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### Commemorating 1916:

- January—Memorial Event in Clontarf Town Hall
- March—Flag Raising Ceremony on School Grounds
- Students attend 1916 event in Croke Park
- 6th Year students attend G.P.O.
- 1916 Commemoration book available on school website

By Aaron O'Malley

2016 marked a very important year in our national history – the centenary of the 1916 rising, the formation of the Irish Republic and the deaths of those who fought for it. With celebrations happening across the country (indeed, across the globe), it was only fitting that tributes would also take place nationwide in our schools.

Several events took place in our school between January and April

to mark the centenary. Various year groups visited the many exhibitions and displays around Dublin – a commemorative event in Croke Park and the new *Witness History* museum in the GPO. Pupils commented on how interesting and informative these exhibits were, and how they were filled with a new sense of national pride having learned a great deal about this important time in the history of the state's foundation and the formation of a republic.

The most attended event of course was the flag raising ceremony which took place in every school around the country on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. At this event, the whole school gathered round the front of the school as the proclamation was read by a member of the army and past pupil of Joeys. The tricolour was then proudly raised as the national anthem was played by some of our talented music students as we noted the significance of the moment.

# 1916 Celebrations



*Above: Raising the Flag.*

*Below: P.P.U. Presidents at the 1916 Event*



The events marking the anniversary are historic and unique to this year. We are proud to have been involved in celebrating the centenary and we think Joey's, a piece of history in itself, did justice to these celebrations.



*Above: Danny DeVaal receiving a commemorative copy of the proclamation*

## Zambia/Iceland Trips

By Jack Scurry

# By the time the next Gazette is released, students and teachers from our school will have boarded planes, trains and buses to visit two very different parts of the world.

In only three week's time, thirteen students will embark on the Zambia immersion programme under the guidance of the tireless Ms. O'Regan and her team. There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes all year in preparation, including fundraisers such as karaoke, comedy nights, quizzes and bag-packing. The group are now in final preparation stages and

are preparing for the long trip. Ms. O'Regan said "Everyone involved has put in a huge effort to get ready for our big trip to Zambia. We are excited to get there now and get working and to meet the locals of Kabwe." We wish them all the best and can't wait to hear of their experience.



**"The opportunities for students to see and engage with more of the world can only be an enlightening experience"**

# In the new school year, Mr. O'Callaghan leads the school tour to Iceland. The tours are always a fantastic journey, both physically and mentally, for the groups that travel and this trip toward the edge of the Arctic Circle promises to be no different.

Any student who has been on any of the past tours knows that they are not to be missed. The memories and experiences that are had live long in the memory, and it is a special credit to the school, its teachers and the students that these enlightening experience are possible.



# Joey's Debaters

The secret to success lies performance over the with these Joey's boys. weekend's debating. How they did it we will The Joey's boys never know! St. Joseph's displayed high standards debaters rose to a place in relation to all of these amongst the top young categories. Their initiative debaters in the county at and quick response led the National Model UN them to taking home Debates held in UCC on three awards from the the 28th of November. debating convention.

The team consisted of Alex Fay took best delegate Alex Fay (team cap- before an audience of two tain and organiser), hundred students. Manolito Aviles (vice- Manolito also won best captain), Danny de Vaal, delegate in the category of Paul Carr, Stephen Kelly D.I.S.E.C. while Paul Carr and Ciarán Kelly. The brought back the award of Joey's team took home not honourable mention back one, but three astonishing to St. Josephs CBS. awards for their



Above: The debaters with their Certificates.  
Below: The debating team.



# School Library

By Brian Nolan and Craig O'Sullivan

A joint project between transition years and the English department has now reached completion: the redevelopment of the school library.

Many of the younger years will not remember the old school library which was once housed where the large locker room is now. However, it has now taken up residence in a newly developed space by Room 23.

The English department, in liaison with Andrew Guider (HSCL),

were active early in the year seeking donations of books from parents and charities. The teachers were overwhelmed by the response, and needed to recruit the T.Y.s to assist in the categorisation and selection of the books to 'make the cut.'

All students are welcome to visit and use the library which has a vast selection of fiction for all ages.



## P.P.U. Dinner

St. Joseph's P.P.U. Annual Dinner took place on Friday 26th February 2016 in Clontarf Castle. As always, a great night was had by all reminiscing and renewing old friendships. Awards were presented on the night to Lee O' Neill, who received the inaugural Christy Oonan Scholarship, and Leigh Ryan, who got Student of the Year, as voted for by teaching staff in the school.

Special mention to Enzo Patriarca who was awarded for getting the top results of his graduating year.

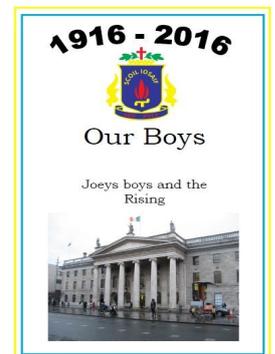
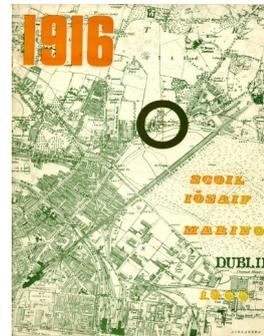


Above: Gerry Cullen, Leigh Ryan, Enzo Patriarca, Lee O' Neill, members of the P.P.U.

## School Website Memorabilia

Be sure to log on to the school website, where lots of old photos, class lists, newsletters and yearbooks have been uploaded.

We recently uploaded two books about the school's involvement in the 1916 Rising. The first was published in 1966 by A.P. Caomhánach. It mentions some of the Joey's Past Pupils who took part in the Rising. The second was published this year and covers



## Green School Committee Update

Attention all Joey's students and Staff, the Green Schools Committee are now launching our **cycle to school awareness programme**. We encourage as many students as possible to use their bikes and indeed cycle to school. Any of those who are users of social media, etc. can avail of the #joeyscycletoschool, to promote cycling awareness for our Green School committee.

**Mar a deir an seanfhocail: Is fear an tsláinte ná an táinte.**

**Time to get on your bikes folks, and don't forget to tweet...! #joeyscycletoschool.**

**Go n-Eirí an t-ádh libh....!**

**Green Schools Committee.**



## Big Brother Programme

The Big Brother was that this programme Mentoring Programme was a fantastic way of has wrapped up for the getting to know the school year. The final meeting and to feel more was organised by the comfortable around 'older' 'Bigs' and 'Littles' who students.

The programme will be starting again next term and all current 5th years are encouraged to participated throughout the year. The event chosen was a trip to JUMPZONE in Santry.

The feedback from the participants, particularly the 1st years, interview for a position as a Big Brother.



## School gets Bike Shed

It has been two years since students had a secure location to lock up bicycles, ever since the old bike shed was converted into the new resource buildings. However, under the ferocious guidance of Ms. Kennedy and the Green School's committee, a new bike shed is now available to students from Green Schools Ireland.

Joey's were granted this facility due to the high proportion of students who travel to school by bicycle. The benefits of cycling are numerous: it aids traffic congestion, helps the environment and promotes a healthy and active lifestyle throughout the student and staff body. The bike shed can be found at the rear of the large building. Please note, you need your own lock!

Students are now promoting a travel to school/work programme for staff and students to encourage the healthy habit of travelling by bike.

Special thanks to all involved.

**Róthaiocht = difríocht..!**

## Darkness Into Light

On the night of May 6<sup>th</sup> into the morning of May 7<sup>th</sup>, over 50 pupils, teachers, SNAs and their family and friends attended the annual walk / run in the Phoenix Park for Pieta House. *Darkness into Light* has become a firm favourite of walkers and runners alike over the last number of years. A gentle route through the Phoenix Park, this run – dotted with lanterns, candles, gospel choirs – is an emotional and uplifting experience for all who do it.

The group met at the school at 3am and travelled by bus out to the Phoenix Park. All wearing the instantly recognisable *Darkness into Light* yellow t-shirts; they walked or ran the route when the event began at 4:15. Coming close to the finish line, the sun rose and the birds began to sing, marking the end of an inspiring journey.

We could not be prouder of our senior boys who turned out in strength, and indeed all the staff members and their family and friends who came along also.

Funds raised by the event were donated to both Pieta House and the Father Peter Mc Verry Trust. Well done to all the pupils and staff for their support.



Above: crowds in their yellow t-shirts taking part in the *Darkness into Light* walk for Pieta House



# Batman vs. Superman Review



by Jacob Wilson

Rotten Tomatoes - IMDB - Metacritic

28%                      44%      72%

Batman vs. Superman was a major success on its opening week, reeling in a staggering 207.9 million US dollars at the box office on its opening weekend.

The plot is a follow-up to Man of Steel (2013). Two years after Superman's (Henry Cavill) fight with General Zod (Michael Shannon), Metropolis is in ruins with thousands of casualties and many people dead or afraid. One of the many people afraid is billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne (Ben Affleck). He is afraid of the man of Steel's incredible power. Bruce will don the cape and cowl of Batman in what is sure to be the fight of the century. Right?

(May be spoilers, you have been warned!)

Batman vs. Superman was a huge let down in my opinion, the title draws you in and then proceeds to waste two and a half hours of your life watching what could have been a fantastic superhero movie. The main characters, both cultural icons in their own right, were destined for an at least 'okay' movie. And while this is not the worst superhero movie in the world (we're looking at you Catwoman), this superhero movie has a lot to learn.

The film wasn't engaging, there was so much happening, yet none of it grabbed my attention. Before I knew what was happening Batman had stabbed Superman with a kryptonite spear. This brings me on to the action sequences. they are alright to say the least; not as extravagant or amazing like *Mad*

*Max: Fury Road's* action but not as bad to *Jaws 3's* "action sequences". The CGI was like the action, okay but could have been a lot better. I know I have been harsh on the film so far, and being perfectly honest I don't hate this film, the cast was very prestigious for a superhero movie, with secondary roles being played by Jeremy Irons and Laurence Fishburne (both of whom I wish could have been in the film longer for their phenomenal acting talent). Also Ben Affleck's portrayal of Batman was better than expected, he was under a lot of pressure taking over from Christian Bale's Batman from the Dark Knight trilogy. He makes a convincing Batman and maybe should have shown some of this ability in his Daredevil portrayal, but that's another story.

**Film score: 48%**

## One Book, One Community Quiz Winners

Congratulations to our first year quiz team who recently won the inter-school 'One Book' quiz. They received a presentation for their win from Mr. Sheehan and were celebrated at the closing ceremony in March.

Our school has won this competition twice in the four years previous and this year's team lived up to the legacy of their predecessors.

Well done to the team pictured from left to right of Callum Byrne, Darragh McCann, Hugh Bowers and Conor Hoffman. Well done lads and we hope those plaques have a special place on display in your homes!

Also, congratulations to Thanush Suvarapu who won the prize for best book cover design, best capturing the theme of the book *Trash*.





The Students' Council meets regularly, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students.

Council Website:

<http://www.stjosephsfairview.ie/student-council-in-st-josephs-fairview/>

Hugh Bowers	1st Year	
Liam Hendrick	1st Year	
Daniel Meagher	2nd Year	Treasurer
Lee Font	2nd Year	
Daniel McCabe	3rd Year	Deputy Secretary
Christian O'Brien	3rd Year	
Jacob Wilson	4th Year	
Karl Haran	4th Year	
Danny De Vaal	5th Year	Chairman
Scott Graham	5th Year	Vice-Chairman
Paul Carr	5th Year	Secretary
Oisín Dunne	5th Year	
Bobby Dolan	5th Year	
James Morgan	6th Year	Head Prefect & Liaison
Austin Hendrick	6th Year	Prefect
Stephen Moran	6th Year	Prefect
Conor O'Reilly	6th Year	Communications & Liaison

## Reeling in the years—A sixth year's memories

### By a Sixth Year

Six years ago, I nervously toddled through the doors of what seemed to be an enormous maze of rooms and heavy doors. Little did we know how important this place would be for the next six years. This was where we gather memories, respect and friends. Here we would enter the world of political intrigue that was "Joey's".

One of my greatest memories from this school is also my first, taking place on the very first full day of school. It was a Tuesday at 9 o'clock, in room 3. We, as typical first-years do, were scrambling around our lockers in a desperate attempt to get half of our books for that day. It was at that moment when our teacher walked in to witness the brawl that was taking place. Her immediate reaction to tell us to sit down while threatening us with cattle-prods. We all timidly sat down as the class began. We were asked to take our

books out, but as a result of the melee none of us had our books. One -by-one, we asked to take our books from our lockers. At the time we were all stupefied, but looking back on it now it was a funny memory.

The school has provided us with many opportunities that I can only imagine will become some of my fondest memories as I grow older. Getting to go on a school tour to America is definitely one of these. As well as getting to see the sights and get out of the country for a bit, it was great to see some of the younger students in a new light. Their levels of energy after a few days made us few leaving certs feel like old men. God only knows what the teachers felt if we were that tired!

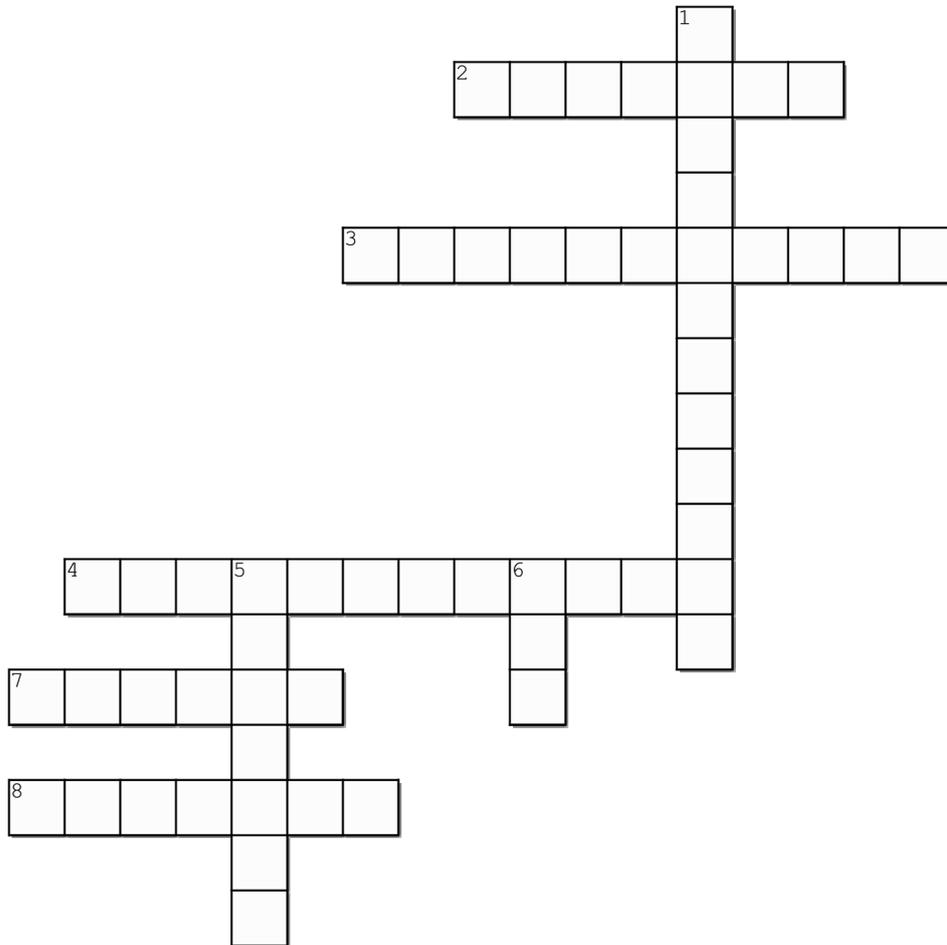
It's only when writing this now that I am beginning to realise that my time here is almost up. I imagine it's what a prisoner feels like when

his sentence is over: an eagerness to be out tainted by a worry about what comes next. On a conscious level, I know that I'm ready for the next step (armed with my knowledge of Sylvia Plath and calculus), but I also know that it involves a change of part of who I have been for the past six years.

However, I know that I am daunted by this step in much the same way as this building daunted me back as a first-year. I know that my next experience will be equally challenging, and I can only hope that it will be as rewarding. To all of the friends I have made in the past few years, the best of luck lads. To those I take with me, the next adventure will be as great as the last. And to the school, the staff, and Frank: Thanks for it all, know that I both look forward to seeing you in the future, and hesitate knowing that it will be so different than what I know.



# Joey's Crossword



**Across**

- 2 Ms. Dowdall teaches this
- 3 End of year exams for third years
- 4 Repeated consonant sounds in a word
- 7 Principal's surname
- 8 New facility for the school, next to Mr. DePoire's room

**Down**

- 1. T.Y. module in which students create their own business
- 5. The country the school is travelling to next year
- 6. Mr. Sheehan's room number

## RIDDLE!

Acting on an anonymous phone call, the police raid a house to arrest a suspected murderer. They don't know what he looks like but they know his name is John and that he is inside the house. The police bust in on a carpenter, a lorry driver, a mechanic and a fireman all playing poker. Without hesitation or communication of any kind, they immediately arrest the fireman. How do they know they've got their man?



*Answer on bottom of back page*



# THE SIDELINE VIEW

## Junior Basketball reaching new heights

By Craig O'Sullivan

Since the re-introduction of basketball to the school's activities, there has been an impressive growth in the teams' development, and you do not need to look beyond the junior teams to see this.

The 1st and 2nd years had strong wins this term over O'Connell's, Blackrock, St. Michael's and Sallynoggin. Team coaches Ms. O'Donnell and Mr. Hennessey were quick to point out that the boys' communication and team-work were outstanding throughout all the games, and this formed the basis for success.

Both teams reached the quarter-finals of their respective competitions, and despite some plucky performances, did not get the bounce of the ball on the day.

Top scorers for the 1st years were Ross King and the impressive Ricky Lui. For the 2nd years, Francis Brady and Billy Walsh stood out.

Well done to the lads, and know that with this level of development on offer, Joey's may soon have a basketball trophy to show off.

## Sports Day—Our Favourite Day!

By Dylan Fay

It's our favourite day of our school years when we all can forget about school work and for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years forget about exams for one day. 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> years get to compete to see who's the fastest in races or better in novelties. Or for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year we can contests to see who has the better team when we go head-to-head in a 5-a-side.

There is also table tennis and pitch and putt or for (this year only) there is bowling for people who don't like athletics, novelties or football.

Mr Kelly takes on the job of organising our sports day each year by making sure the athletics field, the hall for the 5 a side and pitch and putt are booked in advance. He also orders the trophies and medals for winners, runner ups and third place. We would like to say a thank you for his work!



## 5-a-side Soccer Team Bring Back the Silverware!

By Mr. Hennessey

This year's 5 aside man down after half-league started off very time and ended up losing 7-5 to a very strong Westland Row team. After suffering their first defeat of the campaign, the lads travelled to old rivals, Larkin CS, who were the league champions from 2015 season. The Joey's team ended up destroying Larkin with excellent performances from Clinton Eluka, Adam Rowe and Francis Brady. The final group game saw O' Connells CBS as the opposition and the Joey's boys needed a win to pip Ringsend to the final to play Westland Row CBS. The Joey's were fancied to

win well but O'Connell's put up a strong fight and caused worry for the Joey's lads. Eventually through strong leadership from Billy Walsh and Francis Brady, Joeys overcame O'Connell's on a score of 4-2. That result meant the boys reached the all-important final in Irish-town Stadium against Westland Row CBS. The final couldn't have started better for Joey's as they got the early lead they went looking for. They held that lead into the half-time break. The lads seemed tired in the second half and allowed the opposition back into the game as things were

all square at 2-2. But it was Captain Dillon McCarthy who stepped up when he was needed to get that all important third goal. The opposition's heads dropped and Joey's went on to win 4-2 to ensure they would lift the 5-a-side league cup for the first time for the school.



Panel: C. Eluka, S. Kelly, A. Rowe, B. Walsh, F. Brady, D. McCarthy, T.Flood

# Running Away With It

On May 4th/5th, the athletics team Sprint and long distance events. As years. Mr. Stack said "it's great to have travelled to Morton Stadium in Santry well as a host of fantastic runs, we the opportunity to show off the athletic to compete in the East Leinster track earned our first medal since the ability that is in the school, and we and field competition. Held over two reintroduction of athletics to the look forward to more medals in the days, this year we brought a large school's sporting calendar. near future!"

panel of athletes to compete in both Congratulations to Mile-Man Daniel

**Daniel McCabe** – Bronze Medal in U/16 M i l e

**Clinton Eluka** – 2nd in Heat One, 2nd in Heat Two, 4th in 100m minor final

**Scott Byrne**– 2nd in Heat One, qualified for 100m Junior Final

**Francis Brady** – 2nd in Heat One, qualified for 100m U/16 Final

McCabe on his bronze medal. Special thanks to Ms. O'Donnell who has been the chief organiser of both cross-country and track-&-field athletics in the school for the past two



3rd Year Daniel McCabe and his Bronze Medal.



**Athletics Squad**

Adam Rowe  
 Luke Cahill  
 Ross King  
 Gareth Lynch  
 Lewis Brophy  
 Shane Fitzgerald  
 Evan Sherlock  
 Evan White

Brandon Creane  
 Jonathan Wan  
 Francis Brady  
 Shane Kelly  
 Billy Walsh  
 Sean Higgins  
 Lewis Skelly  
 Ignacio Feu  
 Scott Byrne  
 Daniel McCabe

Daniel Mullane  
 Dylan Isaacson  
 Vadim Cretu  
 Jordan Doyle  
 Daniel Rowe  
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Special thanks to Conor O' Reilly in sixth year for all his hard work and time spent formatting the newspaper.

The very best of luck to the 3rd and 6th years who will soon be sitting their state exams.

**We hope you enjoy our publication!**

**Have a good Summer!**