

# St. Joseph's National School

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Newsletter

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## ***School Holidays.***

The school will close for the Summer holidays at 12 noon on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of June. It will re-open on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of August.

## ***Go n-éirí an bóthar leo***

It has been a week of farewell tributes to Múinteoir Eileen. We wish to thank her for her tremendous work in St. Josephs. As she enters the next chapter we wish her good health, happiness and lots of exciting moments. We extend our farewell to Máistir Cormac also and we wish him the best in his future teaching career.

## ***Míle Buíochas***

To the Board of Management for their continuing support.

To the Parents' Association who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Parents and Pupils to help improve the School and its facilities.

To the Parents who supported teachers contributed school fees, high attendance and support with homework etc.

To the Pupils, Parents and Teachers who supported our Active Week, Friendship Week, Science Week, Amber Flag, Healthy Promoting School, Photography Exhibition, Daffodil Day and other fund-raising events.

To members of our Student Council, Active School, Green School Committees, School Wardens, Buddies who have been a wonderful student voice. We hope everyone has a happy relaxing Summer Holiday.

## ***Final Farewells.....***

### ***We would like to say a farewell to our Sixth Class Pupils.***

Aoibhinn Ahern, Isabelle Aherne, Kinga Andrejek, Zoey Anglin, Karyna Anitsoi, Julia Baran, Olivia Rose Brzostek, Karolina Burchacka, Samantha Chankowska, Aisling Crowley, Saoirse-Ann Dinneen, Grace Forristal, Abi Googan, Ellen Harrington, Jagoda Hejn, Áine Hennessy, Vitalina Kasimova, Ella Lunnon, Maebh Lyons, Maisy Lyons, Caoimhe Mc Carthy, Laila Mitchell Linde, Shanessa Morales, Eibhlín Murphy, Fiadh Pattwell, Chantal Porcelli, Emily Rinaldi, Lillie Ryan, Nadia Strot, Farrah Sullivan, Lara Twomey, Aoife White, Vali Zangana.

***We wish them all every success in the future and thank them for their contribution to St. Joseph's. Best wishes also to their Parents and Families.***

# Farewell to our Sixth Class Pupils.

On Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, we celebrated the graduation of our Sixth Class Girls. It was fitting that it was held in the school hall as the girls started their journey here eight years ago. Mr. Mulcahy opened proceedings welcoming Parents to St. Joseph's. Father Tom Hayes was present to give the girls a blessing and say a few encouraging words. Afterwards the girls were presented with their Sixth Class Graduation Certificates and Yearbooks by Múinteoir Sarah.

Finally it was time for one last performance on the stage. Thanks to the members of the Parents' Association who funded the year books and hoodies for the girls and to Parents of Fifth Class Girls who organised the refreshments. Thanks also to Múinteoir Sarah, Mr. Conor Mulcahy and Elma, making this graduation night so special for our Sixth Class Girls.



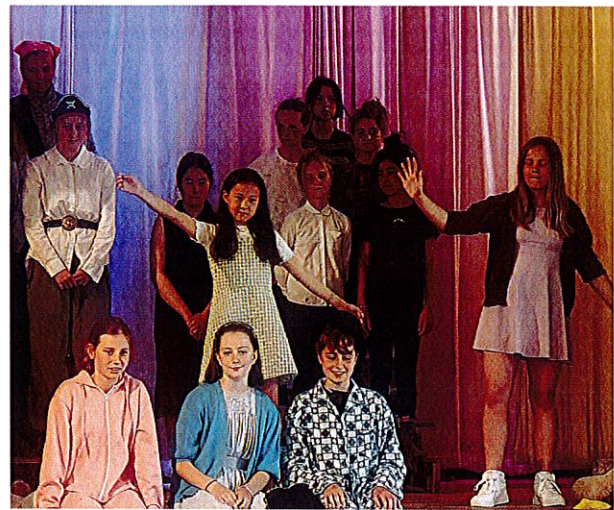
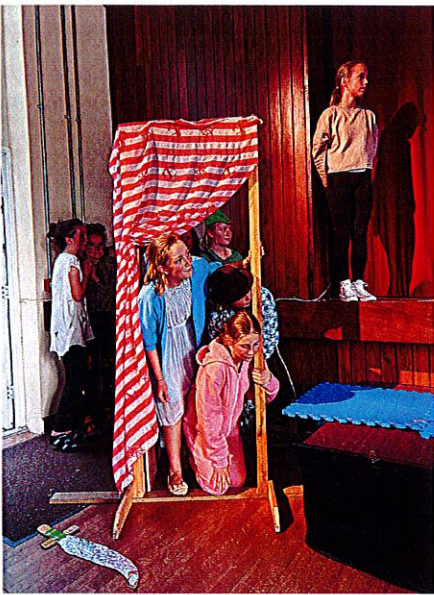
*Farewell to Our Class of 2023.*



# Drama & Musical Showcase

As we approached the final days of the school term, girls from Sixth Class were busy putting the finishing touches to their musical performance, Peter Pan. The girls have worked very hard under the direction of Múinteoir Sarah and Pam Golden and entertained their Parents for the last time in St. Joseph's. This was a wonderful performance with amazing set and props. Very Well Done to All.

*Peter Pan.*



*Last Performance in St. Joseph's.*



# Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

## Visit to Aquaculture Remote Classroom.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June, Fifth Class Girls enjoyed an educational workshop at the Aquaculture Remote Classroom outside the Dept of Agriculture, Food & Marine, hosted by Bord Iascaigh Mhara. The girls learned about the farming of plants and animals in water. Topics covered included the origins of Seafood, Geography and Climate, Socio economics, Health and Nutrition.



## Curious Minds Awards 2023

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June all classes viewed the virtual award ceremony. Hosted by Mary-Claire and Phil Smyth, the girls were delighted to listen to the invited guests and view the experiments and activities of other school.

## Visit to St. Joseph's.



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of June, we were delighted to welcome Garda Pat, accompanied by the search and rescue dogs, Rex and Laser. These dogs are very highly trained and are in huge demand all over Ireland. Garda Pat explained that the dogs are trained to search for missing people and they can also pounce and apprehend if needed. This was a pleasant occasion so the girls were happy to rub the dogs. Thanks to Kay O'Donoghue and James Crowley for arranging this visit.

## Curious Minds- Gold Award.



Great excitement in all classes when 'St. Joseph's GNS' appeared on the screen. Congratulations to all on attaining a Gold Star Award.

# Gardening Club

Fourth Class Girls, under the direction of Múinteoir Noemi has transformed our Butterfly Garden during the last six weeks. The girls have been busy trimming the shrubs, removing weeds and planting perennials which will bloom in the Autumn. Another project has been the planting and harvesting of lettuce, Radishes. The girls have ensured that the raised bed is free of weeds and watered regularly. Very Well Done to all.

*Raised Bed is full of fresh vegetables.*



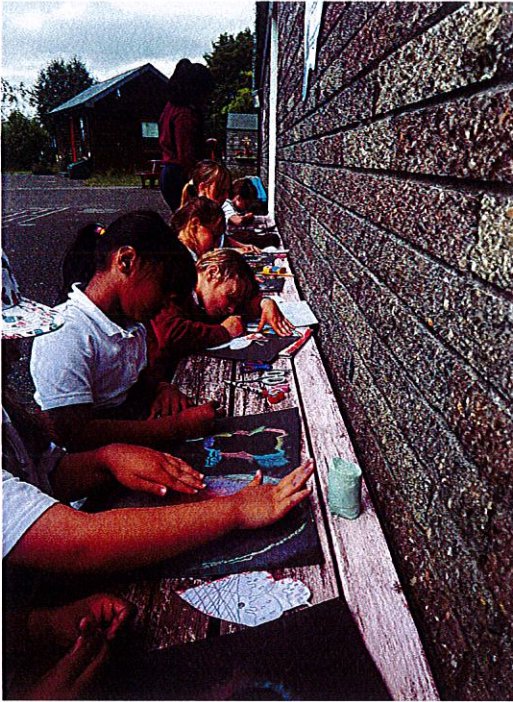
*Planting colouring flowers in the Butterfly Garden.*

*Gardening Club Members in St. Joseph's.*



# Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

## *Science in First Class.*



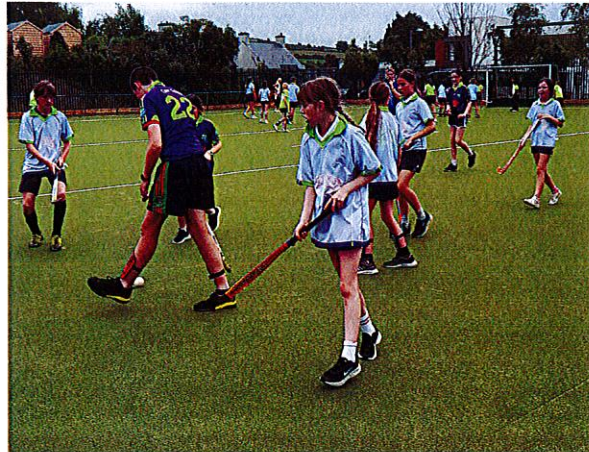
***First Class Girls enjoy working outdoors. Discovering all about Shadows, Opaque and Transparent.***

## *Reading our Class Novel.*



Second Class Girls have enjoyed reading their class novel, Maria's Island by Victoria Hislop. The outdoor classroom has been very attractive during the warm days.

## *Hockey Blitz*



Well Done to girls from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class Girls who took part in the Hockey Blitz with Knockskeagh N.S. on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Many thanks to Múinteoir Orlaith who organised this event and to members of Clonakilty Hockey Club for their assistance.

## *Visit to Biodiversity Garden.*

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, First and Second class girls enjoyed a visit to the Biodiversity garden. This is one of the biggest projects undertaken by the Tidy Towns group and the garden is accessible to all. Many thanks to Mike Deasy ( Aoife's Grandad ) who joined us in the garden with three members of the Committee. The girls learned about the history of the project and created amazing artwork with foliage from the garden.



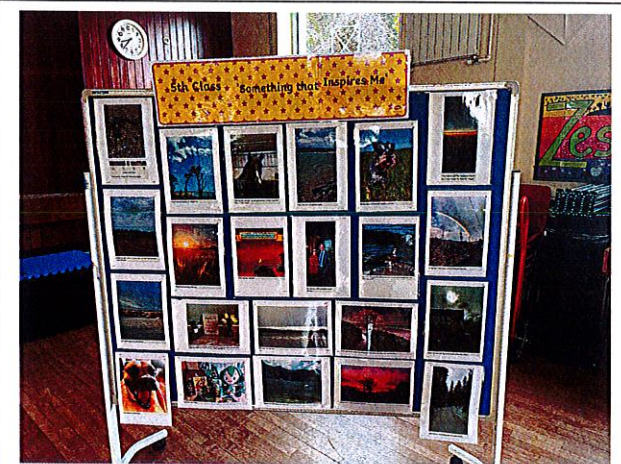
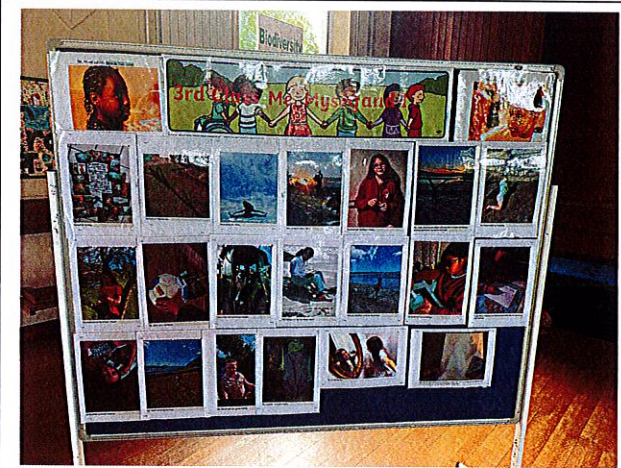
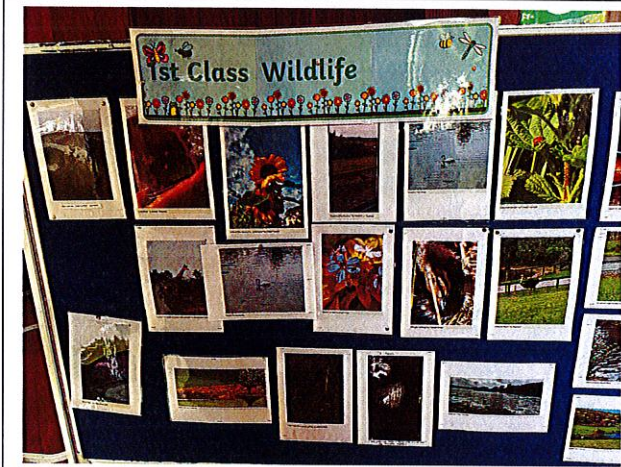
# Photography Competition 2023

After months of excitement and preparation our photography exhibition opened in St. Joseph's on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June. This year we were delighted to welcome Parents, Grandparents to our exhibition for the first time. This is a wonderful showcase of the great creativity in our midst. On entry to the hall each visitor received a booklet depicting the themes for each class and also a photo of the top three exhibits in each class. Classical music in the background contributed to the ambiance and not forgetting the all important 'Visitors Book'. This was a lovely social occasion and of course we are all learning to observe more details every day.

The girls enjoyed reading about each photograph and ticking it off in their booklet. They were delighted to view their own exhibit and select a favourite. Many thanks to Ms. Orlaith Walsh for her trojan work on this project and not forgetting her team of workers in third Class. Thanks also to members of the Student Council and team who provided welcome refreshments on a warm evening.



# Photography Exhibition





# Congratulations to all our Prizewinners.



# Primary Parish Athletics Day

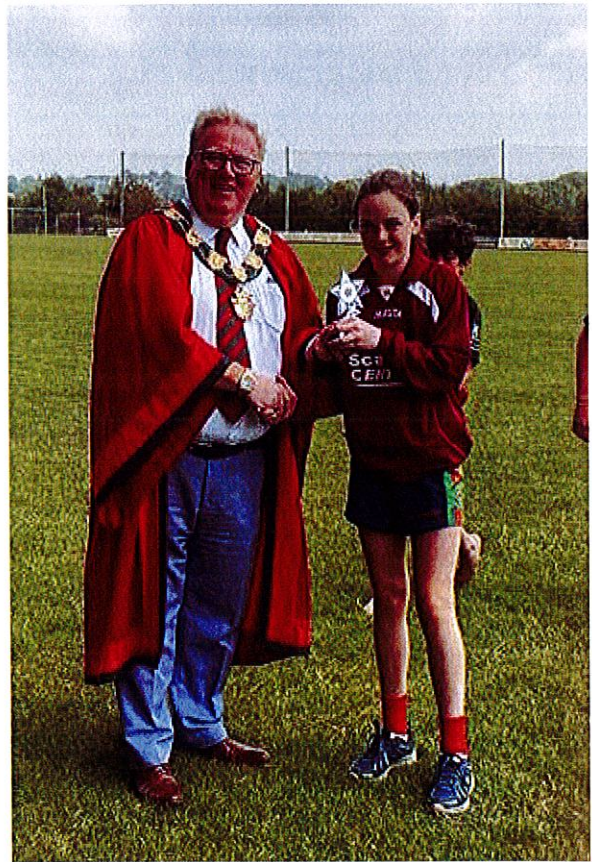
The Clonakilty Primary Parish Athletics Day which was held in Ahamilla on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June was a great success. Hosted by Ann O'Regan and Clonakilty Roadrunners Athletics Club, the races and relays were run off with precision. It was one of the rare opportunities whereby the pupils from each of the six schools in the parish got an opportunity to meet and compete with each other. The girls participated in sprints as well as the Junior and Senior Relay. Congratulations to Martyna Mielczarek ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Class ) who was placed first in the 2014 girl's sprint race and to Aoife White (6<sup>th</sup>) who came second in the 2010 sprint. In all 28 girls from St. Joseph's participated in the competition and performed extremely well. Prizes were presented by newly crowned Mayor Chris Hinchy. Thanks to Clóna who sponsored the trophies and all the Parents who supported on the day. Thanks to Aidan Mc Carthy from Knockskeagh N.S. who was the Schools Co-ordinator on this occasion. Thanks also to Múinteoirí Marian, Aileen and Cormac who accompanied the children. A great day was had by all.



***Congratulations to all our Participants.***

# Primary Parish Athletics Day

*Congratulations to winners of the Sprints.*



Mayor Chris Hinchy presents the trophy to Aoife ( 6<sup>th</sup> Class) winner of the girls' U 14 sprint.

*Congrats.*



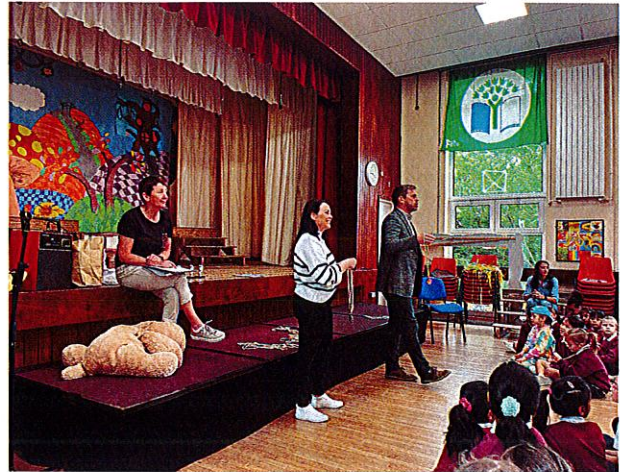
*Congrats.*



# Sports Day in St. Joseph's

Sports day was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of June. We were very fortunate to have the use of the Astro-Turf again this year and we began our sports day with the sprints. With the growing interest in athletics these races are becoming more competitive. This was followed by the circuit which included Obstacle Course, Tennis racquet and ball. Fun Games: Circle Hoop and Cross the river, Parachute, Javelin and Skipping Rope Races. Thanks to Múinteoir Eileen for organising the Sports day and thanks to the Parents' Association for providing the ice-creams. A great day was had by all. Medals for the dash and relay races were presented to the prizewinners on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June.

## Presentation of Prizes.

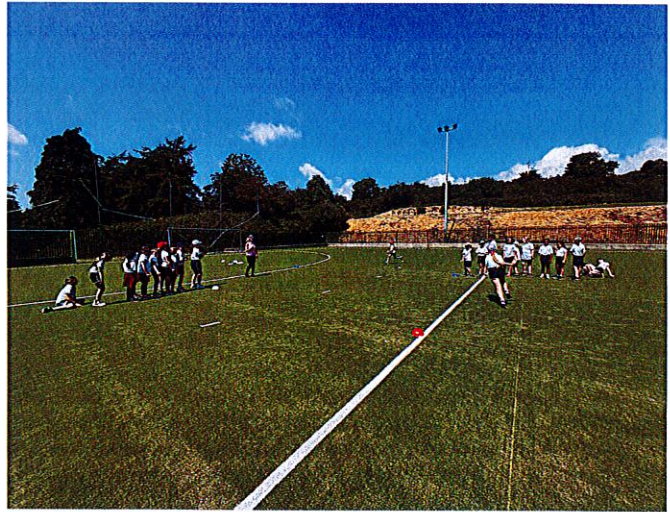


Medals for the sprints and relays were presented to the girls by Mr. Conor Mulcahy.

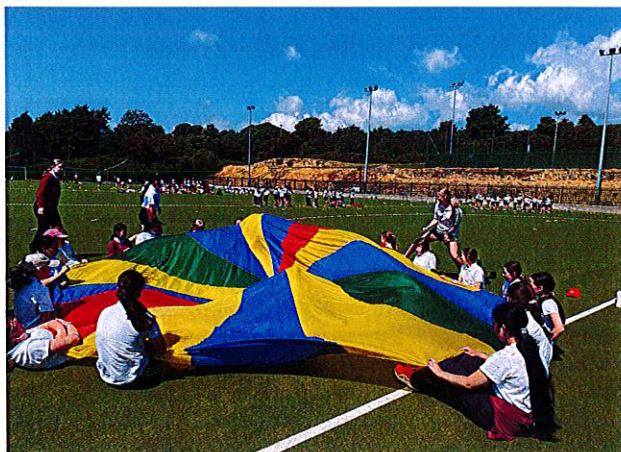
## A welcome treat on a hot day.



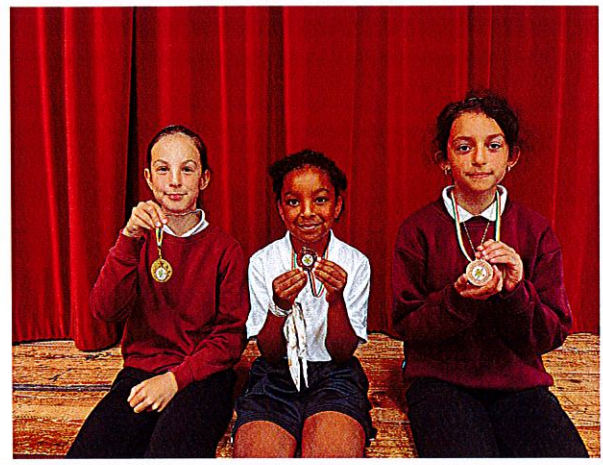
## Second Class enjoy the Circle Relay.



## Sixth Class have great fun playing parachute games.



# Prizewinners of the Sprints.



# Fun activities in St. Joseph's

## Sciath na Scol Runners -Up



*Mr. Mulcahy presents the runners up trophy to team captain, Aisling Crowley.*

## Camogie Coaching with Conan.



*Identifying the landmarks in Clonakilty With assistance from Jean.*

## Supporting our Team.



We are so proud of our football team who competed in the Roinn 1 Girls ( 15 a side) Sciath na Scol Football Finals. This year the finals were held in Ahamilla on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of June. The girls put on a great performance but their opposing team , St. Joseph's from Skibbereen were winners on this occasion. Many thanks to Múinteoirí Eileen, CarolAnne, Marian and Máistir Cormac for training the team. Not forgetting the team members who have put in great commitment this year. It was a great occasion for all the spectators.

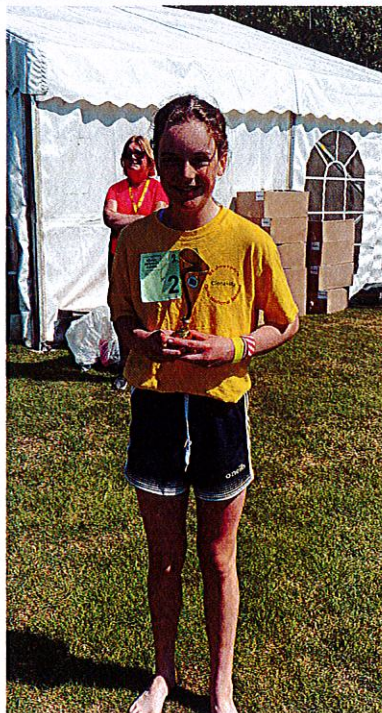
## Tour time for Junior and Senior Infants.



# Lúthchleasa Bhunscoil Chorcaí

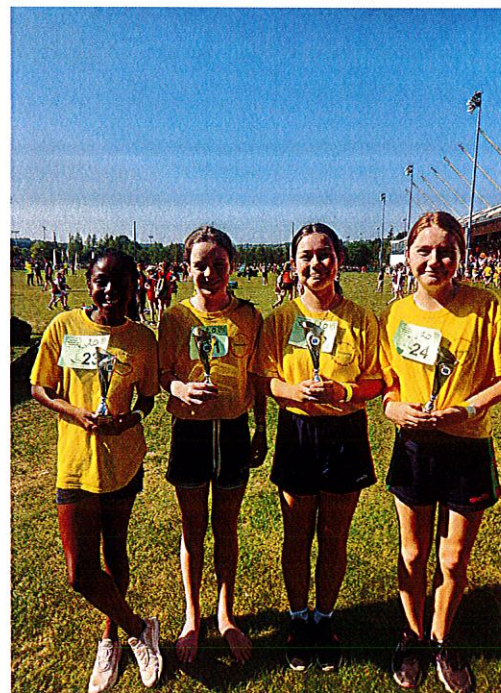
## ***Congratulations to our Super Runners.***

Fourteen participants from St. Joseph's took part in the Cork City Sports which were held in M.T.U. on Fri 2nd of June. This proved to be a very successful outing again this year and well done to all who represented St. Joseph's. First prizes were awarded to Aoife White ( 6<sup>th</sup> Class) and Martyna Mielczarek ( Second Class) and third prize was awarded to Alice Harmon ( S. Infants) The winners in each section also competed in the county section in their different age groups. Our Senior Relay team comprising Aoife White, Samantha Chankowska, Caoimhe Mc Carthy and Mimi Ndebele came in third place. Thanks to Múinteoir CarolAnne for organising the event and thanks also to Múinteoirí Eileen, Marian and Anna who accompanied the pupils. Máistir Cormac had a very busy day as part of the organising team. Thanks to the Parents' Association who funded a treat for the girls. A very enjoyable day was had by all.



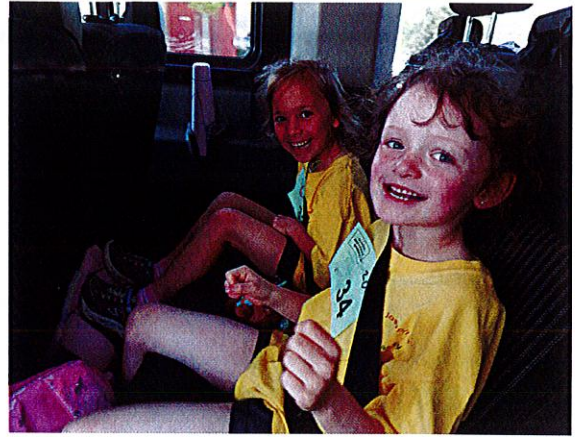
***Well Done to Aoife ( Sixth Class) who won gold in the sprints. Aoife qualified to run in the County final where she competed with the fastest eight girls in the U 13 section .***

## ***Congratulations to all the girls who represented St. Joseph's this year.***



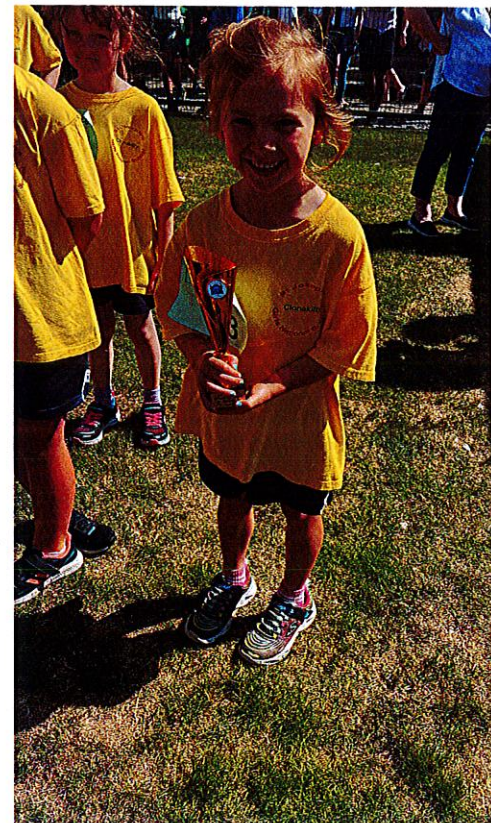
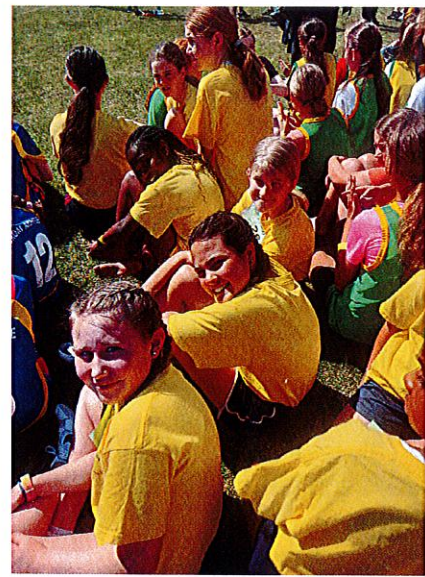
***Last performance at Cork City Sports for Aoife, Samantha and Caoimhe. Very Well Done.***

# Lúthchleasa Bhunscoil Chorcaí



*So excited!! First trip to the Cork City Sports.*

*Well Done to all the girls who represented St. Joseph's in the Cork City Sports this year. This is a memorable day for the girls. We are all so proud of their achievements.*





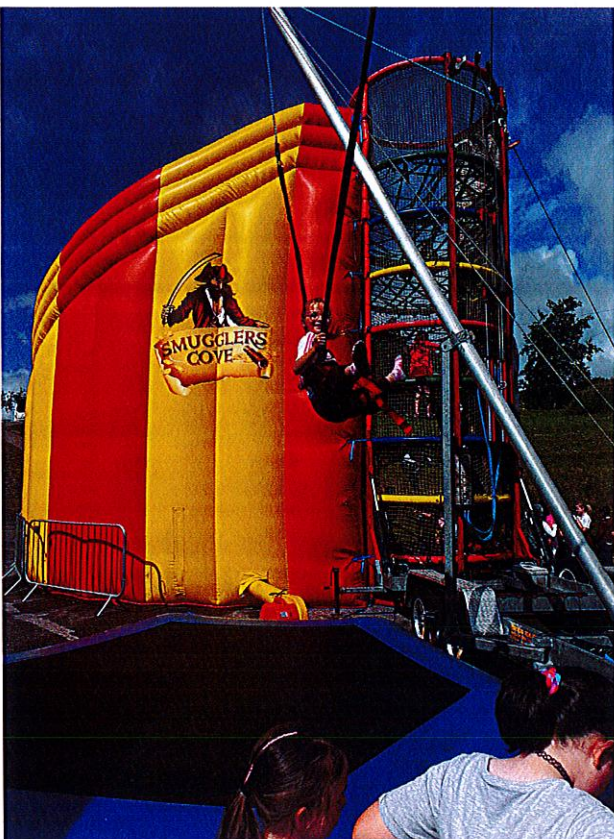
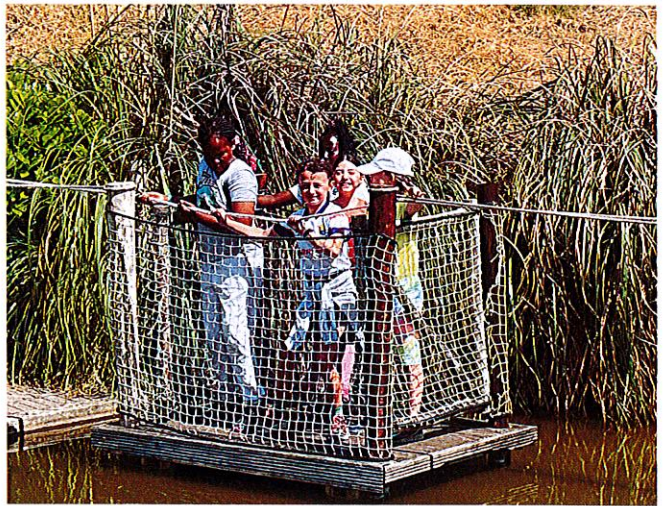
# School Tours

Our school tours this year were action-packed and a great success. We were very fortunate with dry days as this year our tours were all outdoors. Our Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed a local trip to the Model Railway Village. The girls enjoyed identifying the main landmarks in Clonakilty, Bandon. First, Second and Third classes enjoyed an action packed day in the Smugglers Park Adventure Centre in Rosscarbery. We were delighted to support these fantastic centres which are on our doorstep. Fourth and Fifth Classes went to the Mardyke, UCC and enjoyed a variety of activities. Our Sixth Class enjoyed their last tour in Oysterhaven. Thanks to Múinteoir Sarah ( Tour Co-ordinator) and thanks to staff who accompanied the pupils. Everyone had a super day.

## *Tour Time!*



## *Going, Going, Gone!*



***First Class girls had great fun in Smuggler's Cove.***

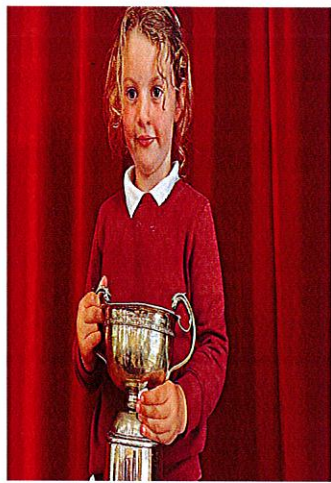
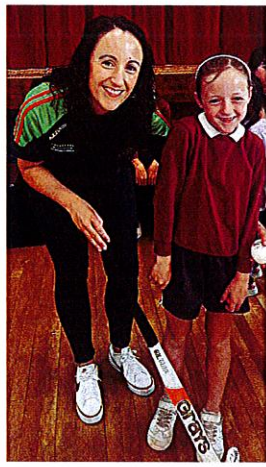
## *Reach for the Skies!!*



The Climbing wall was a firm favourite for Fourth and Fifth Class girls who went on tour to the Mardyke.

# Visitors to St. Joseph's

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June we were delighted to welcome Lisa Kemp, Susie Forrstal, Sinéad Meade and members of Clonakilty Hockey Club to St. Joseph's. This has been a particularly successful year for the Club with great victories at U. 16, U. 18 and Division 6. We were delighted to welcome so many of our past pupils as well. Lisa gave the girls in St. Joseph's a great insight into the hockey game with the advantage of a short season, Sept to April. There is a very strong underage club as well and enrolment opens in September.



## *Come Fly With Me !!*

Many thanks to Captain Caimin Murphy, Flight attendant Lisette Murphy and retired Aer Lingus Staff member, Nicola Rae for giving of their time, patience, expertise and enthusiasm in such a child-friendly way to our Junior Infant girls. Through Aistear, the girls have made their own passports and received boarding cards that were stamped by flight attendants before departure, The girls took their seats and received a safety briefing, were shown real life action shots of flight preparation, take-off and landing by Captain Murphy. Flight attendants presented each child with a complimentary goodie bag and refreshments. This was a wonderful experience for each child as it made the experience of going to an airport and flying on an aeroplane so realistic for the pupils.

