

St. Joseph's National School

March/April

Newsletter

2022



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Happy Easter Season to All.



Daffodil Day 2022.



Thank you all for your very generous donations. A total of 1,100 was raised this year.

Dates For Diary.

April.

Fri. 8th: Easter Holidays. School closes at 12 Noon.

Mon. 25th: School re-opens.

Mon. 25th: First Confession. (Second Class)

Friday 29th: Cash For Clobber Collection.

May.

Monday 2nd: Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Friday 13th: School closes at 12.30. (Staff Inservice)

Sat. 14th: First Holy Communion.

Mon. 16th: School Closed.

First Confession.

First Confession for Second Class will take place in the Parish Church on Monday 25th of April at 7.30 pm.



CASH FOR CLOBBER



Collection will take place in school on the morning of **29th April**
Please note we cannot accept bags before this date

ACCEPTED ITEMS	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
CLOTHING 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



Fundraiser Lotto for St. Joseph's.

We are delighted to launch the Fundraiser Lotto for St. Joseph's in conjunction with the Parents' Association. All funds raised will be used to provide playground equipment, developing the Butterfly garden into a Sensory garden and adding to the bank of musical, P.E. equipment, classroom and teaching resources.

Reminder.

Cash for clobber is back. On Friday 29th 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.

Busy Days in St. Joseph's

Just in time for Daffodil Day!



Fifth Class girls were delighted to see that the bulbs they planted in October grew into beautiful yellow daffodils!



Daffodil Day: 25th of March 2022



Members of our Student Council remind us all to wear yellow.



As part of our Creative Schools Programme this year, the girls have had an opportunity to engage in Art Appreciation. We have been very fortunate to have this very impressive piece of art by Peter Donnelly, displayed in the school hall. 'Justice and the Right To Be Heard' has been on the loan from the Glucksman Art Gallery, UCC until May. All classes have had an opportunity to view this impressive piece of Art in the school hall and engage in some online activities e.g. Artwork, Posters, Discussion etc.



Members of the Student Council presenting raffle prizes to one lucky winner in each class.

Daffodil Day 2022



Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

Engineers Week.

STEPS Engineers Week, run by the Engineers Ireland STEPS programme, promotes engineering to children in Ireland. STEPS Engineers Week 2022 took place from Saturday, 5 – Friday, 11 March. During STEPS Engineers Week, engineering is celebrated across Ireland, with primary and secondary children the target audience. The main aim of the week is to promote engineering - and to show the importance of the profession - to children in Ireland.

Classes from third to Sixth enjoyed a lovely visit from Ellen Fitzgerald. A past pupil of St. Joseph's. Ellen works in PM Group, which is an engineering and design company. Ellen gave a wonderful overview of the different types of engineering and engineering in our everyday world. We were very inspired. Many thanks to Ellen.



Orienteering in Tramore Valley Park.



Fourth Class Girls enjoying the ukulele with Isabelle.

On Wednesday 9th of March, Fifth Class girls participated in the first round of the Orienteering Schools Championship held in Tramore Valley Park in Cork. The girls performed extremely well and it was a great opportunity to utilise their skills. We would like to congratulate Aisling Crowley who came third overall and Isabelle Aherne who came in sixth overall. A special mention to Laila Mitchell Linde for coming in the top twenty also. The girls enjoyed their day and are looking forward to the next round.

Dance Workshop with Lisa Cliffe

All classes enjoyed Creative Dance workshops with Lisa Cliffe. This is funded as part of the Creative schools Initiative., This was a great success and everyone had great fun. The Shaking Dance was a winner for all classes.



Congratulations

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in the Feis Maitiú Competition on Tuesday 29th of March. We were delighted this year that so many classes participated as on this occasion the adjudicators travelled to St. Joseph's. Traditionally this annual event takes place in the Father Mathew Hall in Cork. This was a great opportunity for the girls to compete in the Action Verse and Choral Verse Category. There was a great sense of occasion and excitement in St. Joseph's on Tuesday morning as the girls looked 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. The girls were awarded a certificate and a silver medal as the trophies were not in circulation this year. Very Well Done.

Second Class.



Third Class .



Fourth Class.



Fifth Class.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Múinteoir Sarah and Sixth Class Girls who were awarded a distinction and came joint first with Beaumont N.S. Cork. The girls performed 'Mama Mía' in Feis Maitiu's Musical Theatre category. Thanks to drama teacher, Pam Golden and also to Áine who provided musical accompaniment.

Congratulations to our prizewinners in the recent 'Tráth na gCeist'. Well Done to all the girls who engaged so well with this activity.

Sixth Class Prizewinners.



Fifth Class Prizewinners.



Fourth Class Prizewinners.



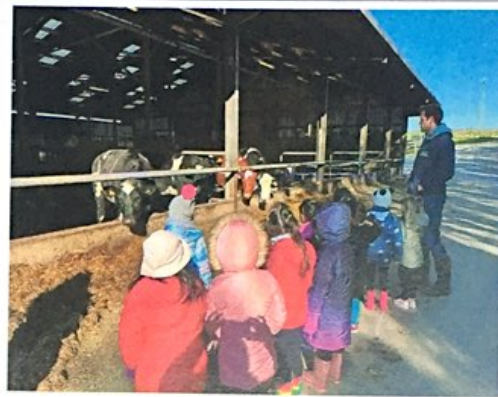
Third Class Prizewinners.



One team member, Éala Pattwell is unavoidably absent.

Visit to Clonakilty Agricultural Farm

On Thursday 31st of March, Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed a farm visit to Teagasc Clonakilty Agricultural Farm. This was a fabulous opportunity for the girls as it was their first trip on a bus this year. The girls availed of a tour which included visiting the spring lambs, calves, Sheep, Cows etc. The girls toured the milking parlour, climbed up on the tractors and took a tour of the campus. A 'goodie bag' was given to each girl as they departed the farm. It inspired the girls to complete some amazing art.



Bake-Off in St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's Bake-off was held on Tuesday 15th of March. Open to girls from 4th– 6th classes, the girls had the opportunity to submit either one cake or a creation containing a number of small cakes. Once again the girls from St. Joseph's showed off their flair and creativity and produced great exhibits in keeping with the overall theme 'St. Patrick's Day'. As it is such an onerous task to judge this competition we were very grateful to Ms. Colette Harte who joined us from Sacred Heart Secondary School. She was very impressed with the high standard of baking and encouraged the girls to continue baking. Creativity, Colour, Presentation and Overall Appearance were taken into consideration. Prizes for first and second were awarded to each class. Many thanks to all the girls who participated. The cakes were displayed in the school hall so all classes got an opportunity to view and smell the wonderful baking. *Very Well Done To All.*



Sixth Class Prizewinners.



First Prize: Liadain O'Connell.

Second Prize: Raylica de Costa Santos.

Fifth Class Prizewinners.



First Prize: Aoife White.

Second Prize: Maisy Lyons.

Fourth Class Prizewinners.



First Prize: Nabeela Islam.

Second Prize: Rebecca Coleman.

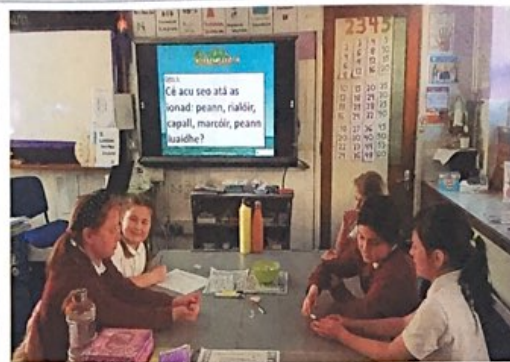
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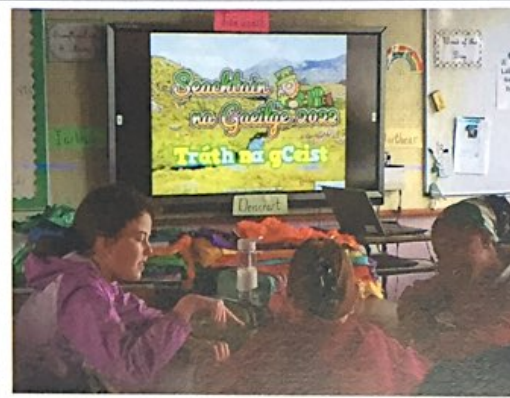
Well done to all the girls who embraced all the activities this week. The girls make a special effort every day with their greetings and requests 'As Gaeilge'. This week the girls enjoyed listening to Irish Music on Dabble doo, learning Irish songs, An Haka Gaelach and taking part in the Comórtas Ealaíne.



Rang a trí.

Tráth na gCeist.

Pupils from 3rd to 6th took part in the annual Tráth na gCeist on Wednesday 16th 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, Politicians and Famous Places. Each member of the winning team received an Easter Egg.



Rang a Sé.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations and Well Done to all in St. Joseph's.

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. Our theme this year was 'We Sparkle and we Shine'. 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 singing 'Le Chéile. Thanks to the fifth and sixth class girls, together with their teachers Ms. O' Brien and Ms. Geaney who created the props for the parade. Thanks to the Sixth Class Girls who led the parade and to all Pupils, Teachers and Parents who helped make our Parade a success.



St. Patrick's Day Parade



School Activities

Recipients of the 'Pupil of the Month' Award for March.

Erin Cahalane (6th), Nadia Strot (5th), Mila Meirelles (4th), Natalia Kwinta, (3rd), Grace Ajayi, (2nd), Adamma Ejim (1st), Laoise Morley (S. Infants) and Sienna O'Driscoll (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 February included being very helpful to a fellow student, kind, respectful, polite, attentive listener and being a wonderful role model.

Tennis Lessons with Alan.



Third Class girls enjoy tennis on Friday mornings.

Cycling with Ulick.



Cycle Training for girls in the Junior Classes commenced last Monday. The girls greatly enjoyed this activity and becoming more confident already.

Happy Easter.



We love these Easter Baskets created by girls in Senior Infants.



Pupil of the Month

