



## ST JOEY'S NEWS

DECEMBER 2012  
Winter News

Merry Christmas from  
St Josephs

### Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The boys for LCA1B Evan, Darren, Damien and Kaspars along with Mrs McGowan, Shirley and Sharon organised the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal in our school. A total of 47 boxes were donated from staff and students. A big thank you to all who donated. Hopefully we will bring a smile to a lot of little faces this Christmas.



### Titanic Trip

We returned from the long bus journey to Belfast, after having a great time and, obviously tired.

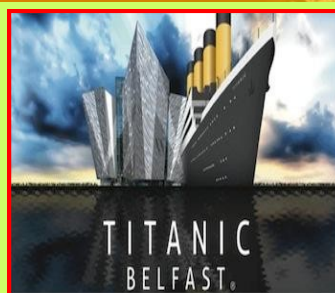
We were inspired by the architecture of the titanic museum. It has the design of cut-square-based pyramid upside down. It faces a huge shipyard where the Titanic was first made.

Luckily, the weather was great which filled us with excitement and wanting to see more.

It was so unbelievable and I underestimated the size of a museum as it has lots and lots of exhibits such as the artefacts found underwater when the Titanic sank 100 years ago. It took us hours to wander through the exhibits, including the things we could try out, such as the rides.

Finally, we went outside to the shipyard where there are impressive features shown on the ground. It contained a particular pattern of grasses and pavements when the grasses represented the death of the passengers while the pavements represented the survivors. They are all in different sizes. By the end of the day, we had learnt a lot. I would like to say thanks to the teachers and staff for organising this trip.

Philip Power 4A



### FETAC

This year we have started a new course in St. Joseph's. The course is being run with St. Mary's School for Deaf Girls. The boys in class are Piaras, Matthew and Adrian and the girls are Ania and Laura.

### CULTURAL FAIR

We hope to have a Cultural Fair in March. We wish to celebrate the cultural diversity of the students as well as their Deaf Heritage.

### Christmas FACT!

A Christmas wreath hanging on your front door symbolizes a sign of welcome and long life for all who enter.

1-3 men will wait until Christmas eve to finish their shopping!

### NEW FACILITIES IN PLAYHALL

Mrs Lennon and Mr Dempsey brought Eric, Simon, Brendan and Daryl to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. We went to Argos. We bought a TV, two pool cues, two football balls and a foosball table.

By Daryl 3A



### CAO... decisions, decisions, decisions!

6th year boys are busy filling out their CAO forms and researching courses for next year. It's a very busy time for Leaving Certificate! Let's wish them luck filling out their forms!



## NEW STUDENT

My name is Kamil. I came from Poland. I came to Ireland in 2007. I went to main-stream school in Sligo for five years. I moved to Dublin to come to school at St. Joseph's. It is my 1<sup>st</sup> year and I love it. I am learning ISL. I am happy here and made a lot of new friends. I love football.



See our **new** website  
[www.stjosephsboys.ie](http://www.stjosephsboys.ie)

## Parent / Teacher's meeting

It was great to see such a fantastic turn-out at the Parent/Teacher meeting on 16 November. The parents were delighted to see the high quality of students work on display.

See you on  
Monday 7th  
January

## Rowing

As part of the Leisure and Recreation module the boys from LCA 1A and LCA 1B went rowing with Dublin city municipal Rowing club for 8 week on the River Liffey.

The instructors Billy and Tommy were very good at teaching us how to row. We all enjoyed ourselves. We hope to go again next spring. By Evans LCA



## STAR OF THE WEEK

### ROY MAGUIRE

(St Joseph's School For Deaf Boys)

ST JOSEPH'S, a school of just 40 students, managed to make it to the Leinster Schools Senior Water-Polo final and Roy Maguire was instrumental in embodying the spirit and determination of the St Joseph's team.

His contribution in the first game against a vastly superior St Peter's Dunboyne team was an inspiration to his fellow players. His contribution in that game was to help his defence contain a very dangerous St Peter's team as well as scoring all three goals for his own team, earning him this week's award.



**Congratulations to Roy!**  
He won star of the week. He played for Leinster Schools. (See Evening Herald 13/12/12).

School trip 2013 in ROME  
more info at our next  
newsletter in the Spring!

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Nine boys from 5th year had two weeks work experience. Some of the boys have been taken on in the new Deaf Café, Deaf Village Ireland, the butcher on Old Cabra Road, Deaf Sports Ireland, Irish Deaf Society Charity shop in Phibsboro and they really enjoyed it

**Michael:** I worked for Deaf Sports Ireland. I enjoyed helping out with database and membership forms and they showed me what to do so I learned a lot.

**Gin:** I was working in a butchers. I got plenty of experience. I enjoyed working there and met lots of different people.

**Eric:** I was working in an IDS Charity shop. It was very fascinating and I enjoyed it.

Mr. O' Mahony has a new baby girl named Rosie. She was born in October 2012. Ms. Keanan had a baby girl last December 2011 named Hannah. Mr Doyle and his wife had a baby girl last January 2012 named Sarah. Congratulations to all.



## NEXT DAY OFF

**Friday 21st December 2012**

**School closes at 12.30pm**

**First year boys — Conor Keane**

I am 13 years old. I am a day boy in first year in St. Joseph's school for deaf boys. I live in Foxrock, Dublin.

My favourite sports are Rugby and football. My favourite subjects are Maths and Woodwork. I made loads of friends in school.



## December Christmas Mass

The boys will begin the mass with a carol singing and some boys will read and sign the reading. The young boys will bring up the gifts. School hamper will be used to give to the poor.



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