

St. Joseph's National School

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Newsletter

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Welcome and Farewell.

We extend a warm welcome to Múinteoir Sarah, our Deputy Principal, who is returning to teach in Sixth Class. Many thanks to Ms. Rebecca Murray for her wonderful contribution in St. Joseph's.

First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Ceremony will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 10.30 am on Saturday May 6th.

Cash For Clobber.

As part of National Spring Clean this year St. Joseph's participated in the 'Cash For Clobber' scheme. Not only does the 'Cash For Clobber' help to raise funds for our school but it also enables us to help those less fortunate than ourselves – Children and Adults in the developing world. Thanks to all Pupils, Parents and Staff for their support. A total of 182 bags were collected. Funds raised will contribute to the cost of funding gymnastics classes for all the girls during this term.



182 Bags in total!!!

Photography Exhibition.

We are so excited to announce that this year, our photography exhibition, which will be held in the school hall, on Thursday 1st of June will be open to Parents. This will be a wonderful opportunity to view the exhibits of all the girls.

Information Meeting –Incoming Infants.

An information meeting will be held on Thursday 1st of June for Parents of our incoming Junior Infants. (1.30-2pm)

Dates For Diary.








May.

Fri. 5th: Mad Hair Day.
(Fundraiser in aid of Pieta House)
Sat. 6th: First Holy Communion Ceremony.
Mon. 8th : Closing Date for Photography and Art Competition.
Sun. 14th : School West Rowing Regatta.
Mon 15th : School Closed.
Tues. 16th – 19th : Food Dudes Week and Active Schools Week.
Wed. 17th : Cycle/ Scooter Activities : Senior Infants and Second Class.
Wed. 17th : Sciath na Scol matches in Bandon.
Wed. 17th : Visit from RNLI.
Fri. 19th : Cycle to School Day.

June.

Thurs 1st : Cork City Sports.
Thurs. 1st: Information meeting for Parents of Incoming Infants.
Thurs 1st : Photography Exhibition.
Monday 5th : Bank Holiday. School Closed.

What's on in St. Joseph's?

<p>Monday</p> 	<p>Gymnastics with Aoife Mc Cauley. (Juniors – 2nd Class) French with Deirdre. (Commencing May 8th)</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>Gymnastics with Aoife Mc Cauley. (Third - Sixth)</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>  	<p>French with Deirdre. Flute Lessons. Football Coaching in Ahamilla. (Múinteoirí Eileen , Marian, CarolAnne 3-4pm)</p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>Drama with Pam Golden – J. Infants – Sixth.</p>
<p>Friday</p>  	<p>Tennis with Alan. (Sixth , Fifth, Third and 1st.) GAA with Conan. (Junior, Senior Infants and Third) Violin Lessons with Geertien O' Leary.</p>

Sport in St. Joseph's



Second Class perfecting their skills on Friday mornings with Alan.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to the Under 12's Rugby team who represented the club at the Mini Rugby festival on Sunday 23rd of April. The girls were very successful and won all their matches. These matches were played in the Aviva Stadium. The highlight of their day was a meeting with Irish rugby star, Caelan Doris and the girls also got a close view of both the Grand Slam and Six Nations trophies. Very Well Done Girls.



Sixth Class are enjoying Football Coaching with Conan. St. Joseph's GNS are taking part in the Sciath na Scol Competition again this year. The team will play Bandon N.S. and Newcestown NS in the Bandon Athletic grounds on Wednesday 17th of May.

Best of Luck to all our players.



South West Rowing Regatta.

South West Rowing has organised its fifth schools' regatta for May 14th on the lagoon in Rosscarbery. Teams from Primary schools will race against each other. Training is underway for the girls in St. Joseph's with the Galleyflash and Ring Rowing Clubs. This will give the girls a taste of what it feels to be part of a four-person crew.

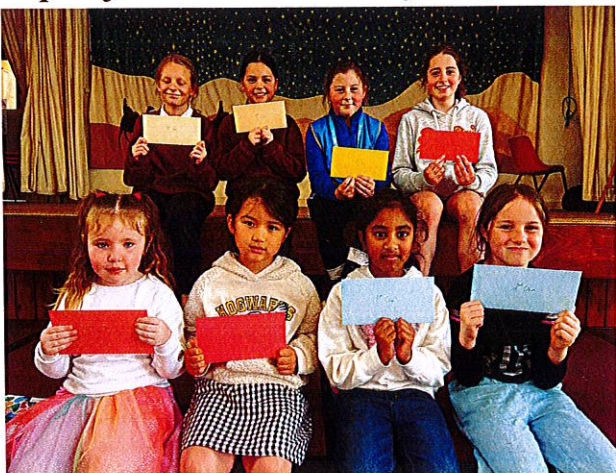
School Committees

Student Council and Amber Flag Committee.



This year our Student Council members have taken on two roles in the school. Not only do they serve as the student voice but they also take on a role on the 'Amber Flag Committee'. They have been great role models in the school and have suggested many interesting ideas. We love hearing the birthday wishes, Wear your own clothes on the last Friday, Fill up the 'Caught You being Kind Post-Its' and any other upcoming initiatives on the PA. A very popular 'Mad Hair day' is being planned for Friday 5th of May. This is a fundraiser for Pieta House which coincides with the 'Darkness into light campaign.

Pupil of the Month Award for April.



We are an Active School

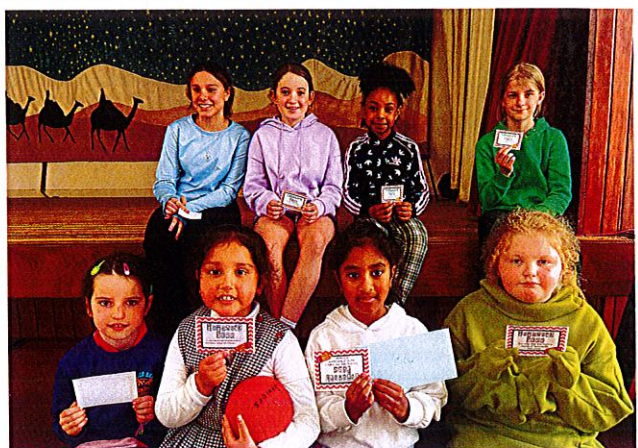
Our Active Flag Committee have been very busy this month. Not only do they lead the 'Wake Up, Shake Up' mornings under the direction of Múinteoir Marian, but they have provided each classroom with a range of playground equipment during lunchbreak. Looking forward to Active Week from Tues. May 16th – Friday 19th of May.



Wake Up, Shake Up.



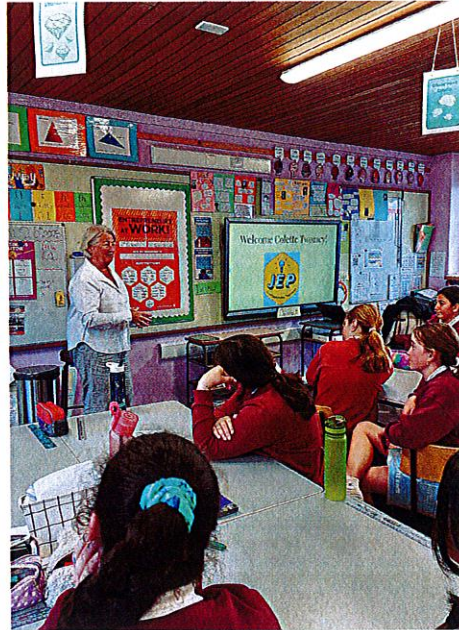
Winners of the 'Random Act of Kindness Awards'



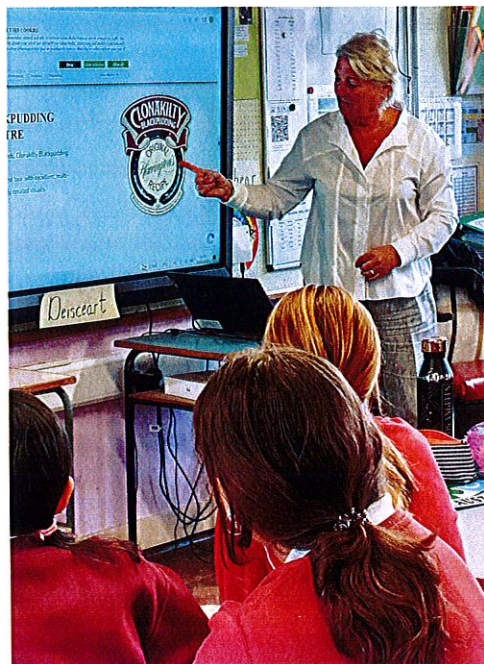
Junior Entrepreneur

This year Sixth class are taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. The JEP is an entrepreneurial awareness and skills enhancement programme for primary school children. This programme aims to help children recognise enterprise and entrepreneurship and to foster an awareness and understanding of the entrepreneur's role in the community therefore empowering the child to start to think and act with the initiative, creativity, independence and ideas that are invaluable in the modern world. During the last few weeks the girls have worked collaboratively in small groups, in order to generate a range of potential entrepreneurship project ideas. In preparation for 'Meet the Judges' the girls used oral, visual and written presentation skills to communicate details of their team projects to the Judges and class. The panel of judges consisted of Mr. Conor Mulcahy, Múinteoir Aileen and Múinteoir Sarah. On Friday 21st of April, the girls presented their project idea and received feedback from the 'Judges'. Following on from the recommendations from the 'Judges' and in consultation with the class teacher, the class agreed on 'Dream Bright' the whole class project idea. Well done to all teams who had put great effort into their projects. During the next few weeks the girls will be busy putting their project into action, marketing the project and managing sales.

'Dream Bright'.



On Wednesday 26th of April, the girls were delighted to welcome Colette Twomey to sixth class. She spoke to the class about her experience as an entrepreneur, developing her company and the challenge she has faced along the way. She gave the girls great advice as they begin to develop and market their chosen product 'Dream Bright' a colourful dream catcher.

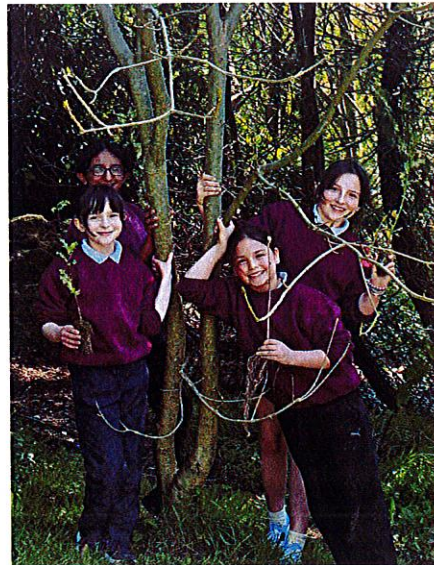


Green Schools Committee

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We are very excited to announce that a new Green schools Committee has been set up in St. Joseph's. Our Green schools Co-ordinator, Múinteoir Anna will lead the team as they explore Global Citizenship. The theme for this year is Sustainable Energy. The team members have been very busy conducting surveys in fifth and sixth class. We look forward to hearing about the results of the surveys and the follow on activities in the next few weeks.



Committee members planted a tree to mark their first committee meeting.

Biodiversity Project.

Fifth Class enjoyed a very exciting workshop with Kieran Cowig from Wildwork. This is a movement that was introduced to us by our local tidy towns committee. The aim is that the girls will become more familiar with their local environment and nature around them. Through a series of workshops they will become part of a collaborative approach to protecting our local flora, fauna and habitats. These workshops will continue during this term so the girls will be immersed in the nature all around them.

No Mow May!



Second Class Girls reminding us that 'No Mow May' is fast approaching. This is an annual campaign asking everyone to put away the lawnmower during the month of May to help our native wildlife.



Well Done Fifth Class Girls.

Gardening Club.

Múinteoir Noemi is all enthusiastic about setting up a gardening club in St. Joseph's for girls in fourth class. The girls have put in an entry for the 'Woodie's gardening Competition' so busy days ahead for these girls.

St. Joseph's GNS Photography Competition

Following on from our successful photography competition last year, we are delighted to receive entries again this year. Introducing photography into the classroom is a fantastic way to creatively boost the well-being of children by increasing their confidence, resilience, connection kindness and readiness. We are looking forward to allowing the children lead the way and experience the environment around them and show their point of view through the medium of photography. We hope to host a photography exhibition on Thursday 1st of June so all parents will get an opportunity to view the wonderful displays this year.

All entries to be emailed to the following address: stjosephsphotogallery@gmail.com
Entries will be displayed on the school website and a winner will be chosen for each class. The winning photo in each class will be printed and framed for inclusion in the gallery at the end of the year. Don't forget to add a caption/name or quote with your photo, together with your name and class on submission. Closing date for receipt of photographs is Monday 8th of May.

Artist's Brief!

This is Art! Ireland's national young people's inclusive art competition which is hosted by RTE and the Creative Ireland Programme. The theme for this year is 'This is Inspiration'. Show us what inspires you as an artist. It could be a view, a lyric, a face or a feeling.

The themes for the Photography Competition this year are as follow:

Class	Theme
Sixth Class	- 'Water' (Sea, River, Waterfall, Rain, Puddles, Anything with Water)
Fifth Class	- 'Something that inspires me'
Fourth Class	- 'Emotions' (Happy, Sad, Excited, Lonely, Angry etc)
Third Class	- 'Water -(Me, Myself and I)
Second Class	- Shapes in the Environment.
First Class	- 'Wildlife'
Senior Infants	- Still life Photography - 'Food'
Junior infants	- Colour.



A camera is a
SAVE button for
the mind's eye.

- ROGER KINGSTON

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This is Art!

1. Create your artwork. (Any media, material or format)
2. Snap a photo of your artwork.
3. Submit a short written introduction to your work called an Artist Statement about what inspired you to create your artwork.

Closing Date Tuesday 8th of May 2023.