



ST JOEY'S NEWS

St Josephs School for Deaf Boys, Cabra

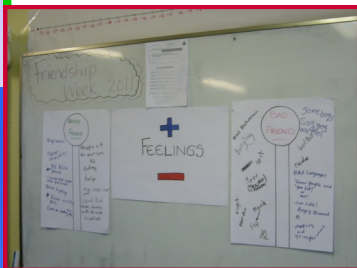
December 2011

Christmas Edition

Friendship Week 2011

1st and 2nd Year Group

Friendship days were held for the students in St Joseph's on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December. These talks focused on the qualities of a friend and how to be nice to others!



Darwin: We really enjoyed friendship days. I learned a lot from it.

Afolabi and Alex: We both loved the Chinese Whispers game. Also we learned more about what a friend really means.

3rd and 4th Year Group

We played games about working in a team and discussed what friendship means and who to tell if bullying happens. One of our staff told her personal story on how she was bullied when she was young.

Darren "it was very good , I learned more information".

Evan "It was good as I learned that good friendship means good behaviour , respect etc"

5th and 6th Year Group

We started by getting the boys to express their views about displayed photos of some bully victims. Then we told the boys sad stories about them. We had a discussion group about being a victim, bully and bystander. We also had a brief exercise in using paper to be roughly destroyed without ripping them, then we tried to get it back to the original condition of new paper linking to the theme, 'The damage is done'. Nobody could get the paper to be new again as it was impossible.

TESCO

A new Tesco store has opened behind the maple centre in Cabra and we were invited to do some bag packing on Friday and Saturday the 16th and 17th of December. The boys of LCA 1B, 5A, 4B and 3A along with some members of staff donned T-shirts and Santa hats and walked over to begin what would hopefully be a successful fund raising event. The boys were fantastic and the reports from the customers and staff were as we would have expected. The boys were polite and helpfula real credit to the school! There were also some women from the Deaf Community who helped us out on Friday night. We were joined on Saturday by some parents and boys from the primary school. Thank you to all the people who helped out we raised an UNBELIEVABLE 2,500 EURO. We hope to put the money to good use by purchasing some much needed equipment for the school. Perhaps we will be able to do it again at Easter.

CAO... decision s, 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

QUIZ TIME!!!

1. What date is St Stephen's Day?
2. Santa's sleigh is pulled by which animals traditionally?
3. How many wise men were there?
4. When are the '12 Days of Christmas'?

Answer the questions and give your answer to
Mr Herlihy by 20th December 2011.
Prize: FAI Football ball.

Simon's Belgium trip

There was a huge meeting in Brussels, Belgium from November 5th to 7th for young people with disabilities.

Some of the students were blind, deaf, in wheel chairs or had other disabilities. Simon McDougal (5a) was picked to go and Mrs. Kealy went with him.

There were students from each of the 27 European Union (E.U) countries and also from Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.

There were 2 blind boys and their teacher, also from Ireland.

At the meeting, the students gave their views and ideas on education and on Monday 7th, they were all taken to the European Parliament where they presented their ideas to the E.U. meeting. This event is held every 4 years, so St. Joseph's was very lucky to be asked to go this year.



GOOD NEWS

Our new website will
be out in the new year!

NEXT DAY OFF

Thursday 22nd December
2011

School closes at 12.30pm

First year boys — Interview 2

Afolabi Okesanya

I am 13
years old
and was
born in
Ireland.
I attend
school in
St. Joseph's school for deaf boys.
My favourite sport is wrestling. I
made loads of friends in school.



Flood Relief

This was a great success with
students, staff and Parents giving
their hard earned cash to help
flood relief victim the Joyce fam-
ily. There were very successful
Football, Snooker and Water Polo
matches against Marian College.
Everybody had a great time. A Big
Thank you to all The Boys who
brought in money. The Draw for
those who contributed will be
held Christmas week.
We raised 1,080 euros.

FLOOD RELIEF FOOTBALLERS



See you on
Monday 9th January
2012 at 9am

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ten boys from 5th year had two weeks work experience. Some of the boys were taken on in the new Irish Deaf Society Charity shop in Phibsboro and they really enjoyed it and the shop is booming.

Michael: I worked in a wood manufacturing factory. I enjoyed helping out with carpenters and they showed me what to do so I learned a lot.

Eugen: I was working in IDS office. I got plenty of experience doing the Information Technology in the office. I enjoyed working there and met lots of different people.

John: I was working in Easons in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. I helped put books with prices on shelves.

Graham: I was working in a garage at car sales. I helped prepare the cars before

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Deaf Village update - Interview with Paul our Past Pupil.

1. How long have you been working at the Deaf Village?

Six months

2. Are there any other Deaf people working there?

Yes, at the moment, there are 3 Deaf people and after Christmas, it will increase to 6 or 7 Deaf people.

3. What is your job?

I'm resident Engineer and my role is to liaise between the client and main contractor relating to current projects, in order to optimise communication and design processes.

4. How do you communicate with the other people working there?

By talking & writing on paper if needs and I found it easy to communicate.

5. When will all the building be finished?

Hopefully in July 2012. It depends if the weather will be nice to us!



Deaf Sports Logo Competition

St Mary's and St Joseph's got involved in the exciting logo comp in art class in November and we had three winners from St Joseph's. The logo displayed won 1st prize was designed by Michael 3A. 2nd prize went to Peter 2B and 3rd prize to Darren 2B. Well done to our boys doing the Irish Deaf Sports proud!



Renaming of I.D.S.A

Irish Deaf Sports Association delegates approved the change of its name to "Deaf Sports Ireland" (DSI) and the adoption of new Constitution & By-Laws at their EGM held on Saturday 3rd December 2011 which modernise the new system of management which will be smaller. The main reason for the change is to register DSI as a charitable body. It is to be in operation from 1st January 2012.

December Mass

The December Mass on December 8th was a great success with St. Mary's and St. Josephs in attendance. The girls from St. Mary's began the Mass with a carol and the LCA boys from St. Josephs also presented a carol after the communion. Simon McDougal and Roy McGuire read and signed the reading and Michael Zozim brought up the gifts. It was great to see such a good turn out despite the heavy rainfall.

School Open Day 2012

There will be an open day for St Joseph's School on 23rd March 2012.

More information will be out in the New Year.

Hands On, RTE 1 will be back on 8th January 2012, don't miss it!

