

St. Joseph's National School

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Newsletter

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Cash For Clobber.

As part of National Spring Clean, this year, St. Joseph's will participate in the 'Cash for Clobber' scheme. The 'Cash for Clobber' isn't just a way of raising funds for our school but it also enables us to help those less fortunate than ourselves- children and adults in the developing world. This scheme from 'Cookstown Textile Recyclers', is aimed at raising awareness of textile recycling among children and to show how essential it is for everyone in the 'developed world' to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Our school could win up to 3,000 euro by simply recycling all types of clothing and shoes (pairs only), household textiles and handbags. The school that collects the most clobber per pupil wins a magnificent cash prize. However all schools are paid for weight of textiles – 50 cent per kilo. A 'bag drop' collection will take place after the Easter Holidays on Friday **29th of April** between 8.30- 10am.

So get busy collecting.

Good quality Clothing, bedding, curtains, shoes and handbags.

Time For a Break.....

It has been a very busy few weeks in St. Joseph's with everyone adjusting to new classes. Zoom meetings will be in place for a while but we are delighted to have our Student council, Amber Flag committee and Active Flag committee in place this year. Hope everyone enjoys the Halloween festivities and school will reopen on **Monday 1st of November.**

Parents' Association.

Joint chair, Mr. Pádraig O'Reilly and Orla Gallagher co-hosted the AGM on Wednesday 21st of October. Mr. Pádraig O'Reilly opened proceedings welcoming all to the meeting and nominations were taken to elect a new committee for 2021/2022. Thanks to all Parents who have volunteered on the new committee.

Members of the Board,

Chair: Pádraig O'Reilly/ Orla Gallagher,

Treasurer: Agnieska Herson.

Secretary: Vicky Cahalane.

PRO: Rachel Hawes.

A Parent Representative has been assigned to each class as follows.

J. Infants: Orla Gallagher.

S. Infants: Luciana Menezes.

First: Sarah Hayes.

Second: Heleri Allis

Third: Marianne Jongma.

Fourth: Marie Harrington.

Fifth: Bronagh White.

Sixth: Dympna Bennett.

Information Meetings.

An information meeting for Parents of Fifth and Sixth Class girls took place on Zoom to discuss the upcoming year. Class teachers, Múinteoirí Edel, CarolAnne and Sarah addressed parents on areas of homework, projects planned this year and the transition to Secondary school. These were two valuable meetings and thanks to all who participated

Maths Week in St. Joseph's

Maths Week Ireland took place this year between the 16th – 24th of October. In St. Joseph's each class participated in fun and enjoyable activities which helped the girls to challenge themselves and improve numeracy. Some classes engaged with the Izak Cubes, Maths Trail, Maths Eyes, which helped to develop problem-solving and observation skills without even trying too hard.



Building Towers.



Well Done to our Fourth Class girls who worked as a team and produced this tower using 3D Shapes.



Second Class Girls enjoy creating 2D Shapes with the polydrons.



Girls enjoy the Maths Trails in the school environs.

Aistear in Junior Infants

Junior Infants continue their 'Aistear' Programme. It is a framework for learning through play. The theme for the past month has been 'Doctors' so the girls have enjoyed role play, working as doctors and nurses and learning all the new vocabulary. During Aistear time each group moves to a new Station. The girls are learning many skills from their experience and hopefully it will make a visit to the Doctor/ Hospital less daunting.



Busy Days in St. Joseph's

Congratulations.



Primary School Debating.

On Monday 18th of October our sixth class debating team competed in the first round of the Primary Schools Debating Competition against Maultrahane National School. Our team proposed the motion 'Shopping Local must become the new normal' Congratulations to team members: Emily Bell, Méabh Lowney, Liadain O'Connell, Emma Rea, Aisling O'Mahony and Holly Cairns who put great effort into the research and delivery of their speeches. The girls advance on to the next round of the competition after the Mid-Term break. Thanks to Múinteoir Sarah who had coached the team and to the team members who represented St. Joseph's.

Orienteering.



Fifth Class enjoyed an introduction to Orienteering Course in Inchydoney on Wednesday 20th of October.

Drama with Pam.



Girls from Second Class have great fun with Pam ahead of Halloween. Lots of listening and observation games, together with oral story creation and poems.



Our First Class girls use their observing skills as they discover the changes in the trees during the month

Multicultural Day in St. Joseph's

On Tuesday 19th of October, we celebrated a multicultural day which will become an important fixture in our school calendar. It was a resounding success as our girls shared and enjoyed the cultures and traditions in our community. We are very thankful to Kitty Sisson and her team from Clonakilty Lodge who organised the music, musical equipment, traditional dress and prepared the food for this event. Girls in all classes got an opportunity to dress up in their traditional clothes. Some of the girls brought flags and taught the girls a few simple expressions in their native language. We have many nationalities in our school which are all part of our happy and vibrant school family.



Sport in St. Joseph's

Rugby Timetable.

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Session 2. Oct 9th – Oct 22nd

Time	Class
9.20-10.00	Sixth
10.05-10.30	Fourth
11.00-11.30	Third

Rugby coaching with Finbarr is a firm favourite on Friday mornings. Girls from 3rd, 4th and 6th have worked on their skillset.



Last day of swimming for our Fourth Class Girls. Swimming lessons are now in progress for Fifth Class

Wake Up/Shake Up.



Well Done to our Active Flag Committee, under the guidance of Múinteoir Marian, who lead the Choreography on Wednesday mornings.



Third Class girls have great fun learning how to pass the basketball.



Well Done to Second Class girls who have perfected their throwing and catching skills.

School Clubs



Fourth class girls are enjoying a step by step approach to Scratch with coding demonstrations from Mrs. Scally. The classroom is a hub of activity on Thursday afternoons as the girls code and develop their skills.



Lego Club for third class girls takes place on Wednesday afternoons with Múinteoir Sarah. The girls have great fun and the class provides a lively expression of the girls' creativity.

Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

We are taking part in the Team HOPE Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year. The team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign where thousands of people across Ireland donate shoeboxes filled with gifts for children affected by poverty in Africa or Eastern Europe. It is an opportunity to share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where these can often be in short supply.

Note: Please hand in shoeboxes to the school after mid-term.

Closing Date: Friday 5th of November.

How to fill a shoebox.

1. Wrap your regular sized shoebox in snazzy Christmas paper. Please wrap the box and the lid separately so it can be easily opened.
2. Decide who your gift is for, a girl or a boy aged between 2-14. Use the label on your leaflet – tick the age group and stick it on the top right -hand corner of the shoebox lid.
3. Fill your box with lovely gifts using items from the 4 W's shown on your leaflet. Please don't include anything on the 'what not to include' list or something you would not be happy to receive yourself.
4. Don't forget to include 4 Euro donation in the envelope provided with the leaflet. The cash envelope can be placed on top of the gifts inside the box.
5. Hold the box together with a large elastic band. Please don't seal it with tape as each box needs to be checked by the Team Hope team.

Congratulations.



Congratulations to Sara Kozminska who Received a certificate of achievement for participating in the Summer Stars Library Reading Adventure.



Members of the Student Council distribute the leaflets to all classes.

Pupil of the Month

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

Isibéal Crowley(6th), Laila Mitchell Linde(5th), Jenny O'Donnell(4th), Matilda Kingston(3rd), Rori Llewellyn(2nd), Poppy Hayes(1st), Peaches O'Keeffe (S. Infants), Tazeen Patwary.(J. Infants)

The positive behaviour during October included a positive attitude to all aspects of school life, listening attentively, neat work, an independent worker, beautiful manners, enthusiasm and a great example to all.

There was great excitement in St. Josephs on Friday 22nd of October when the pupil of the month was announced. 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. Well Done to all the worthy recipients this month. Following on from assembly, girls enjoyed the Halloween disco and games which were organised by Múinteoir Sarah and members of the Student Council.



Our Sixth Class Debating Team.



Múinteoir Anna and Senior Infants enjoy the Halloween Parade.



Second Class girls enjoy Musical Statues.



Amazing Creativity.

Pupil of the Month



Halloween Dress Up



Art Exhibition

