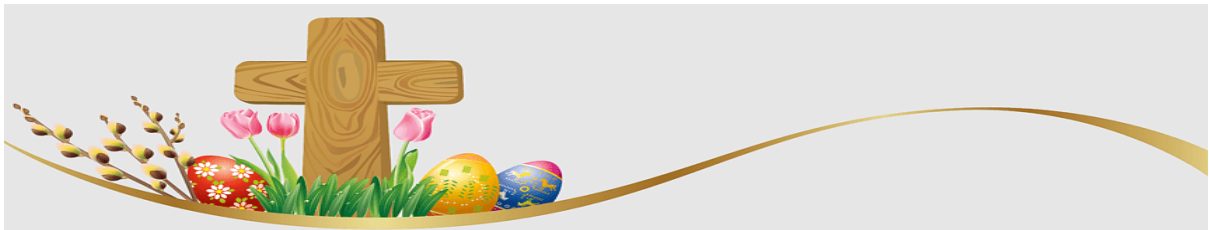




Belgrove Junior Boys School Newsletter

Easter 2025



Dear Parents/ Guardians

Spring is most definitely here, and that means it's time for a well-deserved Easter break! As we wrap up another busy term, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work, achievements, and exciting moments we've shared. As always, this could not be possible without the constant support and encouragement of our parent body and the wider school community.

Easter is a time for renewal, reflection, and spending time with loved ones. Whether you're travelling, enjoying family traditions, or simply taking a break, we hope this Easter break brings you joy and relaxation.

Córfhéile na Scoileanna



On March 6th our Senior Infant boys did the school proud when they represented Belgrove JBS at Córfhéile na Scoileanna, the biggest non-competitive music festival for school children in Ireland at the National Basketball Arena. The boys performed *Cuigear Fear*, *Tá an tEarrach linn* and *I'm the Farmer*.

It is true to say that they melted the hearts of the audience with their lovely costumes and sweet singing voices! They received wonderful feedback, and their courage and confidence really shone. A huge thank you to Ms. Pastourel, Ms. McCaughey, Ms. Power, Ms. Conry, Richie Power (on piano), Ms. Daly and Shivonne Heery for all the time and dedication that they put into preparing the boys for this experience. Thank you to all the parents who came to support the boys on the day.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí an- sport agus spraoi again. Chan na buachaillí amhráiní, dánta agus bhí céilí againn freisin sa halla. Bhí gach buachaill gléasta suas in eadaí glasa agus bhí said ag úsáid frásaí gaeilge. Bain gach duine taitneamh as an tseachtain.



Palestrina Choir

We have a long-standing tradition in Belgrove JBS of our boys qualifying to participate in the Palestrina Choir. Many of our First Class boys were called back for further auditions. Regardless of whether our boys decide to pursue this opportunity or not, it is an honour and a privilege to be chosen, and we are very proud of them.

Junior Infants Got Active with Glen from Daly Exercise!



Our Junior Infant classes had an absolute "ball" during a fantastic P.E. workshop with Glen from Daly Exercise! The boys were full of energy and excitement as they took part in fun games like Caterpillar Tag and Hula Hoop Bowling. Glen was hugely impressed with their listening skills and enthusiasm, as well as their brilliant running, catching, and throwing abilities. It was a fantastic experience, and the boys

thoroughly enjoyed it. A big thank you to Glen for such a fun and active session!

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2025 Talk



Nicola from Trócaire paid a visit to First and Second classes to talk about this year's Lenten campaign: To help tackle climate injustice, to rush relief after climate crises and get families back on their feet. She explained how Trócaire help Guatemalan families like Ilma and Julio's family (pictured above) to train in new, climate-resilient farming techniques, with seeds and tools that restore soils and protect harvests.

Nicola also spoke about Trócaire's work on women empowerment globally

Your son has received his Trócaire box. Any contribution to Trócaire is very much appreciated.

Shamrock Rovers Coach



Bhí spraoi mór ag na Naíonáin Mhóra, Rang 1 agus Rang 2 le hEóin ó Shamrock Rovers ag imirt sacair ar an Astro ar an gCéadaoin 25ú Márta.

D'imir muid cluichí agus bhí muid ag cleachtadh ár scileanna sacair agus ag úsáid ár Gaeilge.

Lots of Socks Campaign



On Friday 21st March, the school celebrated World Down Syndrome Day to raise awareness. The boys were invited to wear wonderful combinations of different socks. We had lots of fun spotting the craziest combinations in their class. Thank

you for your generous donations to this fantastic organisation. We raised €500 for this worthy cause.

Drumming Workshops

The School Library was alive with rhythm and energy as pupils took part in an exciting drumming workshop! Led by David Day, the sessions introduced the children to a variety of percussion

instruments, teaching them how to create beats, explore rhythms, and play together as a group.



From call-and-response games to creating their own drum patterns, the pupils embraced the joy of music with enthusiasm and creativity. Laughter, clapping, and the sound of drums filled the library (and the yard!) as they worked together, building confidence, coordination, and teamwork.

Sacrament of First Penance



The boys in Second Class received the Sacrament of First Penance during the week of 1st April 2025. We enjoyed celebrating all three ceremonies with the boys, their families, Fr. Pat, Fr. Larry and Fr. Joe. I have no doubt that the boys will do themselves proud as they take another step towards their First Holy Communion

Second Class Visit to Fighting Words



This term, two of our three second classes had the wonderful opportunity to visit *Fighting Words* in Drumcondra, right beside Croke Park. *Fighting Words* is a creative writing organisation and registered charity that offers free, fun, and interactive workshops for young people aged 6–17.

With support from a talented

team of writing mentors, students explored their imaginations through storytelling, poetry, playwriting, and more. Each child received individual encouragement and guidance as they brought their unique ideas to life. Best of all, the stories created during the workshop will be published on the *Fighting Words School Stories* page—so keep an eye out for our budding authors!"

Ducks and Chicks



Cluck! Cluck! Cluck! It's that time of year again when Room 14 becomes a 'maternity ward' for our chicks and ducks. The eggs (the non-chocolate kind!) arrived today, and Mrs. Breen is taking them 'under her wing'!

You can watch them hatch, live on our webcam on the school website after the Easter break. We eagerly await the arrival of the newborns and can't wait to share this joyous event with the boys.

Pieta Fundraiser



The Amber Flag Committee is organising a fundraiser for Pieta House on Friday, April 11th, as a continuation of our wellbeing week held earlier this year. The boys are invited to

show their support for the school's ongoing commitment to wellbeing by wearing an orange or yellow top on Friday to help brighten the school. A donation box will be available in the yard during drop off and collection for those wishing to contribute.

Yard Mural

A huge thank you to our very talented parent **Clodagh Pugh** and the **PA** for the incredible work on the stunning yard mural! (possibly the coldest section of the yard, so an extra thank you for braving the shade!)

Clodagh's creativity and vision, along with the PA's dedication, and effort have truly transformed the space, bringing colour and life to our school.

We truly appreciate all the time and hard work that went into this beautiful project—it's a lasting gift that will be enjoyed by everyone for years to come! 🌞 🎨 🙌

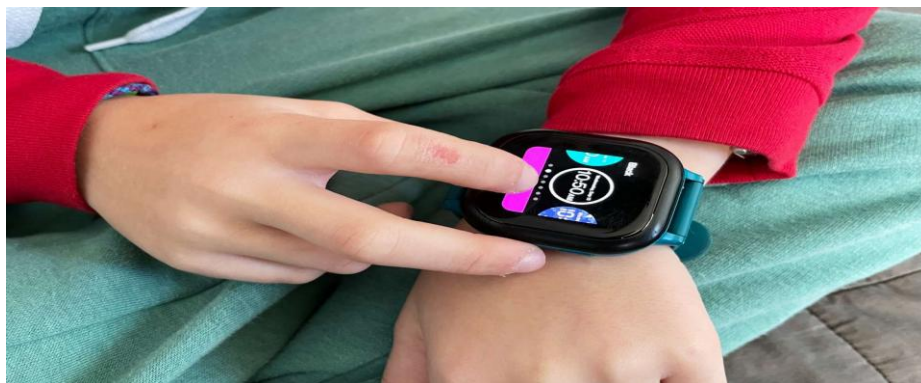
Old School Uniforms



The saying 'It's either a feast or a famine' is certainly the case when it comes to our stock of spare school uniforms. After a massive cull last year, we find ourselves somewhat short in the spare uniforms department. If you have any old uniforms (jumpers, polo shirts and tracksuit bottoms) that are in good condition, we would greatly appreciate your donations.

Smart Watches

Following on from the school notice regarding Smart Watches on 25th February 2025, we would like to remind



parents/guardians to ensure that if your son(s) is wearing a Smart Watch, it is turned to **School Mode** during the school day. Any watch that is not on **School Mode** will be confiscated and parents/guardians will be required to collect it from the office. We would also advise that the watch is worn on the wrist and not left in a school bag or coat pocket where it could get lost or damaged.

Dismissal Times Friday 11th April 2025

The boys will be dismissed for their Easter Holidays at the following times:

Solas: 11:40 am

Junior and Senior Infants: 11:50 am

First and Second Classes: 12 noon

Stay safe, have fun, and we look forward to seeing our boys refreshed and ready for the next term on Monday 28th April 2025.

Happy Easter and enjoy the break! 🐣 🌸

Kind regards

Fiona Sheridan.

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Please see below important dates for next term.

Dates for your diary

Here are some dates for your diary for the last term of the academic year 2024/25.

School Tours (details to follow)

Junior Infants: 19th June 2025 (Airfield)

Senior Infants: 12th June 2025 (Dublin Zoo)

1st Class: 17th June 2025 (Let's Go, Gormanston Park)

2nd Class: 17th June 2025 (Causey Farm)

Solas: TBA

Fundraiser for Pieta House

Friday 11th April – Wear yellow or orange

Fighting Words Workshop

Room 9 Wednesday May 21st

First Holy Communion 2024

Saturday 24th May 2025: Ms. Browne: 11:30 am (St. Gabriel's Church)

Ms. McGuire: 2pm (St. Gabriel's Church)

Saturday 24th May 2025: Mr. O'Brien: 2pm (St. Anthony's Church)

First Holy Communion Class Photograph

Monday 26th May 2025

Full Day School Closure PMC

A reminder that all four Belgrove schools will be closed on Tuesday 27th May 2025 for Primary Maths Curriculum training.

The Big Dig

Thursday 29th May for all Second Classes

Arts Day

Friday 30th May 2025

Junior Infants Sep 2025: Meet the Teacher (exact details to follow)

Monday (half the class): 9th June 2025

Tuesday (half the class) :10th June 2025

Active Schools' Week

Monday 16th June 2025 to Friday 20th June 2025 inclusive

Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday 18th June 2025

Second Class Graduation

Tuesday 24th June 2025 @ 1pm

School will close for the academic year on Friday 27th June at 12 noon.