

St. Joseph's National School Newsletter



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February News 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February has flown by here at SJGNS. The month started with our Junior Infant Open Day, We celebrated St. Brigid's Day, Internet Safety Day, Pancake Tuesday and the month ended in a Friendship Week which was a wonderful success.

Important Dates

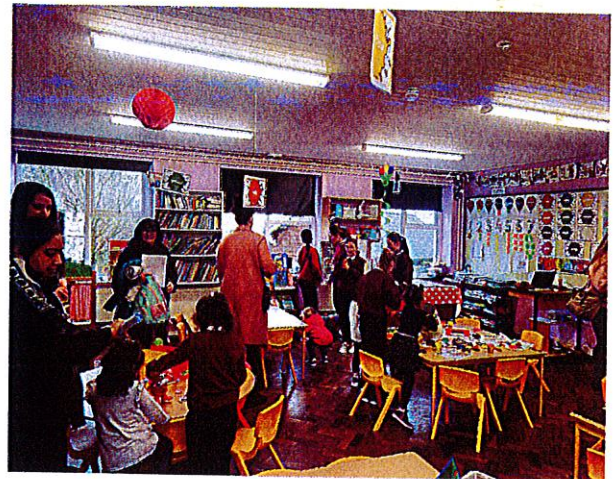
- Sacrament of Penance (First Confession) for 2nd class pupils making their First Holy Communion - Wednesday 8th March (time to be confirmed)
- Confirmation for 5th/6th class students on Thursday 30th March at 10:30 am
- SJGNS will be participating in the Clonakilty St. Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, March 17th
- School will close for Easter Holidays on Friday March 31st at 12pm

Junior Infants Enrolment Day

A big thank you to all the parents, guardians and children who came to visit us in SJGNS for the Infant Open Day.

Children got to see the Infant classroom, meet the Junior Infant teacher and got a tour of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new School Year.



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St Brigid's Day at SJGNS

St. Brigid's Day was celebrated in SJGNS in all classes and students had lots of fun making the St. Brigid crosses



First Aid Training

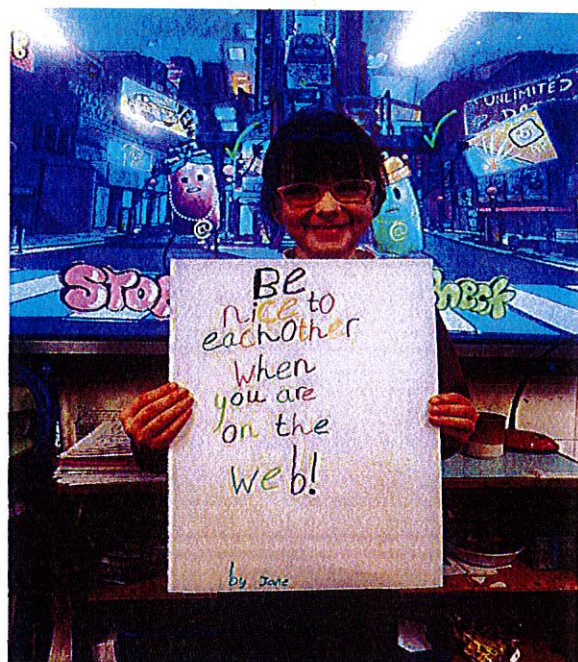
The Staff at SJGNS completed a First Aid/CPR training course recently. Thank you to Eamonn Barry and his team for the very comprehensive programme in dealing with the many different emergency situations that may arise.



Safer Internet Day

Linked with the internet safety site, Webwise, SJGNS marked this day through a number of activities. The importance of being kind online was emphasised through many of the activities completed.

Respectful communication online was promoted in all classes



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Community Garda Visit

Thank you to Clonakilty Community Garda Liam Ryan visited the school recently. Garda Ryan spoke to the 5th and 6th Class students about cyber-bullying and the importance of staying safe online.



Chess at SJGNS

Pupils of 3rd class are getting a fantastic introduction to the game of chess. A big Thank you to Múinteoir Anna for doing this after school club with the students.



St. Valentine's Day

SJGNS celebrated Valentine's Day this year and it linked very well with our Friendship Week



Reading Buddies

To promote literacy in the junior classes, SJGNS use a Buddy programme. A senior class student links up with a Junior Class student and participate in reading activities. Thank you all the students and teachers involved.



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Parents Association Lotto

Well Done to this months lucky lotto winners. The monthly draw is organised by the Parents Association. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you all for your support. It benefits all the pupils at SJGNS.



Cash for Clobber

A gentle reminder of this fundraiser which will take place in April

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Start packing your bags...



| ACCEPTED ITEMS | UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS |
|--|---|
| <p>CLOTHING – Menwear, <u>ladieswear</u>, childrenswear. Paired shoes (tie laces to keep them paired) Bags Hats & Scarves Ties Belts Curtains Bed Linen (sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)</p> | <p>No BRIC 'n' BRAC No Dirty/Wet Clothing No single shoes No Bedding/cushions No Mats/Carpets</p> |

FRIDAY 21st APRIL

Pupil of the Month

Well Done to February's Pupils of the Month recipients.



Act of Kindness Awards

With a special focus on Friendship in the month of February, well done to this months Act of Kindness students.



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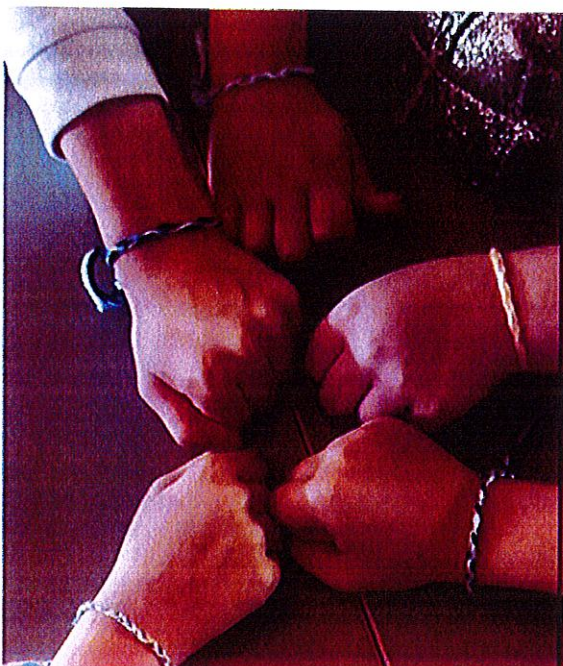
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Friendship Week at SJGNS

As part of the Amber Flag initiative at SJGNS, the Student Council and the Active School Committee under the guidance of Múinteoirí Geraldine & Marian organised a Friendship week in the month of February. Thank you all for the enormous amount of preparation undertaken. The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all.



Students from 5th Class made friendship bracelets for Junior Infant students who were delighted to try on this new accessory!



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Active Friendship Week in February

The Active School Committee organised friendship and teamwork games for the classes linking a junior class with a senior class.



Friendship Week - Lego

Promoting friendship amongst all classes, 6th class students organised Lego activities, offering encouragement and guidance to Junior Class students



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Friendship Visit – Noreen Minihan

SJGNS were delighted to welcome Noreen Minihan to the school as the culmination of Friendship Week. Noreen spoke to the 5th & 6th Class pupils about her own friendships with people down through the years.

Thank You Noreen for providing us with a lovely and sincere insight into the role friendships have played in your life from childhood to present day. Míle buíochas!



Sports at SJGNS

GAA skills continued this month with Cónan, students are getting weekly tennis lessons with Alan and swimming lessons continue at the Clonakilty Pool.



Weekly Wake Up & Shake Up with the Active Committee

Dancing Competition

Well Done to Nikola Baraniewska in 5th Class, who competed in a Freestyle Dancing competition recently and had great success.

