

Welcome to
the Spring
Edition!

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St Joey's Newsletter

**St Joseph's School for Deaf
Boys, Cabra, Dublin 7**

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MOCK EXAMS

Leaving Certificate and
Junior Cert examinations

21st—25th March

**Good Luck to
the boys with
their mock
exams!**

EXAM TIMETABLES

**LC, LCA and JC
Start on**

**Wednesday 6th
June 2012.**

**Timetables are
available from
[www.examination.
ie](http://www.examination.ie) or
Mr McDonnell.**

NEPAL TALK

On Monday the 30th January the old school Principal Mr. Clandillon brought his son in to give a talk about his charity work building schools for children in the Nepalese countryside. He has lived there for the past four years. The boys asked lots of questions about what life is like for the poor there. The boys raised money by having a football jersey day and gave it to him.

Completing Examinations Projects



**Look at the boys
hard at work in
Art, Woodwork,
Metalwork,
Construction
Studies and
Technical Graphics**



Debate: Thoughts on School Amalgamation.

Michael 3A: I think amalgamation would be a good idea because; there would be more students in our school. Our school feels very small at the moment.

Gin 3A: It's a good and a bad idea because some of our Teachers will lose their jobs and we are use to our teachers and if it's new teachers we could get confused. Bigger Groups are better for communicating.

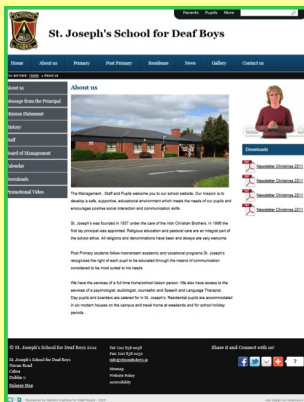
Philip 3A: I think it's a good idea. If we have more students, it means we have more people to communicate with. It also means we have more people to challenge us.

Roy 5A: I think amalgamation would be a good idea because we need bigger groups of students in our school. It would be better for all our education.

Simon 5A: Not sure if I want amalgamation or not. The boys and girls would not be embarrassed and feel more confident around each other.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

The new website is still being developed. It will be launched at our Open Day on the 23rd March.



Final Year Boys (Part 1)

Sean Young

How do you feel about leaving school?

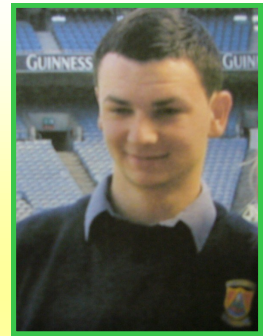
I don't feel ready to leave school this year

What do you hope to do in the future?

I hope to go to college and do a football course.

How do you feel about exams coming up soon?

I feel very nervous, but I hope I do well.



Ciaran Griffin

How do you feel about leaving school?

I feel nervous. I will miss all the lads and staff.

What do you hope to do in the future?

I hope to get into college and do a building course.

If I do not get enough points, I will apply for a visa and go to Australia for a year.

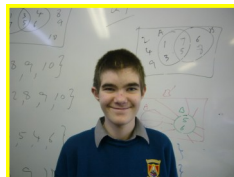
How do you feel about exams coming up soon?

As they are getting nearer, I am getting more nervous now.



Interview with 1st Year boys

I am Alex and I am 13 years old. I live in Moycross, Limerick and I am a boarder at St. Joseph's. I came to Post Primary in Sept 2011 and I really like being here. My hobbies are playing football and playing on Xbox 360. I have one brother and one sister. My favourite subject is Maths. My best friend is Shane from Limerick.



Chinese New Year—23rd January 2012

The Year of the Dragon



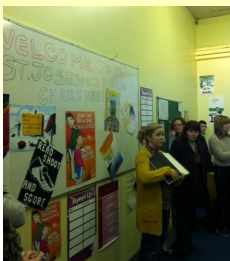
The boys enjoyed their visit to Tesco to watch Ken Hom cooking Chinese/ Thai food for the Chinese New Year. The food looked beautiful and tasted delicious.

By Peter 2B



JCSP Reading Challenge

This term the Junior Cert classes are working hard on our 'Reading Challenge' and 'Reading Programme' initiatives. The boys are challenged to read at least six books in six weeks, as well as working on our new SRA Reading Laboratory. We look forward to an awards ceremony and party in March when there will be certificates and prizes. Keep up the good work lads!!



WATERPOLO NEWS

Our first game was against St. Michael's. We thought they would beat us but we tried hard and we beat them 4-1. Eoin did well and Michael Zosim too. We reached the semi-final against Blackrock and we knew that the Blackrock team is very strong and they have a lot of experience. The match started and they scored 1-0 then after 2 minutes Eoin swam very fast and scored a goal. It was now 1-1 and we were happy with that at half time. We were disappointed when Blackrock started to move against us and we lost 3-1.

SPORTS NEWS

Futsal and Basketball Training Sessions

Joseph Watson is a past pupil of St Josephs and he plays for Ireland Futsal team. He is a great role model as he is the only Deaf person to ever play for Ireland Futsal team. He is a tutor for our boys on futsal on Wednesdays.

Damien: *I thought Waston was a brilliant coach and I learnt a lot from him. I always like to have a Deaf coach!*

Sarah Jane Moloney is a past pupil of St Mary's and she is the only deaf qualified P.E. teacher. She taught boys team work and basketball in January.

Darren: *It was brilliant to have different sport like basketball. I am looking forward to play again.*



We enjoyed the match; it was a great match. St. Joseph's did well.

We are all looking forward to the Senior All Ireland competition to be played next Wednesday 8th February in Trinity College Dublin.

By Gintautas 3A