

# St. Joseph's National School Newsletter



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## October News 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

October has been a busy month in SJGNS.

We celebrated Space Week and Maths Week along with marking World Mental Health Day on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> was Halloween Dress up Day and thank you for the wonderful effort made by all.



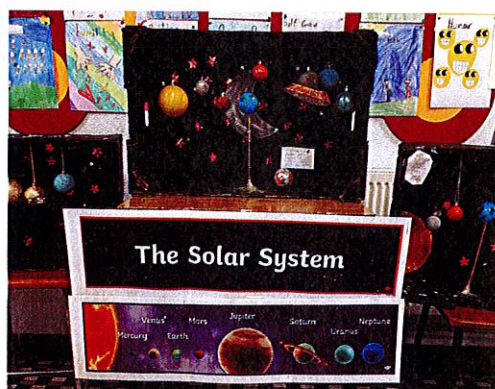
### Important Dates

- Team Hope Shoebox Christmas Appeal – the Deadline for return of boxes is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- School Concerts for Junior Infants, Senior Infants & First Class will take place in School Hall Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm. More details to follow
- Communion Date is Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am
- Confirmation date is March 30<sup>th</sup> Time 10:30am.

## Space Week

We celebrated Space Week in SJGNS from 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October last. During the week, all classes focused on Our Planet and Our Space with lots of fun activities. This culminated in a Space themed dress up day on the Friday. The costumes were amazing!

Well Done Everyone!





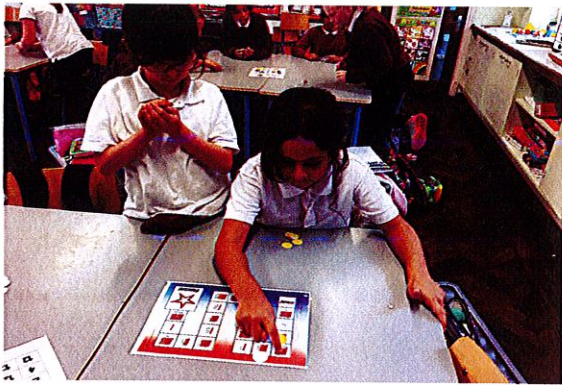
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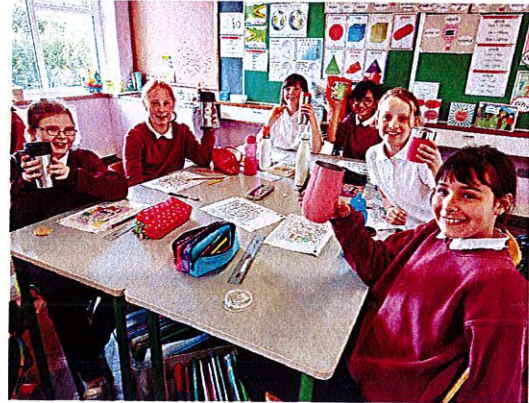
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## Maths Week

St Josephs GNS enjoyed a fun filled Maths Week and are always promoting positive attitudes towards Maths. All students got opportunities to participate in Maths and Stem activities including boat making, maths quizzes and maths trails

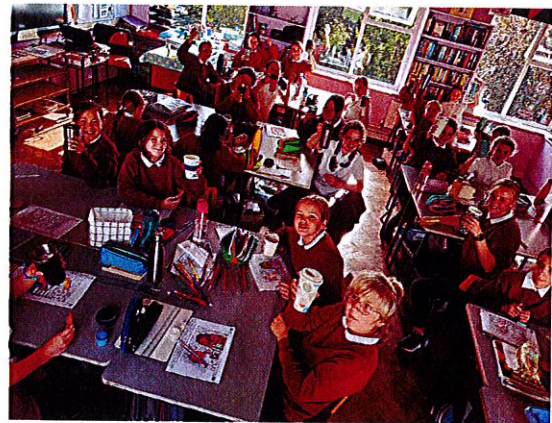


Fun with Maths!



## World Mental Health Day

As part of the Amber Flag programme in our school, the wellbeing of students and staff is core. On October 10<sup>th</sup> we marked World Mental Health Day. The pupils had a lovely treat of hot chocolate and rice krispie buns! A lovely start to the week!





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## Scared Heart Secondary School Visit

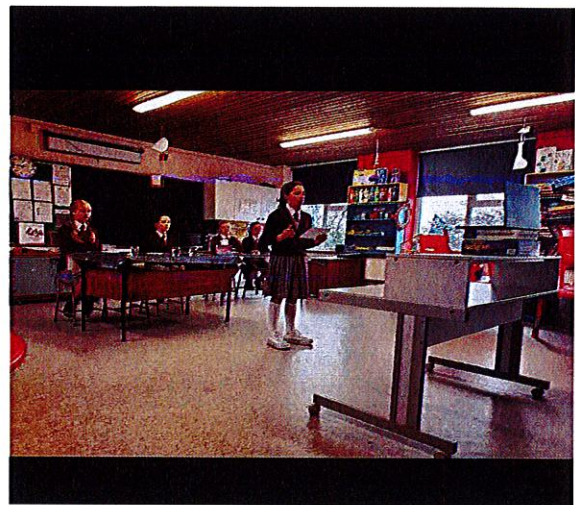
3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class were invited to visit the Sacred Heart Secondary School this month which is on the same campus as SJGNS.

A big thank you to the TY students for providing the students with a lovely introduction to the school.



## Concern Primary Debating Competition

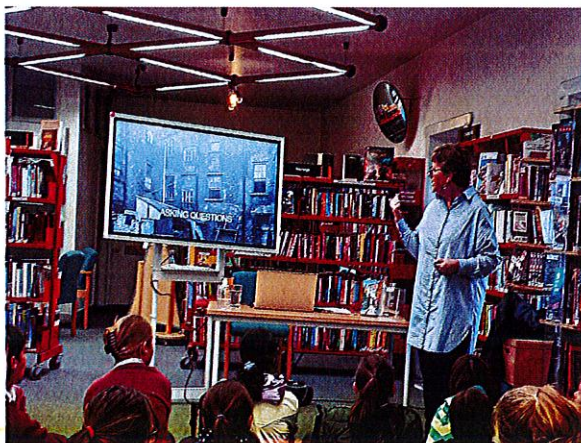
Congratulations to members of 6<sup>th</sup> class in SJGNS who won Round 1 of the Concern Primary Debating Competition. SJGNS Abú!



## Library Visit

Pupils from SJGNS were invited to the library as part of Children's Book Festival in October.

Here they met Irish author Ann Murtagh who read from her two books *The Sound of World Freedom* & *Kids of Summerhill*. She also chatted with the pupils about the process of writing a book. Thank you to Clonakilty Library for organising this event



## Other News

As a thank you for our effort in the Save the Bees campaign last year, we were gifted two apple trees for our school garden. Many thanks to Scallys Supervalu, Clonakilty





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## Activities at SJGNS

The following activities took place in October in SJGNS;

Drama with Pam Golden for all classes.

Rugby with Finbarr O Regan

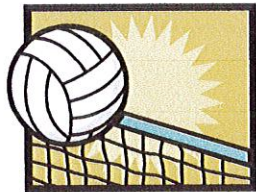
GAA with Cónan O Donovan

Swimming – 3<sup>rd</sup> class in November

Cycle Sense – starting in November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes

The Active School Committee organise 'Wake up & Shake Up' Wednesday mornings weather permitting.

It is lovely to be able to welcome Deirdre back to SJGNS. Deirdre teaches French to all classes.

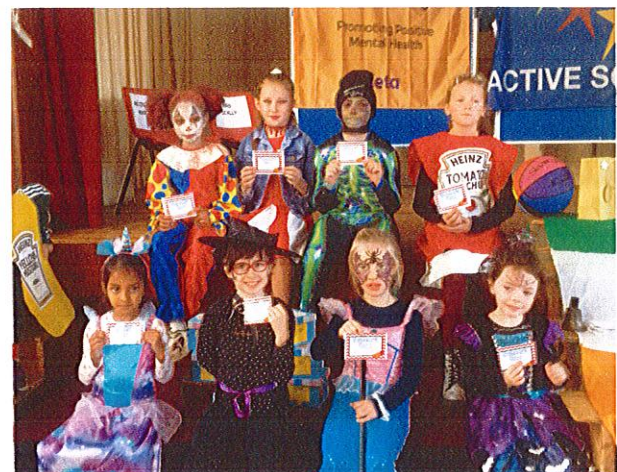


## October School Assembly

Our school assembly for October took place. We celebrated our Student of the Month and the Act of Kindness initiative organised by the Student Council.



Pupils of the Month Award – October recipients.



Act of Kindness- this is part of our Amber Flag initiative whereby acts of kindness are noted by students and acknowledged helping create a very happy positive school environment. Well Done to all!



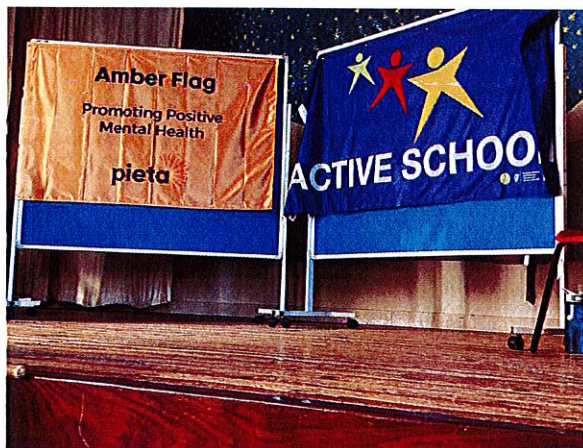
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## Amber Flag

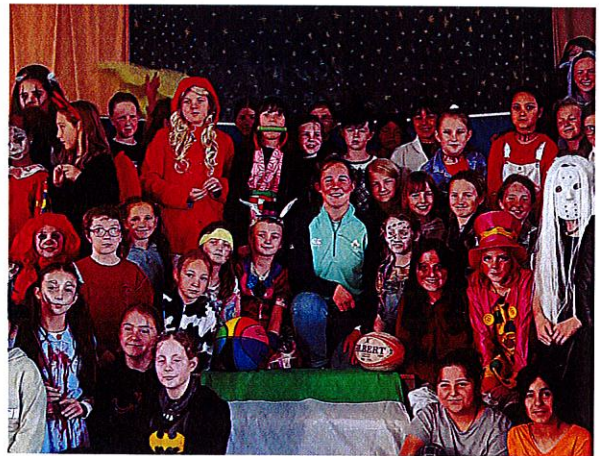
Receiving the Amber Flag was the culmination of two years of work led by Mrs Scally and the amber flag committee. They worked tirelessly promoting staff and students well being in our school. It was lovely to welcome Mrs Scally back to help raise the Amber Flag. Well Done to all involved.



## Active Flag

SJGNS received our Active Flag recently. This was led by Múinteoir Marian supported by Múinteoirí CarolAnn & Orlaith along with the Active School Committee.

To help raise the flag we were delighted to welcome some very accomplished sports women to the school. Enya Breen who plays on the Ireland Women's Rugby Team, Katie O' Driscoll a former past pupil who plays for the U16 Ireland Basketball Team and Kate Verdling a past pupil who is part of the Ireland Coastal Rowing Team.



Enya Breen with SJGNS pupils, Katie O' Driscoll & Kate Verdling





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## Active Flag Celebrations



## Halloween Dress Up Day

