

## ACTIVE ARCHIE - Belgrove JBS, Clontarf

When we decided to work towards the Active School Flag we ran school competitions to come up an active school slogan and an active school motto:

ASF slogan: 'Ready, Teidí, Go!'

ASF Motto: 'More kids, more active, more often'

We also ran a competition to design an active school mascot Active Archie was designed by a boy in 1<sup>st</sup> class and adopted from the 'Build a Bear' workshop in March 2015 to help our school on our mission to become an active school.



When Archie arrived at the school he visited all classes to say hello. His home is on a shelf above the Active School notice-board in the foyer. As his name suggests, he likes getting lots of exercise and he really enjoys trying new activities. Archie attends lots of activities in our school, such as swimming, Irish dancing and *Smart Moves*. Active Archie learned how to play Boccia with us this year.



At Belgrove JBS we invite our boys, their families, and our teachers to bring Active Archie along with them if they are doing some kind of physical activity, or going to a sporting event, as either participants or spectators. Active Archie has a diary called 'Active Archie's Adventures'. Everyone that takes Archie out on an active adventure is encouraged to write about it in his diary and to stick in a photo or a drawing. His diary always sits beside him on his beside. So far, Archie has been taken skateboarding, to a Tae Kwon Do class, to tennis, hill walking, dirt biking and on a trip to a fire station. He even got to play rugby with Cian Healy!

Archie has been to Dublin Zoo, a water polo tournament in Belfast, the Rugby World Cup in Wales. He even has a big trip planned for this summer!



Archie recently joined staff and parents of Belgrove JBS on the Samsung Night Run. Although it was dark running through Dublin City at night, he was fully kitted out in his high vis. Gear. Archie was also awarded a medal for his efforts which he was very pleased to show off in school on Monday.



When we were awarded our Active School Flag in June 2015, Archie helped to serve ice-cream to all the students as a reward for all their hard work.



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