

# St. Joseph's National School

March

## Newsletter

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### **Congratulations.**

Best wishes to Múinteoir Anna and her fiancé Ken as they prepare to celebrate their wedding. Wonderful news of the recent engagement of Múinteoir Orlaith and her fiancé Aidan also. Wishing them both a lifetime of happiness.

### **Reminder.**

Cash for clobber is back. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of April we will collect bags of unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, towels, curtains, bedding that are in good condition. These will be taken away to be reused and recycled. The school will receive money for these bags based on weight. This money will go towards funding for our school. Please see attached flyer for more information.

### **Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.**

### **Dates For Diary.**

#### **April.**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>: School Re-opens.

Mon.8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>: Neurodiversity Week.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> : Cash For Clobber Collection.

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup>: Sponsored Walk.

#### **May.**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> :Bank Holiday ( School Closed)

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> : First Holy Communion.

### **Save the Date: Fundraiser for St. Joseph's.**



We are delighted to announce that a sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of April. The walk will begin at the school carpark at 2pm and we will walk the Joe Walsh Greenway. All funds raised will be used to source OT and sensory resources for the school.



## CASH FOR CLOBBER



Collection will take place in school on the morning of **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
Please note we cannot accept bags before this date

ACCEPTED ITEMS	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
<b>CLOTHING</b>  Paired shoes (tie laces to keep them paired) Bags Hats & Scarves Ties Belts Curtains Bed Linen (sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)	No BRIC 'a' BRAC No Dirty/Wet Clothing No single shoes No Bedding/cushions No Mats/Carpets
	



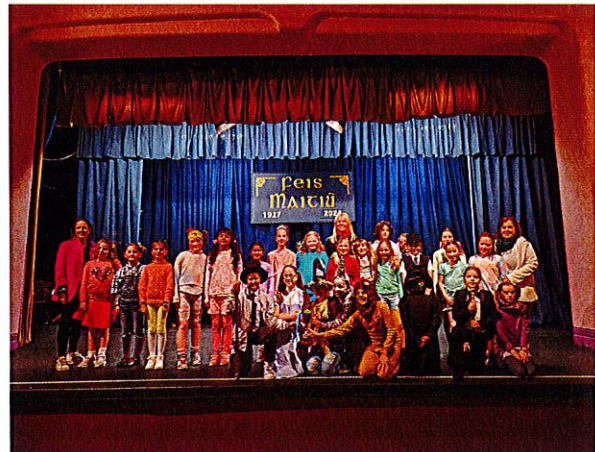
# Congratulations

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in the Feis Maitiú Competitions this year. This annual event takes place in the Father Mathew Hall in Cork and there is a great sense of occasion and excitement as the girls depart on the bus, resplendent in their uniforms. This is a great opportunity for the girls to work on their diction, teamwork, pacing and overall performance. Many thanks to Pam Golden and all the staff who worked so hard this term. This year third class competed in the Musical Theatre category and brought home the 'Pam Golden Cup'. Girls in second and fourth class competed in the Action Verse/ Choral Verse Categories and were awarded a distinction for their performances. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of March, the girls had an opportunity to perform for their Parents. Very Well Done to All.

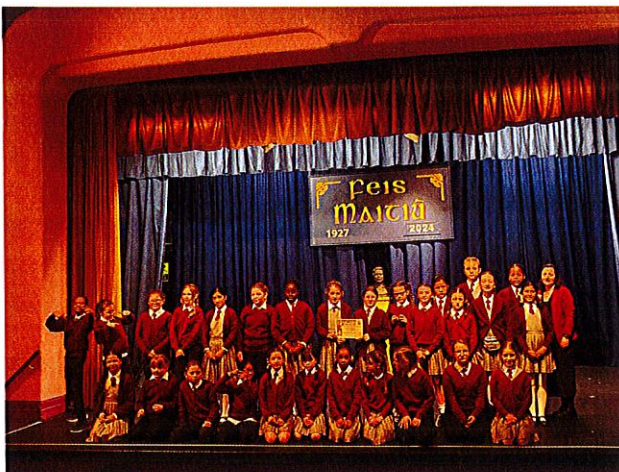
## *Second Class.*



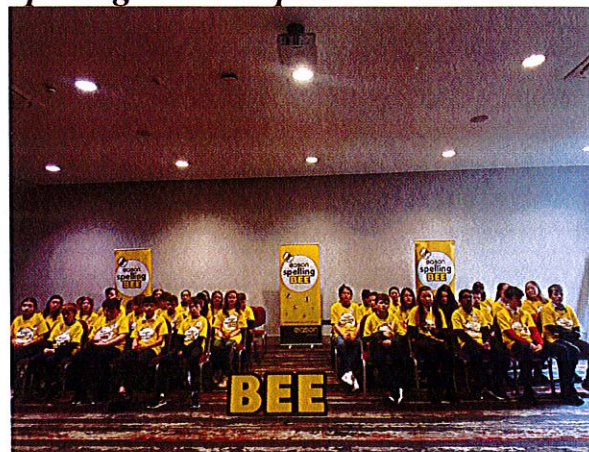
## *Third Class.*



## *Fourth Class.*





## *Spelling Bee Competition.*



Very Well Done to Sienna from Sixth Class who represented St. Joseph's and advanced to the fourth round of the Spelling Bee Competition. Very Well Done.

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<p><b>Monday</b></p> 	<p>Irish Dancing in the school hall. ( 3-4pm) French with Deirdre. (Classes 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>  	<p>Dancing lessons with Mark Bryan. Violin: Third and Fourth Class. French with Deirdre: J. Infants, S. Infants, First.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>  	<p>Violin : Fifth and Sixth Class. Creative Keyboards. 2-3pm: Junior &amp; Senior Infants. 3-4pm: First &amp; Second Class. 4-5pm: Third- Sixth. Zumba with Flav.</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p>   	<p>Drama With Pam Golden.</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p>	<p>Football Coaching with Conan. Classes : Juniors, Seniors, Third, Fifth.</p>

# Busy Days in St. Joseph's.

## *Seachtain na Gaeilge.*

Well done to all the girls who embraced all the activities this week. The girls make a special effort every day with their greetings and requests 'As Gaeilge'. This week the girls enjoyed listening to Irish Music on Dabble doo, learning Irish songs. Many thanks to Fifth class girls who created posters of their favourite seanfhocail.

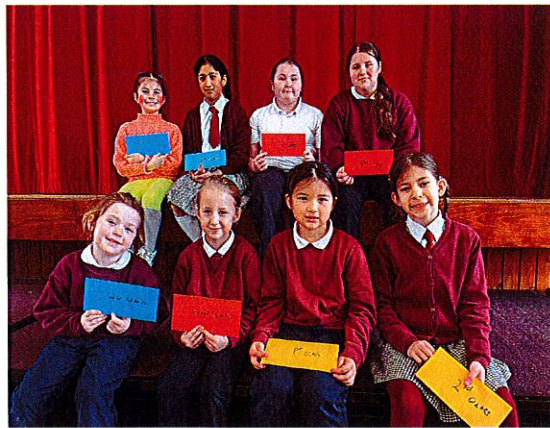


## **Rincí agus Spraoi sa Halla.**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of March we were delighted to welcome Mark Bryan back to St. Joseph's. The girls enjoyed learning simple polkas, Walls of Limerick and Military Two step.



## **Pupil of the Month for March.**



Many thanks to Emma and Rebecca Coleman and their Dad who brought two of their chickens, Maisy and Daisy on a visit to St. Joseph's on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March. The girls learned about how the girls care for their chickens every day, the food they eat, where they live and the fresh eggs that they collect every morning.

## **Very Welcome Visitors.**



# Siopa BÁCÁLA

This event was very successful again this year. Thanks to the girls from classes Fourth, Fifth and Sixth who baked the cakes. The sixth class girls took on the role of 'Siopadóiri' and of course all dialogue had to be 'As Gaeilge'. The girls raised 342 euro on the day and all proceeds go to Daffodil Day. Thanks to all who supported.



# Tráth na gCeist

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Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> took part in the annual Tráth na gCeist on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March. The girls put their Irish language skills to the test to answer questions on music, sport and general knowledge. We included two picture rounds, Famous People and Famous Landmarks. Each member of the winning team received a voucher from Coughlans bookstore and this year we had a tie for second place. Very well done to the girls who listened well and worked collaboratively.

## *Tráth na gCeist Champions.*



## *Second Place.*



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*Ag Éisteacht go géar!!*



*Ag Caint le Chéile.*

# Sport in St. Joseph's

We are delighted to participate in the 'Run Around Europe' whole school challenge again this year. The inclement weather has proved a hindrance but we avail of any dry opportunities during the day! This initiative focuses on participation, inclusion and fun with lots of learning opportunities. All classes, at all class levels are challenged to build a 'Run a Day' into their daily routines across the 4 weeks of the challenge.

Working together as a class, and as a school, your combined km will bring you to many of the capital cities across Europe. To date we have visited London, Madrid, Lisbon, Paris, Rome, Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm.

## ***Tennis Timetable.***

Thanks to financial input from the Parents' Association, tennis lessons will be provided for all classes this year. Each class will receive a thirty minute coaching session for four weeks. Coaching with Alan O'Mahony has now begun for classes 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and we hope for dry Thursdays.



## **Ready For Action!!**



# Fun activities in St. Joseph's

## Interschools Team Show Jumping Competition.

Very well done to Ella Forristal ( Sixth Class )who represented SJGNS and again joined up with her pals from Coppeen and Ballymoney National Schools to compete in a combined Carbery Schools team. All four of them jumped fantastic clear rounds and only lost out on the clock in the jump-off, eventually finishing 6th of 19 teams.

Very Well Done to All.



Ella pictured on 'Rocky'

## Cork City Sport Trials.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March, we took advantage of the dry afternoon and Múinteoir Marian organised the run off for both the Cork City Sports and Clonakilty Primary Parish Sports Day. Cork City Sports will take place in MTU on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May and the Parish Sports Day is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> of June in Ahamilla. Many thanks to Múinteoir Marian for organising this event in the school.

## Congratulations.



Our sixth class pupil, Ella Forristal recently represented St Joseph's GNS in a camogie skills competition. She also took part in the Primary Game camogie trials.

Both took place in the 4G pitch at Super Valu Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Well done Ella, we are very proud of you! Ella proudly wears our new jerseys which are kindly sponsored by 'Global Shares'

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2011	Mimi (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Jenny	Elena	Julia	Gabi
2012	Brenda(5 <sup>th</sup> )	Natalia	Ella F. ( 6 <sup>th</sup> )	Adriana	Sidra (6 <sup>th</sup> )
2013	Naya (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Leni (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Méabh (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Katie (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Jimma (4 <sup>th</sup> )
2014	Megan (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Isla	Maeve	Kriti (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Poppy
2015	Bláithín(2nd	Sadie K.	Sadie F.	Leia	Tazmeen
2016	Alice (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sophie	Daria (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Chloe (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Mahinoor

First and Second in each year travel to Cork City Sports.

Third Place: Sub for Cork City Sports.

First, Second, Third, Fourth all compete in Clonakilty Parish Sports Day.

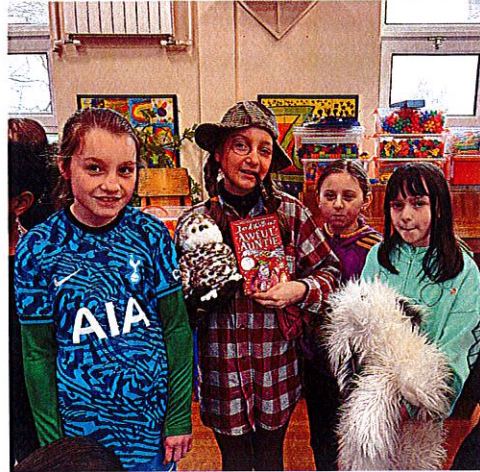
Fifth : Sub for Clon Parish Sports.

More information will be given closer to the events.

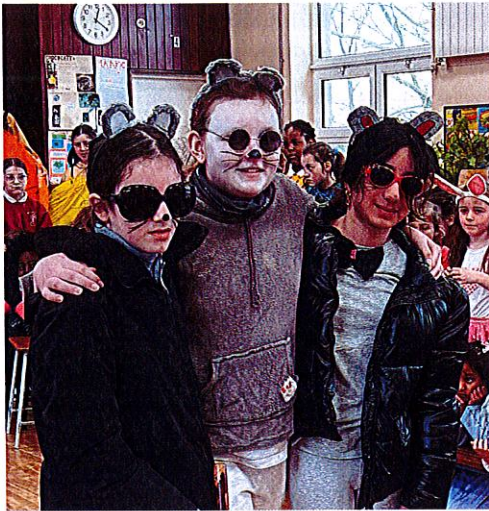


# Dress Up For World Book Day

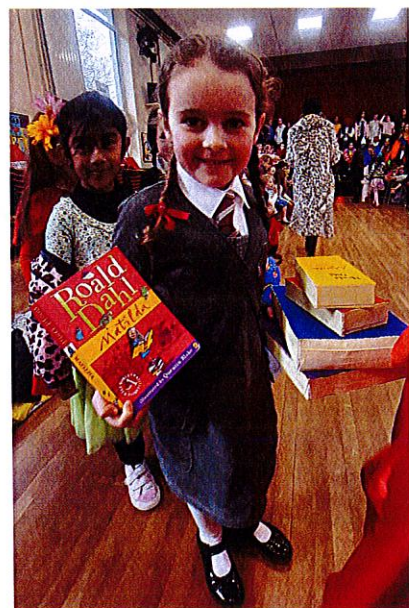
We were delighted to celebrate world book day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of March. The girls had an opportunity to choose a character from their favourite book and dress up accordingly. The highlight of the day was the parade in the hall. Many thanks to Múinteoir Marian who organised this event. Great Fun Day.



*David Walliams inspired our Fourth class girls.*



*Amazing Creations: Mr. Tickle and Little Miss Sunshine*



**Roald Dahl is still a firm favourite.**



# World Book Day Events

Buddy reading in the hall took on another dimension when everyone was dressed up. Girls in the senior classes teamed up with the younger girls and read picture books together. This was a very interactive activity and the girls enjoyed the opportunity of mixing with other classes. In the afternoon a book quiz was organised for third, fourth and fifth classes. These are great events to nurture the interest in reading.

*Buddy Reading in the hall.*



*Fifth Class Winners: World Book Day Quiz.*



*Third & Fourth Class Winners: World Book Day Quiz.*



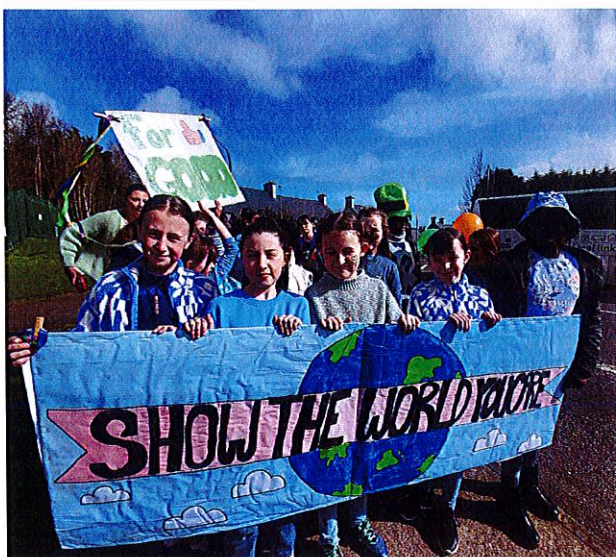
*Drama in Second Class.*

*Winners of the Colouring and 'Design a Book Cover' Competitions.*

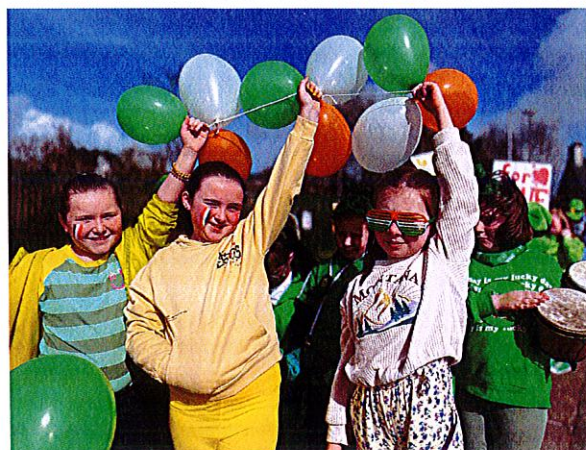


# St. Patrick's Day Parade

St. Patrick's Day Parade proved to be another fun occasion this year. The girls were so excited and enjoyed the lovely positive community spirit on the day. The theme this year was 'Síochán le Chéile'. A simple poem 'Send a Rainbow For Peace' was the inspiration for our entry. Each class dressed in a colour of their choice which depicted the colours of the rainbow. Our sixth class girls led our parade in their eye-catching Mr. Men outfits. A huge effort was made with colour coordinated hats, sunglasses, sparkly headgear, and all sorts of embellishments. The girls also provided a delightful entertainment factor as they sailed through Clonakilty chanting the words of the poem and singing 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'. Thanks to the transition students from SHSS who did trojan work creating our banners and to Múinteoir Sarah and Class Seven who created the eye-catching posters. Thanks to the Sixth Class Girls who led the parade and to all Pupils, Teachers and Parents who helped make our Parade a success.



Thanks to our Fourth Class Girls who carried this fabulous banner.



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