

St. Joseph's National School

May

Newsletter

2022



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Congratulations.

Congratulations to Múinteoir Marian and her husband, Kevin, on the safe arrival of Baby Maeve. We wish them good health, happiness and joy in the years ahead.



School Book Rental Scheme.

The Book Rental Scheme funded by the school and Parents' Association will be in operation again for the academic year 2022/2023 for all classes.

Description.

J. Infants, S. Infants, 1st Class – 10 Euro per child.

Second Class: 20 Euro per child.

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th – 30 Euro per child.

Reminder:

Closing date for payments is Friday 17th of June.

School tours for classes 1st – 6th will take place on Wednesday 8th of June.

Note: Children in Junior and Senior Infants will not attend school on that day.

1st, 2nd, 3rd: Adventure Golf, Rosscarbery.

4th & 5th: Zipit, Farran Woods.

5th & 6th: Oysterhaven.

School Tours.

Our school tour for our Junior and Senior Infants, to the Model Railway Village, will take place on Monday 13th of June.

Dates For Diary.

June.

Wed. 1st: Junior Infant 2022 Parent Talk.

Fri. 3rd: Cyber Safety Talk (4th -6th)

Mon. 6th: Bank Holiday.

Tues. 7th: Sports Day.

Wed. 8th: School Tours (1st -6th)

Thurs. 9th: RNLI Talk (All classes)

Mon. 13th: School Tour (J. & S. Infants)

Wed. 15th: Intercultural Day. (11-1pm)

Wed. 22nd: Sixth Class Graduation

Thurs. 24th: Summer Holidays (12 Noon)

School Reports.

School reports will be released to Parents on Aladdin on Wednesday 16th of June.

Cash For Clobber.



Many thanks to all Parents who supported our cash for Clobber collection this year.

A total of 456 euro was raised.

Junior Entrepreneur

This year Sixth class are taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. The JEP is an entrepreneurial awareness and skills enhancement programme for primary school children. This programme aims to help children recognise enterprise and entrepreneurship and to foster an awareness and understanding of the entrepreneur's role in the community therefore empowering the child to start to think and act with the initiative, creativity, independence and ideas that are invaluable in the modern world. During the last few weeks the girls have worked collaboratively in small groups, in order to generate a range of potential entrepreneurship project ideas. In preparation for 'Meet the Judges' the girls used oral, visual and written presentation skills to communicate details of their team projects to the Judges and class. The panel of judges consisted of Mrs. Darina Scallym Múinteoir Aileen and Múinteoir Rebecca. On Friday 20th of May, the girls presented their project idea and received feedback from the 'Judges'. Following on from the recommendations from the 'Judges' and in consultation with the class teacher, Múinteoir Sarah, the class agreed on 'Jars of Joy' as the whole class project idea. Well done to all teams who had put great effort into their projects. During the next few weeks the girls will be busy putting their project into action, marketing the project and managing sales.

'Jars of Joy'



Thanks to Sixth Class and their teacher, Múinteoir Sarah, for all their hard work on this project.
Keep an eye out for our product which will be on sale soon in our school.



Outdoor Pursuits in St. Joseph's



Well Done to the Sixth Class Girls who represented St. Joseph's in the South West Rowing Schools regatta at Kilkern Lake recently. The Southern Star-sponsored schools' regatta is a great introduction to coastal rowing for primary school children. Many thanks to Cox/Coach, Tony Mannix and Rosscarbery Rowing Club for training the girls ahead of the event. It was a great opportunity for the girls to test their newly-acquired skills against the opposing teams.



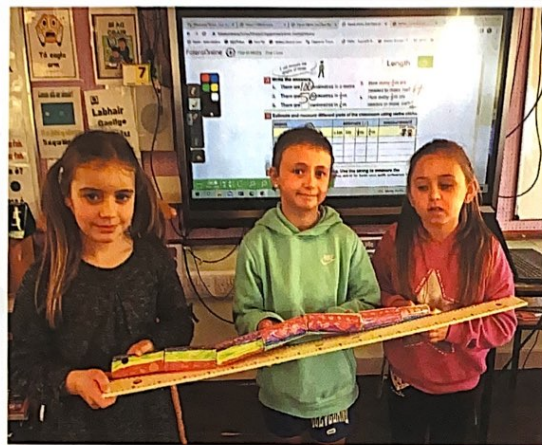
Our Outdoor Classroom.



Junior Infant Girls busy at work on the last Friday in May.



Fun Activities in St. Joseph's



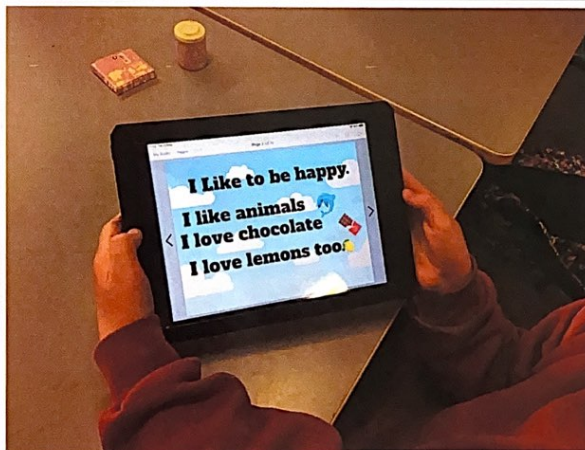
Second Class Girls are busy measuring using metre stick and centimetres.



Senior Infant Girls are busy planting seeds.



Junior Infant Girls enjoy working on their Clay Project in May. Firstly they designed the coil pots in play dough and later created the pots in clay.



Second Class girls love using the Book Creator App on the Ipad. They enjoy writing the stories and adding on the illustrations.

Active Week

Active Week.

Active Week took place in St. Joseph's from May 3rd until Friday 6th of May. It was a tremendous success again this year and the weather was certainly on our side. Firstly a big thank you is extended to Múinteoirí CarolAnne and Orlaith who organised a fun-packed, active week. Not forgetting fifth class girls who were very busy setting up the circuits, demonstrating the active homework and also participating in the Sciath na Scol Competition. Thanks also to Múinteoir Marian who has led her Active Schools team since September and they were outstanding in leading the 'Wake Up Shake Up' every morning. The girls in St. Joseph's have certainly participated in a variety of activities this week. One of our invited guests, Martin White, brought his own words of wisdom re fundamental running skills. Flav led a whole school zumba event which had everyone up on their feet. The ever popular dodge ball event whereby Sixth class take on the Teachers is always great entertainment. Together with Active Homework, Clonakilty Trail, Sports Quiz, Circuits, Art Competitions, Laya troopers family challenge it certainly was a very busy week. One of the highlights was the visit from members of the victorious SHSS football team.



Active Flag Committee.



Members of fifth class who demonstrated the Active homework, set up the circuits and tidied up all the equipment every day.

Wake Up, Shake Up.



Active Schools team led the 'Wake Up Shake Up' every morning.



Active Schools

Circuits in the Astro-turf.



Circuits for both Junior and Senior Classes were held in the Astro-turf. Many thanks to Múinteoirí CarolAnne and Orlaith ,together with the Fifth Class Girls who set up the stations and collected all the equipment.



Active Schools

Past Pupils on the SHSS victorious football team.



Proud Sisters.



We have had a very active May in St. Joseph's. The girls have been very active in school and the 'Cycle Train' to school was an extra treat on Wednesday May 18th.



Sport in St. Joseph's



Congratulations to girls in Fourth Class who won medals at gymnastics recently.

Cycling with Ulick.



Bike Week 2022.

Girls from St. Joseph's were delighted to take part in the 'Big Cycle to School' on Wednesday May 18th 2022. The 'Big Cycle to School' was the brainchild of Catherine Russell of Green Schools and Ulick O'Beirne of 'Training Wheels' and 'The Bike Circus'. The main aim was to highlight the health and economic benefits of cycling. 160 participants met at Supervalu and the cycle train stopped at Gaelscoil Mhicíl Uí Choileáin, Scoil na mBuachaillín, St. Joseph's G.N.S. and the final stop was Kilgarraiffe N.S. The group were accompanied by Parents and Friends and stewards manned the roads around the schools ensuring the safe delivery of all pupils to school.

Introduction to Hockey.



Many thanks to the girls in SHSS who worked with third and fourth class girls recently. The girls were learning the basic skills of hockey and enjoyed the morning's activity in the Astro-Turf.



Well Done to our cyclists from First Class.



Sport in St. Joseph's



Clonakilty v Newcestown in Ahamilla.

Sciath na Scol.

Training for Sciath na Scol has been underway during the past few weeks in anticipation of the matches scheduled during May. On Tuesday 3rd of May the team travelled to Dunmanway to play two matches. These are fifteen a side games and their first opponents were St. Mary's Dunmanway N.S. After a very competitive game and a great performance the girls ended up losing by a point. The girls played Bantry N.S. in the second game but the physically stronger Bantry won after a good game. On Tuesday May 10th the girls played another two games in Ahamilla. The girls won their first game against Skibbereen and were runners-up to Newcestown. As always great sportsmanship was displayed and all members of the panel got an opportunity to play. Thanks to Múinteoirí Eileen, CarolAnne, Marian and Conan O'Donovan who have helped out with coaching the team. Múinteoir Marian, together with Baby Maeve, made a surprise appearance on the sideline and supportive as always.

Congratulations.



As part of our Active week, we were delighted to welcome three members of the victorious All-Ireland Football Team from SHSS. Síofra Pattwell, Katie O'Driscoll and team captain, Lydia Sutton were all past pupils of St. Joseph's and made a huge impact on our Sciath na Scol teams in the past. The girls have gone from strength to strength and have been outstanding members of the SHSS Football team who won the Lidl All Ireland PPS Senior C title. The girls got an opportunity to speak about their ambitions, sporting experiences, friendships, training regime, healthy eating and the joy of winning. The girls engaged in a question and answer session and hopefully they will inspire our young players.

Active Schools

Working together is great fun.

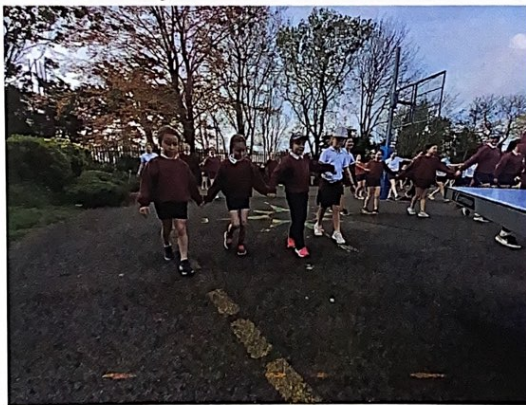


Running Techniques.



During Active week, Martin White worked with each class perfecting their running techniques.. During the past weeks, each class have worked on the fundamental movement skills, running and walking.

Let's Get Physical.



Wake Up, Shake Up.



Jersey Day is always popular in St. Joseph's. An added attraction on Friday was the 'Wake Up, Shake Up' led by the Active School Team.



The whole school dance event with Flaz was great fun.



Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed their walk around Clonakilty.

Active Schools

Lydia Heaphy visits St. Joseph's.



On Wed. 11th of May, we were delighted to welcome Irish Rower, Lydia Heaphy to St. Joseph's. Lydia is a member of the Irish Rowing Team but she started river rowing with Skibbereen rowing Club and later UCC. She trains for five hours a day, seven days a week. Her most enjoyable racing event to date was the Rowing World Cup in Lucerne 2021 where she rowed solo and won a silver medal. Her core values included Hard Work, Patience and Enjoy Yourself. We hope that she will inspire the future generation.

Jersey Day.



Dodge ball: Teachers v Sixth Class.



Active Schools Quiz.



We finished off Active Schools Week with the table quiz which is always a popular event.



This was a very competitive event this year but great fun.

Junk Couture

One of our Creative Schools Projects this year, included 'Junk Couture' which was held in May. Girls in Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Classes enjoyed designing and creating a hat using recycled material. The girls sourced all the materials and had been busy collecting for a few weeks. The girls were inspired by members of SHSS who modelled their junk couture outfits before Easter. An array of materials were used and the girls were resourceful and creative as always. The highlight of this project was the parade of the models on the catwalk on a sunny morning in May. Many thanks to Múinteoir Orlaith who organised this project and very Well Done to all who participated.

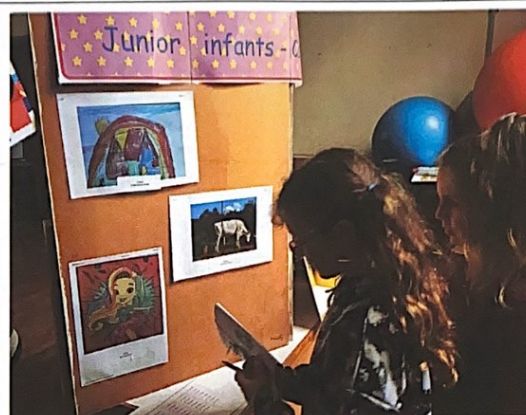


Junk Couture.



Photography Competition 2022

After months of excitement and preparation our photography exhibition opened in St. Joseph's on Monday 9th of May. On entry to the hall each pupil received a booklet depicting the themes for each class and also a photo of the top three prizewinners in all classes. The girls enjoyed reading about each photograph and ticking it off in their booklet. The girls were delighted to view their own exhibit and select a favourite. Classical music in the background contributed to the ambiance and not forgetting the all important 'Visitors Book'. Many thanks to Ms. Orlaith Walsh for her trojan work on this project and not forgetting her team of workers in third Class.



Admiring one of the exhibits.



Many thanks to Stephen Hayes who had the onerous task of judging each class. The results were announced on Zoom and we enjoyed listening to Stephen's comments about each photograph.

Congratulations

Sixth Class.



Fifth Class.



Fourth Class.



Third Class



Second Class



First Class.



Senior Infants.



Junior Infants.



Thank you to all the girls who participated in the photography competition this year and helped make our exhibition such a success. Our overall winner in the Junior Competition went to Emma Walsh in First Class. Chloe Cook (3rd Class) was the overall winner in the Senior Competition.

Congratulations to all our Prizewinners.

First Holy Communion.



Congratulations to the girls in Second Class who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th of May. On Tuesday 24th of May, the girls enjoyed a school party with their classmates.

School Activities

Pupil of the Month: May 2022.

Liadain O'Connell (6th), Aisling Crowley (5th), Aleksandra Slobodianiuk, Anastasiia Myronets (4th), Lucy Gallagher (3rd), Eimear Hickey (2nd), Sadhbh Mc Carthy (1st), Sophie O'Mahony (S. Infants) and Kaya Smolkowicz (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 May included great work ethic, respectful, hard-working, enthusiasm, kindness, neat work, having great manners, eagerness to learn and a positive attitude.

Very Well Done and Keep Working Hard.



Sand, Buckets & Spades and Sunshine!!



Lovely artwork 'All About Me' created by First Class Girls.



Second Class Girls display 'Cherry Blossom' Trees.



Pupil of the Month



First Holy Communion.



A great day in St. Joseph's. Zumba with Flav is great fun and the parade in the playground was the highlight of their day.

Photography Exhibition

