

St. Joseph's National School

December

Newsletter

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Beannachtaí Na Nollag Oraibh Go Léir.



Thank You.

A special thank you to all who supported the 'Meals on Wheels' Food Collection in St. Joseph's. During the last fortnight the girls have been busy filling up the boxes with their donations. Thanks to Pádraig O'Mahony who collected donations of non-perishable goods.



Dates For Diary.

January.

Mon. 8th : School Reopens,
Fri. 26th : School Closed- Inservice for Staff.

Board of Management.

Chairperson: Mrs. Kathleen Ryan.
Secretary: Mr. Conor Mulcahy. (Principal
Treasurer: Mrs. Margaret Deegan.
Staff Nominee: Mrs. Edel Mc Carthy.
Parents' Nominees: Mrs. Jenny Ejim, Mr. James O' Brien.

Community Members: Ms. Therese Hayes, Mr. Conor Nyhan.

New board assumed office on 1st of December 2023 and will serve a term of four years.








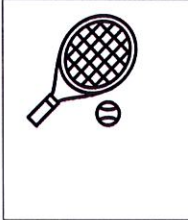
Many thanks to all who serve on the Board of Management and the Parents' Association. These members work tirelessly on behalf of the Parents and Pupils to help improve the School and its facilities.

Christmas Jumper Day.

Many thanks to all pupils and staff who donned their Christmas jumpers and hats to raise funds for the 'Comfort Boahen Memorial 'Fund. A total of 715 euro was raised by Parents and Staff,

What's on in St. Joseph's during

January 2024

<p>Monday</p> 	<p>Irish Dancing in the school hall. (3-4pm) French with Deirdre. (2nd, 3rd,4th,5th,6th)</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>  	<p>Swimming Lessons in the Leisure Centre- Third and Second Class. Third: Tues 9th. Second: Tues, 16th, 23rd, 30th.</p> <p>Violin: Third and Fourth Class. French with Deirdre: J. Infants, S. Infants, First.</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>  	<p>Violin : Fifth and Sixth Class. Creative Keyboards. 2-3pm: Junior & Senior Infants. 3-4pm:First & Second Class. 4-5pm: Third- Sixth.</p>
<p>Thursday</p>   	<p>Drama With Pam Golden. Tennis with Alan. Classes: J. Infants, S. Infants, 2nd & 4th. Thurs. 11th,18th, 25th. Soccer with Caroline Buttimer. Fifth & Sixth: 11th, 18th,25th.</p>
<p>Friday</p>	

Outdoor Pursuits in St. Joseph's

Trip to the Cinema.



Posting Letters to Santa.



Junior Infants have written letters to Santa and they are on their way.

Cake Sale in Third Class.



A cinema trip with friends is great fun. On Monday 18th of December, girls from First, Second, Third and Fourth enjoyed the production 'Wish'.



Girls from second class observing and recording the signs of Winter.



Well Done to the girls in third project who organised a cake sale . The girls took ownership of this project, marketed their product, supplied and sold the cakes. All money raised will be used during their upcoming trip to the RDS.

Congratulations.

Kick-Boxing Gradings.



Well Done to our sixth class girls Lena and Katelyn who were recently awarded their green belts at the grading in Lisavaird. The girls train under the direction of Tony Stephenson and Ian Kingston and gradings take place twice a year.

Gymnastics Showcase in Clonakilty.



Congratulations to girls in Fourth Class who performed in the 'Gymnastics Showcase' recently.

Gymnastics Showcase: Second Class.



Congratulations to Iga in second class who is very proud of her yellow belt.

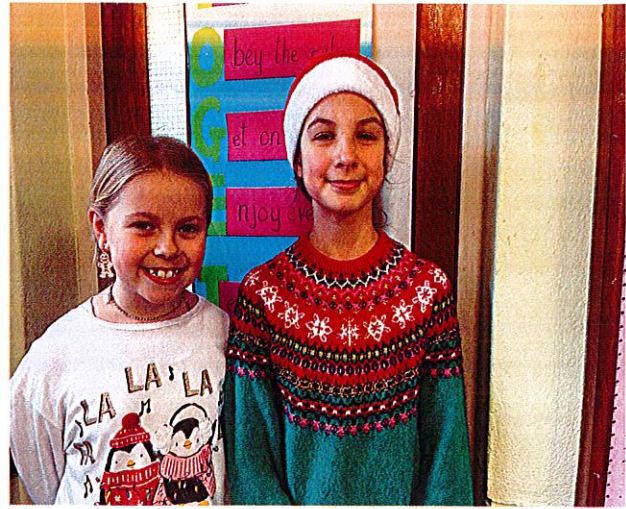
Congratulations.



Congratulations to girls in Second Class who proudly display their medals.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day was great fun and put everyone in the Christmas spirit. A group photo of all the girls dressed in their Christmas attire will be included in the calendar which will be created by Sixth Class for the Junior Entrepreneur Project. This year we wore our jumpers to help raise funds for a family that is facing heartbreak this Christmas. The sudden departure of Comfort Boahen has left her family bereft and we hope the money raised will ease the financial burden.



Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

Primary School Debating.

On Thursday 7th of December our sixth class debating team competed in the quarter finals of the Primary Schools Debating Competition.

Team members Sophie Karpa, Julia Bak and Sidra Zangana put great effort into the research and delivery of their speeches. 'Electric cars are the best way for countries to reduce their emissions.

This was a very tight contest between Coppeen N.S. but unfortunately the girls were runners-up on this occasion. Many thanks to Múinteoir Anna who coached the team and to the girls who represented St. Joseph's.



Lisavaird Art Competition.



Last Day of Drama with Pam



We say a fond farewell to Thandazo who moves to her new school in Mallow in January 2024.

We were delighted to have two first prizes in the Lisavaird Art Competition this year. Dearbhla Coffey (S. Infants) and Jessica Deasy (Sixth) were presented with their prizes by Pat Moriarty CEO of Lisavaird Co-op. This year St. Joseph's were the lucky recipients of a laptop also.

Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

New Hot Meals Programme.

We are delighted that St. Joseph's is one of the 100 Cork Primary Schools which has been invited to participate in the Hot Schools Meals Programme. This is part of a government expansion which will be rolled out in April 2024. Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys TD signalled her intention earlier in the year and invited schools to submit an expression of interest form. The Department of Social Protection will now write to each of these schools to advise on the next steps to allow schools time to prepare so that the pupils will be able to avail of the hot meals from April 2024.

A visit to the Pantomime is so exciting.



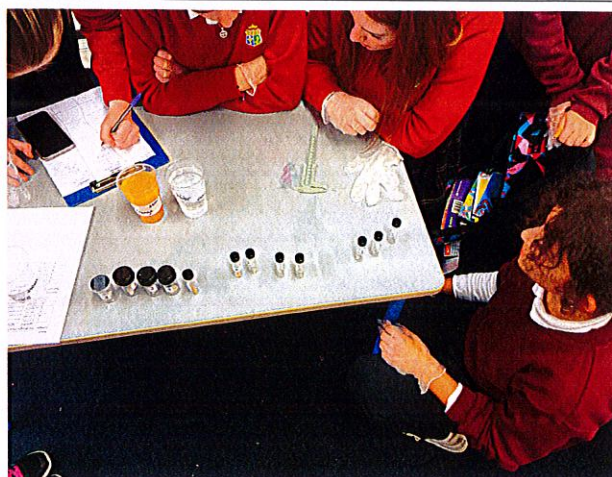
A Very Important Visitor.



On Thursday 21st of December, Santa and his elves took time out of his busy schedule to check in and visit the girls in St. Joseph's.

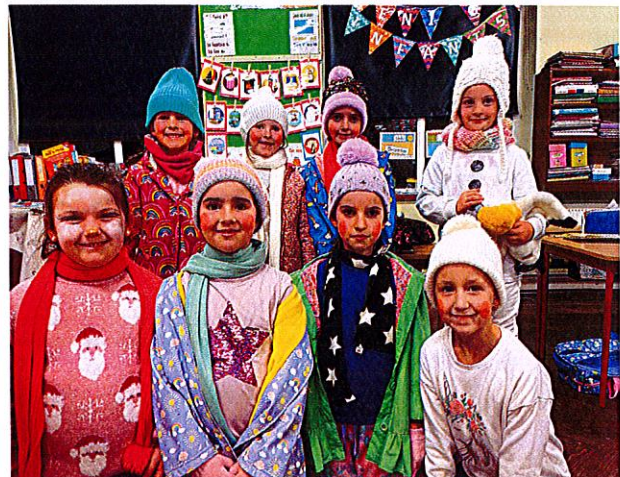
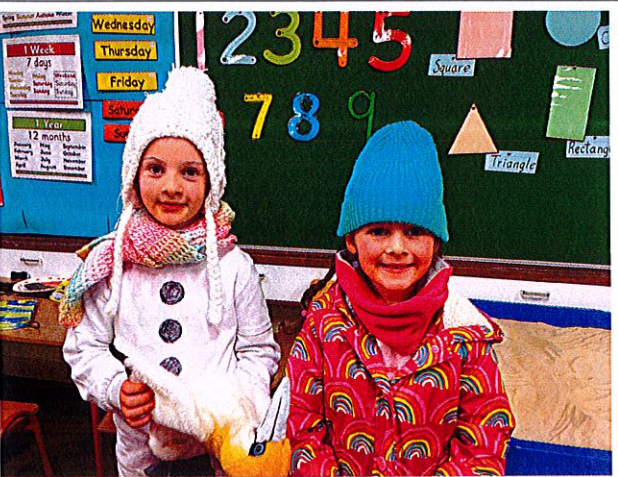
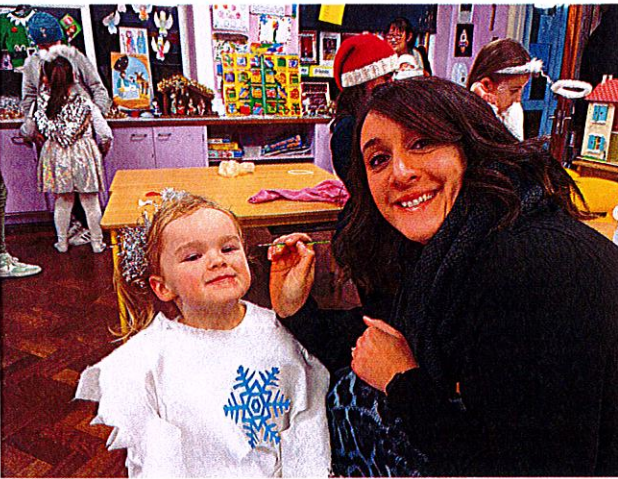
The Primary Science Fair .

The Primary Science Fair will take place alongside the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2024 from the 11th -13th of January 2024 at the RDS Dublin. It encourages 3rd – 6th class primary school pupils to develop their interest in science, technology, engineering and maths in a non-competitive environment. This year our third class girls under the direction of Múinteoir Orlaith will get an opportunity to exhibit their projects. During the last few weeks they have used lots of scientific skills, predicting, observing, estimating, measuring etc as they have compared the effects of submerging teeth in a number of different liquids. Transition year girls from the SHSS have also helped with supplying calipers to measure the teeth accurately.



Christmas Concerts

The Christmas Concerts were a great success and were very well supported again this year. Thanks to all Parents who sourced costumes and our make-up artists who worked both at home and in the classrooms. Thanks to Pam Golden who attended on the concert night and to all members of staff for their support. Proceeds from the donations will be forwarded to ' Friends of the Asylum Seekers' in Clonakilty.



Christmas Performances.

A Christmas Wish.



Girls in Second Class enjoyed performing 'A Christmas Wish' and 'Send a Moment of Peace'.

Violin Performance.



Well done to girls in third, fourth and fifth classes, under the direction of Guertien O' Leary, for their super performance of Christmas Carols.

Carol-Singing Preparation.

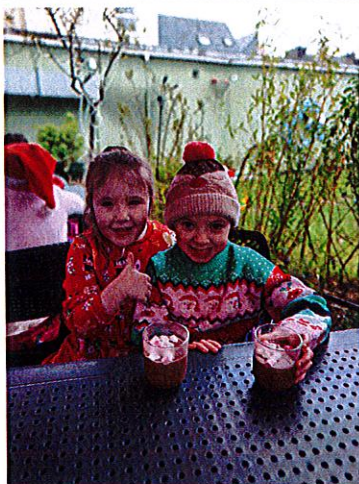


It has been a busy few weeks in St. Joseph's preparing for our Carol-Singing. Many thanks to Mr. Mulcahy for providing music accompaniment.

Carol-Singing outside the Post Office.



Well Done to Junior and Senior Infant Girls who entertained their Parents and Well Wishers on Friday 15th of December.



Enjoying Hot Chocolate with our friends.



S. Infants

Carol-Singing in St. Joseph's

Hit the High Note.



Third Class raising the rooftops in the Co-Action Centre.

Performance in Co-Action.



Well Done to girls in fourth class who demonstrated sign language to their wonderful song-singing.

Visit to Bushmount Nursing Home.



First and Second Class entertain the residents and Staff of Bushmount Nursing Home.

Carol-Singing in Astna Square.



Junior and Senior Infants brighten up a dreary day in Clonakilty on Friday 15th of December.

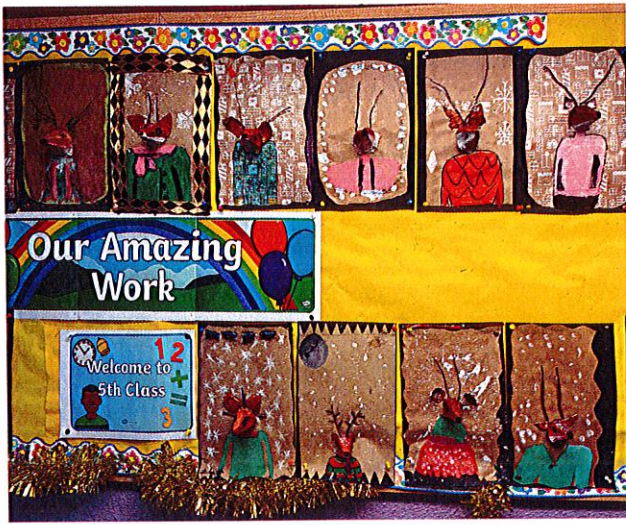
Fifth and Sixth Class Girls entertain at Clonakilty Community Hospital.



We were so fortunate this year that we got an opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer in Clonakilty. Both Staff and Residents in Clonakilty Community Hospital, Cope, Co-Action, Care Choice and Bushmount Nursing Homes were delighted to hear a range of Christmas carols and songs. Thanks to all Parents who supported us in the Bank of Ireland, Astna Square and outside the Post Office.

Art Exhibition in St. Joseph's

Fifth Class.



Fourth Class



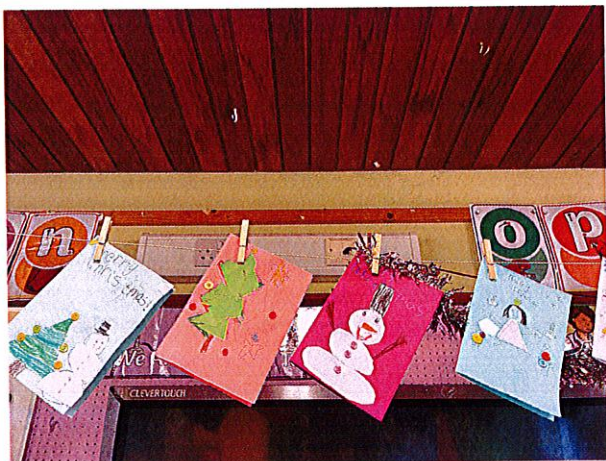
Second Class.



Third Class.



Senior Infants



Junior Infants.

