

AK/SJS

16 October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Mr West Memorial Day - Friday 26 October 2018**

On Friday 26 October the staff and students of St John's School will be taking part in a day to commemorate the life of Mr West. Mr West was a Learning Support Assistant who had worked at St John's for 2 years, more recently as Sixth Form Learning Mentor, and he had also worked in schools in Germany for several years. In July 2018 he died suddenly whilst in the UK and his loss is felt keenly by all the staff and students who knew him and worked with him.

Mr West was a man who inspired all that knew him with his positive and kind approach and we felt we wanted to have a day to commemorate his life and to do something amazing in his name. Mr West was a retired Grenadier Guard and one of the charities very close to his heart was Blesma the charity for limbless veterans and we have decided therefore to raise money for Blesma.

On Friday at 10:15 all staff and students will do a walk together on camp and take part in a whole school HIT session (high intensity training - Mr West was a trained instructor) and then walk back to school where we will have a bake sale (Mr West was a great lover of cakes!). This will then be followed by a concert for students in the school hall from 1-2pm which any parents or members of the community who knew Mr West are invited to attend.

Students should come into school wearing brightly coloured sportswear. The walk and HIT session will be a sponsored event and those students who wish to collect sponsors will be given sponsorship forms this week. If they choose not to do it as sponsored we ask for a minimum €2 donation to be brought in on the day. We also ask for donations of cakes for the cake sale which will be sold, along with other refreshments, when we return to school.

We want the day to be a positive experience for all students, whether they knew Mr West or not, and we once again thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Kerr  
Acting Principal

