

# St. Joseph's National School

January

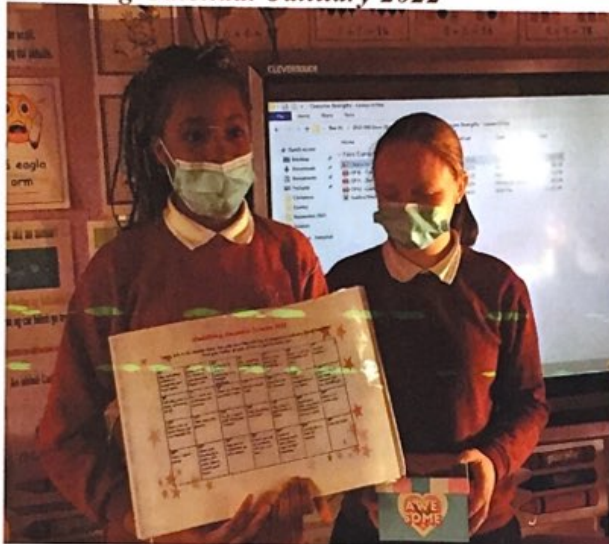
## Newsletter

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### Wellbeing Calendar January 2022



Our Amber Flag Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Scally have been very busy at the start of the New Year. They have created a wellbeing calendar which encourages us to do simple acts on a daily basis. Each morning third class pupils, Charley and Rhea, use the P.A. and announce the activity for the day. Some of the favourite activities have included going on a nature walk using the five senses, smiling at someone, holding the door for someone dance around the house to your favourite happy music.



### First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Ceremony for girls in Second Class will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of May in Clonakilty Parish Church.

### Presentation of Plaque.



We were delighted to welcome Pádraig O'Reilly to St. Joseph's on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of January to present the plaque. This is a token of appreciation for the Cork Penny Dinners collection before Christmas.





# Skip into Spring

Girls in St. Joseph's were delighted to celebrate the first day of Spring last Tuesday. Such a lovely sunny day to enjoy the skipping circuit. A special thank you to members of the Active Committee and Fifth class girls, under the direction of Múinteoir Marian who organised a great variety of stations. We all look forward to the next event.





# Sport in St. Joseph's

## Swimming Timetable.



**Session 1. Rang 3. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Session 2. Rang 2: Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Swimming Classes will consist of one 4 week session per class at Clonakilty Park Leisure Centre from 2-3pm on Tuesday afternoons. Parents and Guardians are reminded to collect their children promptly at 3pm from the Leisure Centre.



## Tennis Timetable.

**Session 1. J.I., S. Infants, 2nd & 4th.**

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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 commenced with Alan O'Mahony on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of January. Girls were introduced to the basic grip, swing, bounce and catch and self-rally. The girls enjoyed knock out competition and fun games.



## G.A.A. Coaching.

**Session. 1. Sixth, S. Infants, First.**

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Football coaching with Conan has commenced for classes Sixth, First and Senior Infants. Each class will receive a four week session on football skills.



# Art Exhibition

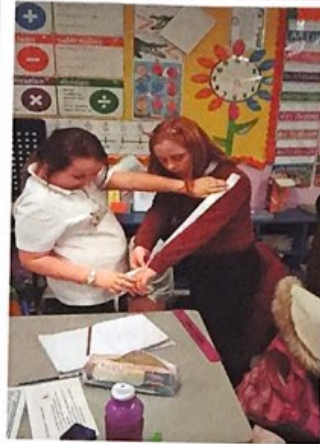




# Busy Days in St. Joseph's



Second Class girls are busy learning about Fractions .



Third Class are learning about length and busy measuring sleeve length, shoe sizes and head sizes.



The girls in Junior Infants are learning all about the importance of cleaning their teeth and regular trips to the dentist.

*Great Smiles from everyone.*



First Class Girls went on a nature trail and observed the signs of Winter.





# Visitors to St. Joseph's

## Junk Kouture Competition.



On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January, we were delighted to welcome the students of SHSS who are busy preparing their entries for the Junk Kouture Competition. The girls have worked on their outfits since last September and the results are amazing. All of the outfits are created using recycled materials including plastic bags, lace curtains, insulation, used coffee capsules, canvas, vegetable netting, shopping bags etc. Many thanks to the students and to their art teacher, Judy O'Connell for organising this fashion event.



## On the Catwalk.



*Second Class Girls enjoyed creating vintage outfits for their models and positioning them on the red carpet.*





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*Delighted to welcome Adrian Hanley to St. Joseph's every Friday.*

## *Dabble Doo Music Programme.*



*Second Class Girls learning about Pulse*

## *Ipads in the Classroom.*



The girls love working on the ipads and they can be a great assessment tool. We were delighted to hear that 16 more ipads, with a charging box are on their way to St. Joseph's. One box will be stored on the first floor and the other on the second floor and can be wheeled between classes when required.

## *Rhythm with Igor*



*Third Class enjoy performing and composing with the assistance of Igor.*

## *Violin Lessons.*



Violin lessons with Geertien O'Leary are well underway for girls in third, fourth and fifth classes. Violin lessons for Second Class have commenced in January.





# School Activities

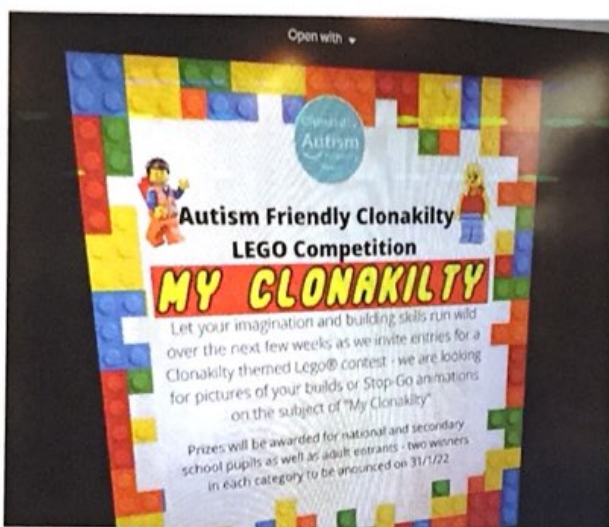
## Recipients of the 'Pupil of the Month' Award for January.

Róisín Cook. (6<sup>th</sup>), Grace Forristal (5<sup>th</sup>), Lena Kozbial (4<sup>th</sup>) Rhea Coleman(3<sup>rd</sup>), Ire Tanimomo.(2<sup>nd</sup>), Holly O' Donovan(1<sup>st</sup>), Sadie Kemp ( S. Infants) and Raheed Saeedee( J. Infants).

As an initiative to reward positive behaviour in St. Joseph's a 'Pupil of the Month' will be awarded to a girl from each of the eight classes every month. The positive behaviour during January included working very hard, great listener, enthusiasm, kindness, neat work, having a great sense of humour and cheery personality.

**Very Well Done and Keep Working Hard.**

### Lego Competition



Sixth Class have been busy recreating their favourite Clonakilty landmarks as part of a competition run by Autism Friendly Clonakilty. The girls used their imagination and creativity to build wonderful Clonakilty themed scenes. Here are some examples of their work.





# Pupil of the Month

