about
[5th years entering student Enterprise Awards 2016](#)
[6th year Geography Field Trip](#)
[3rd year visit to Romeo and Juliet](#)
[1st year trip to the Abbey](#)

Transition Year

Transition Year Students continue to very active. Currently they are on work experience. To find out more about their activities during the last few weeks please follow the links below

[TY Decorating Lunch room](#)
[TY's continuing to decorate Lunch room](#)
[TY Movie Making at B21](#)
[TY Cookery Course](#)

Sports Update

Training is now taking place in preparation for the Dublin Ultimate Frisbee League. To see some pictures please click [here](#).

Between now and Christmas the Girls Junior, Boys Junior and 1st Year Girls Hockey teams will have played the majority of their league games in their respective divisions (4 games per team). To see some pictures please click [here](#).

School Menu

The school menu is now published on the web, please click [here](#) to read it.

Car Parking outside Morehampton Road

Please refrain from parking outside the gates of Morehampton Road as it is presenting a health and safety issue for children entering and leaving the building.

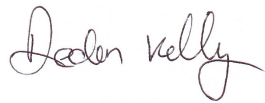
Summary of Events coming up

Midterm Break: Oct 31st to Nov 4th
Teacher Parent Meetings for 1st, 3rd and 5th years : Monday Nov 7th
Teacher Parent Meetings for 2nd and 6th years : Monday Nov 14th
Science Week: Monday Nov 14th
School Exams: Monday Nov 21st to Wed Nov 23rd
School Planning Day: Friday Nov 25th
Literacy Week: Monday Nov 28th

A philosophical thought for the day

“Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be” – Abraham Lincoln

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Declan Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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