

St. Joseph's National School

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Fáilte ar Ais.

Welcome back to all our Pupils, Parents and Staff. A special welcome to our new pupils in Junior Infants and to new pupils who are joining other classes. We extend a warm welcome also to our new staff member, Múinteoir Anna who has been assigned to Senior Infants. We extend our congratulations also to Múinteoir Sarah in her new role as Deputy Principal and we wish her well in her new role.

Thank You.

Thank you to all Parents, Pupils and Staff who have embraced the protocols in place to keep us all safe. These protocols and risk assessment are reviewed by staff at regular intervals. Many thanks to our lead representative, Ms. Geaney who is very vigilant in the school.

To Parents who have downloaded the Aladdin Connect App and the Seesaw online learning App which are vital for communication and online learning when your child may be absent from school. Thank you to all who have paid fees which cover the cost of Drama, French, Zumba together with art and photocopying costs. Fees can be paid up until Friday 24th of October.

The girls have settled very well and adjusted to their new classrooms. It has been a busy month in St. Joseph's with the girls adjusting to the academic demands interspersed with Rugby, Drama, Zumba Art, Aistear, Music and Habitat Studies.

Farewell

On Friday 1st of October we bade farewell to our colleague, friend and mentor, Mrs. Daly who has started out on her new journey in life. Mrs. Daly has taught every pupil in the school and endeared herself to many during her long teaching career. We remember with fondness her kindness, nurturing and leadership during her years in St. Joseph's. We wish her the best of health, happiness in her retirement. The girls created a special book of 'Memories' and we hope she will enjoy reading about the fun and interesting moments.



Presentation to Mrs. Daly by Mrs Kathleen Ryan, Chairperson of B.O.M.

Staffing and Classes for School Year 2021/2022

Principal:	Mrs. Darina Scally
Junior Infants:	Ms. Ethel Loughnan
Senior Infants:	Ms. Anna Kingston.
First Class:	Ms. Julie Harrington
Second Class:	Mrs. Geraldine Crowley
Third Class:	Ms. Orlaith Walsh
Fourth Class:	Mrs. Eileen O'Mahony
Fifth Class:	Ms. CarolAnne O'Brien, Mrs. Edel Mc Carthy. (Job-sharing)
Sixth Class:	Ms. Sarah Geaney (Deputy Principal)

Learning Support: Mrs. Marian Mc Carthy.

EAL: Ms. Aileen O'Connor.

Learning Support: Ms. Rebecca Hourihane, Mrs. Yvonne Walsh (Job-sharing)
(Post is shared with Darrara N.S.)

Resource: Mrs. Caroline Condon.

Special Needs Assistant: Mrs. Elma Mc Carthy, Mrs. Gillian O'Sullivan.

Secretary: Mrs. Regina Cooke.

Board of Management.

Chairperson: Mrs. Kathleen Ryan.

Secretary: Mrs. Darina Scally.(Principal)

Treasurer: Mr. Fachtna Mc Carthy.

Staff Nominee: Ms. Julie Harrington.

Parents' Nominees: Mrs. Margaret Deegan , Mr. James Crowley.

Community members: Mr. Fachtna Mc Carthy, Mr.Robert Walsh.)

(New board assumed office on 1st of December 2019 and will serve a term of four years.

Thank You.

Many thanks to all who serve on the Board of Management and the Parents' Association. These members work tirelessly on behalf of the Parents and Pupils to help improve the School and its facilities. This past June we bid farewell to members of the Parents' Association who did trojan work over the past eight years. Not forgetting our other members and class representatives. Projects undertaken by our Parents' Association include setting up of School Library, Book Rental Scheme, Tennis Lessons, Provision of School Novels and Playground Equipment to name but a few.

Student Placement.



We welcome two students, Sarah Shorthall and Emer Dullea who are assigned to Senior Infants and First Class.

What's on in St. Joseph's?

Monday	
Tuesday  	Swimming Lessons in Leisure Centre: Fourth. Hockey: (5 th) Múinteoir Orlaith 3-3.45. Violin Classes: Gurteen O'Leary.
Wednesday 	Zumba with Flav: J. Infants – Sixth.
Thursday  	Drama with Pam Golden – J. Infants – Sixth. Camogie Training: Múinteoir Marian, Múinteoir Eileen (5 th & 6 th) Ahamilla Scratch Coding Club. (4 th) Mrs. Darina Scally (3-3.45) Lego Club (3 rd) Ms. Geaney (3-3.45)
Friday 	Rugby with Finbarr. Cornet Classes with Adrian Hanley.

First Day at St. Joseph's!

It was a memorable first day for our Junior Infants and Parents alike. We welcome them all to our school and hope they will have a very happy time in St. Joseph's. It was a first day in St. Joseph's for seven pupils, Manha Ruha, Sarah Dayl, Charlotte Brown (S. Infants) Eimear Hickey, Anika Wojtowicz, Grace Ajayi (2nd) Jenny O'Donnell (4th) who joined other classes in the school.



For all Parents, not just those who had First Day of School.....

I wonder what you're doing right now,
And if everyone is treating you kind,
I hope there is a special person,
A nice friend that you can find.

I wonder if the teacher knows,
Just how special you are to me.
And if the brightness of your heart,
Is something she can see.

I wonder if you are thinking about me,
And if you need a hug.
I already miss the sound of your voice,
And how you give my leg a tug.

I wonder if you could possibly understand,
How hard it is for me to let you grow,
On this day know that my heart breaks,
For this is the first step in letting my baby go.



Fun Activities in St. Joseph's!



Great Success for our First Class Girls. They harvested their vegetables which they Planted last Spring. A great selection of rhubarb ,potatoes, beetroot, leeks etc.



We are delighted to introduce our 'Buddy' Programme in St. Joseph's again this year. Sixth Class girls volunteer to play games with the pupils in the Junior Playground.



We are delighted that Pam has returned to St. Joseph's. The girls look forward to the drama class every Thursday.



Our sunny days in September were ideal for perfecting our tennis skills.

Cycling to St. Joseph's!

National Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. To mark the ending of Bike Week, twelve members of our Sixth class under the supervision of Principal Mrs. Scally, Múinteoir Orlaith and Múinteoir Marian cycled from the Parish Centre to St. Joseph's. Many thanks to Community Garda Liam Ryan who accompanied them along the route.



Plenty of Smiles on arrival at St. Joseph's!!



Confirmation

It was a lovely return to normality for our Sixth Class Girls who celebrated their Confirmation with their families recently. One of the traditions in St. Joseph's is that the girls wear their confirmation outfits to school, so we all enjoyed the 'Seó Faisean' in the playground.



Congratulations



Congratulations to our Sixth Class Girls, together with the First Year Pupils in SHSS who were confirmed by Monsignor Aidan O'Driscoll on Sunday 12th of September. Thanks to Mrs. Darina Scally, Mrs. Elma Mc Carthy (SNA) and class teachers Ms. Geaney and Ms. Walsh who participated in the ceremony. Not forgetting Margaret Deegan for her musical accompaniment. Thanks also to members of the Parish Council who ensured that proceedings ran smoothly.



Congratulations



Congratulations to the girls in Fifth Class who won the U.11 Carbery League Camogie Final recently. One of the highlights of their win was the 'Beeping' cavalcade around the town.



Camogie Coaching for Fifth and Sixth Class with Mrs. Marian Mc Carthy and Ms. Eileen O'Mahony got off to a great start on Thursday 9th September. Training takes place in Ahamilla from 3-3.45. Looking forward to dry weather for the next few weeks.

Busy Days in St. Joseph's

Mister Skellybones.



Second Class enjoy learning all about the bones of the skeleton as they move to 'The Skeleton Dance'



Bia Blasta – Drámaíocht as gaeilge
I rang a trí.

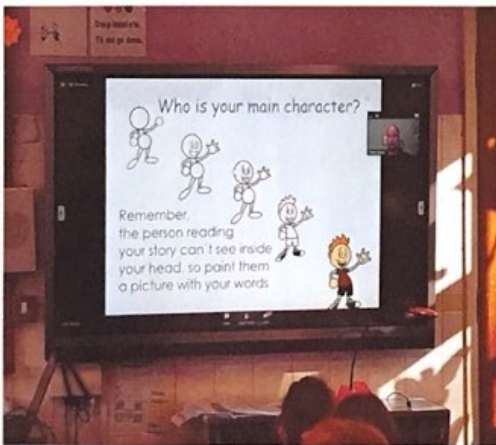
Bishop Fintan's Virtual Visit.



On Thursday 16th of September,
Bishop Fintan gave a blessing to all
As we commenced the new school



Second Class Girls use the 10 Maths frame
to explore friendly numbers add up to 10.



Third Class girls get great
inspiration from this Creative
Writing Workshop on Zoom



We all needed our brollies this past week
and Junior Infant Artwork reminded us of
their benefits.

Be Active Schools Campaign

The girls from St. Joseph's were delighted to get active and moving during European Sports Day on Monday 27th of September. A range of activities including Circuits, Street Racket, Rounders were planned. Thanks to the Active Schools Committee and some Sixth Class Girls, under the supervision of Múinteoir Marian, who organised circuits for the Junior and Senior Infant Classes. One of our firm favourites 'Wake Up, Shake Up' has commenced also on Wednesday morning.



Hurdles.



Active Schools Committee.



Members of our Active Schools Committee 2021/2022.

Our Active Schools Committee is made up of two girls from classes 3rd-6th.

Circuit Trail.



Throwing and Catching Skillset.

Aistear

Junior Infants started the 'Aistear' Programme with great enthusiasm. 'Aistear' is the Irish word for 'Journey' and it is a framework for learning through play. During Aistear time each group moves to a new station daily. Stations include Role play, Investigation/Exploratory, Literacy (including iPads for phonics /letter formation etc.), Construction/Motor skills + Creative Station (e.g., Junk/Recycling Art). The girls are learning many skills from their experiences. However, this programme could not take place without the hard work, planning and great contribution by class teacher Ms. Loughnan, with great assistance from Elma Mc Carthy who is timetabled to work in Junior Infants every day.



Theme: My Home.



Art Exhibition



Falling Back Art and Colourful Christian Names from Rang a Cúig.



We love this positive message from Rang a Trí.



We love the 'Gingerbread Men' created By girls in Rang a Haon.



A story from their reader, Harry Hedgehog' Inspires our Girls in Rang a Dó.



Great Pattern and Colour on display in the creations by Rang a Ceathair.



ANIMAL EYES ART.
Second Class Girls enjoy this amazing artwork displayed in the corridor this month. Sixth Class girls have shown their creativity with this project.

Pupil of the Month

No Uniform Day.



One of the suggestions from our Student Council which remains a Firm favourite.

There was great excitement in St. Josephs on Friday 1st of October as Mrs. Scally hosted a zoom meeting to announce the winners of the 'Pupil of the Month' Award. 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.

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

Emily Bell (6th), Vali Karzan Hassan (5th), Mimi Ndebele(4th), Zoe Aherne (3rd) , Zuzanna Stankiewicz (2nd), Martyna Mielczarek (1st), Eimear Forristal (S. Infants), Maegelle Jenie Achas.(J. Infants)

The positive behaviour during September included working very hard, kindness, a great listener, neat work, an independent worker, a smiling face, enthusiasm and a great friend to all.

Hockey Coaching.



Hockey Coaching with Múinteoir Orlaith has got off to a great start. The girls train on Tuesday afternoons and avail of the great Astra-turf facility

Wake Up, Shake Up.



Wake Up, Shake Up has resumed. Múinteoir Marian, together with members of the Active Flag lead the choreography every Wednesday morning.

Pupil of the Month



Congratulations



Congratulations to our Third- Class Girls who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 2nd of October. Thanks to Ms. Walsh who prepared the girls and to Mrs. Darina Scally and Mrs. Crowley who participated in the ceremony. Not forgetting Margaret Deegan for her musical accompaniment on the flute. Thanks also to members of the Parish Council who ensured that proceedings ran smoothly. The girls got an opportunity to wear their dresses to school on Monday and we all enjoyed the fashion show.



First Communion

