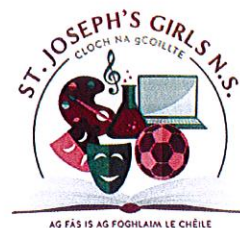


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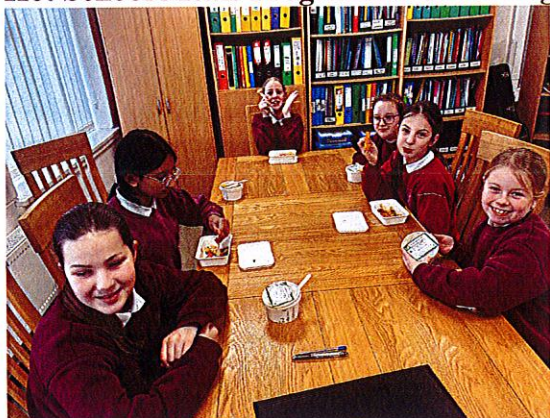
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Hot School Meals Programme is Coming Soon!!!!



Our Student Council members testing some of the food samples which were supplied to the school recently. Funding for the hot meals has been granted to St. Joseph's and we look forward to the delivery of hot meals after Easter. The variety of meals on the menu are dietician approved and delivered to schools every day. Once the child-friendly app is downloaded it is possible to view each meal's nutritional value and select any allergens, dietary or cultural requirements. The meals are transported in refrigerated vehicles and will be heated in the school. The food is available in sustainable packaging and the containers will be taken home each day. The meals are ordered in advance and the girls can choose their favourite options. The girls will also bring a small snack for break but we will all enjoy the convenience coming our way and the girls will be empowered to making nutritional choices. More Details will be shared shortly.

Cash For Clobber.

This annual fundraiser takes place on Friday 12th of April between 8.30 – 10am (**First Friday after the Easter Holidays.**)

Cash for Clobber is a nationwide scheme to educate and encourage re-wear while raising funds for our school. All schools are paid for weight of textiles – 50 cent per kilo. So get busy collecting

- *All types of clean, re-wearable clothing. *Handbags & Paired shoes (Please tie shoes together using laces)
 - * Hats, Belts, Curtains, Duvet covers, towels and sheets.
- No Duvets or Cushions accepted.**

Dates For Diary.

Thurs. 1st: St. Brigid's Day.
Monday 5th: Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tues. 6th : Safer Internet Day.
Thurs 15th : Midterm. (School Closed.
Fri. 15th: Midterm (School Closed.

School Closure

The School will be closed on Tuesday 5th of March as the staff will attend an in-service day in the West Cork Education Centre.

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the Parish Church on Wednesday 21st of February at 7pm.

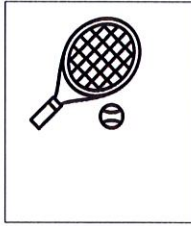
Dates For Diary.

Cork City Sports: Thursday 30th May in MTU.
School Tours: 11th of June.
Parish Sports in Ahamilla: Wed. 12th of June.
Many thanks to all Parents who have purchased tickets for the Cork City Sports draw. Please return tickets to the school before February 6th.

Pupil of the Month.



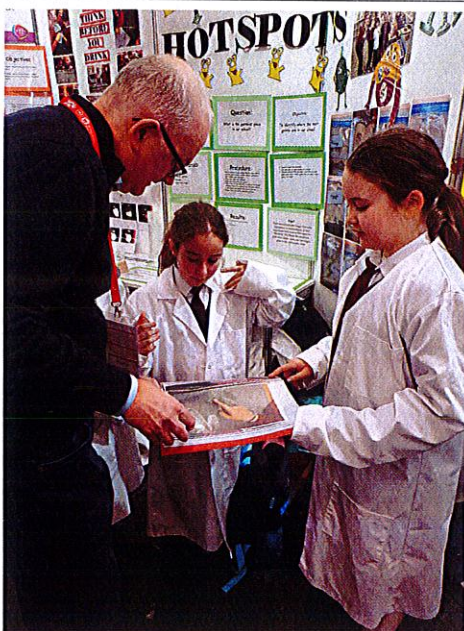
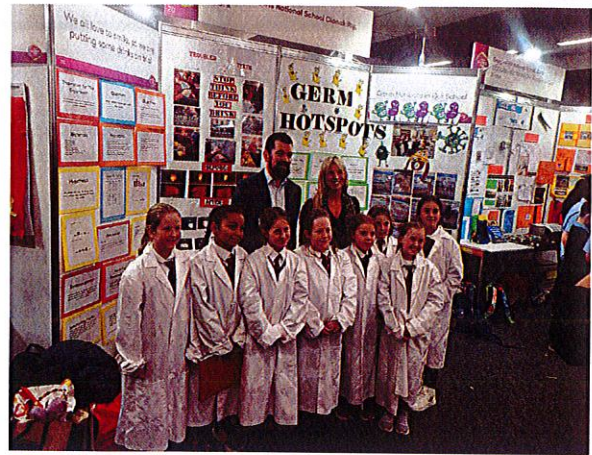
What's on in St. Joseph's during February 2024

Monday 	Irish Dancing in the school hall. (3-4pm) French with Deirdre- 19th ,26th of Feb. (Classes 2nd, 3rd,4th,5th,6th)
Tuesday  	Swimming Lessons in the Leisure Centre- Second and First Class, Second: Tues 6th. First: 13th, 20th, 27th. Violin: Third and Fourth Class. French with Deirdre: J. Infants, S. Infants, First.
Wednesday  	Violin : Fifth and Sixth Class. Creative Keyboards. 2-3pm: Junior & Senior Infants. 3-4pm:First & Second Class. 4-5pm: Third- Sixth.
Thursday   	Drama With Pam Golden. Tennis with Alan. Classes: 2nd,3rd, 5th and 6th. Thurs. 8th, 22nd and 29th. Soccer with Caroline Buttimer. Fifth & Sixth: 1st and 8th.
Friday 	Camogie Coaching with Conan. Classes : 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th) Friday 2nd of February.

Trip to BT Young Scientist Exhibition

Trip of a Lifetime!!!

Our third class girls under the stewardship of Múinteoir Orlaith, Máistir Andrew and Gillian (SNA) had the most wonderful day as Thursday 12th of January dawned. At 4am the bus departed from St. Joseph's enroute to the BT Young Scientist Exhibition at the RDS Dublin. A Primary science Fair was run alongside the main exhibition giving 55 primary schools the opportunity to display their research and innovation to judges and visitors. On arrival at the Primary Science Fair there was a busy few hours exhibiting the two science projects. The girls were so confident discussing their projects and the scientific skills that they used along their journey. The girls had an opportunity to view the projects undertaken by other schools and they also had an opportunity to participate in all the other sideshows. The girls had the most wonderful day and many thanks to the Staff of St. Joseph's and the four Parents who accompanied the girls.



Literacy in St. Joseph's

This term we are placing a special focus on Literacy in all classes. This is a whole school approach whereby our special educational team, class teachers and pupils work together for an allocated slot each day. In our junior classes our focus is on Aistear and development of phonological awareness and reading. Our middle and senior classes focus on writing genres, vocabulary enrichment, dictionary skills, spelling and reading fluency.

Drop Everything And Read.

The whole school approach to 'Drop Everything And Read' is very successful. After lunch each day the timers go on in all classrooms for ten minutes. The girls get engrossed in their reading and there are lots of requests to bring library books home.

Silence is Golden!!



Station Teaching in Third Class.



Focus on Narrative Writing at this station with Múinteoir Orlaith.



Focus on alphabetical order and learning to use the dictionary in Second class.

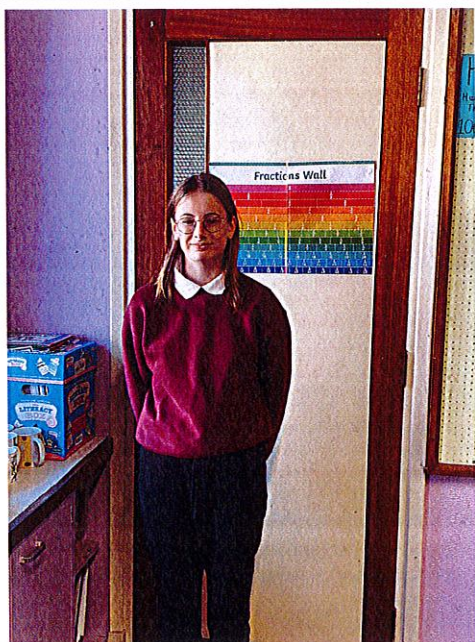


Múinteoir Noemi working with Second Class Girls.

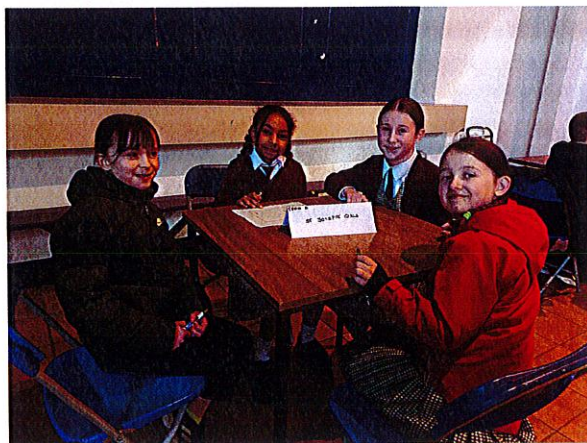
Fun Activities in St. Joseph's.

Spelling Bee Champion.

The Eason Spelling Bee is back for its eleventh year and is a great way of promoting literacy for children. It is a competition open to children in 5th and 6th class. On Wednesday 10th of January, Múinteoirí Anna and CarolAnne held an in-house Spelling Bee to determine which girl will be put forward to represent St. Joseph's in the County Spelling Bee Final. This year our school champion is Sienna Loane and she will go forward to the county heat which will be held at a later date.



Ready for Action!



Credit Union Schools Quiz.

This year the credit union schools quiz took place on Sunday 28th of January in the industrial hall in the showgrounds. This quiz is held in a table quiz format with four members to a team. It is divided into two categories, Competition A and Competition B, with only one team in each category per school. To qualify for the Junior team entrants must NOT have reached their eleventh birthday on or before 31st December 2023 and in the case of the Senior team all entrants must NOT have reached their 13th birthday on or before the same date. Prior to the competition, class teachers held a quiz in the classroom and team members were chosen based on those results. Thanks to Múinteoir Anna for her support on the day.

Very Well Done.



Very well done to the girls from fourth , fifth and sixth classes who represented St. Joseph's this year.

Green School Programme

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Following on from our great success in attaining five green flags, we continue with the Green Schools Programme this year. To date we have achieved green flags in the areas of Litter & Waste, Energy, Biodiversity, Water and Sustainable Transport. This year the theme is 'Global Citizenship-Energy' and the girls are involved in various projects. This is a maintenance theme which revisits our school's efforts on the Energy theme while expanding to look at energy and climate issues worldwide. We continue to place emphasis on Recycling, Reducing Energy bills, Conserving energy, and encouraging the school to use sustainable modes of transport ie. Walking, Cycling, and Carpooling. Global Citizenship means being a member of and supporting one's community and county. A global citizen is someone who is aware of and understands the wider world and their place in it. They take an active role in their community and work with others to make our planet more peaceful, sustainable and fairer. Thanks to Múinteoir Anna and the Green Schools Committee for all their hard work.

Tasty Organic Soup.



The girls used the organic squash and pumpkin to make a tasty, nourishing soup on a cold January day.

Reducing Food Miles.

On Friday 19th of January, we were delighted to welcome Vic and Deborah from 'Camus Kitchen and Farm to St. Joseph's. The duo run a 'Farm to Fork' organic restaurant. They spoke about the importance of sustainability, reducing our food miles and the benefits to eating and growing organic on a local and global level. They kindly left us a box of organic vegetables which the Green School Committee turned into a delicious soup.



'Many Hands Make Light Work!'



Green Schools Committee

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Our Green schools Co-ordinator, Múinteoir Anna leads the team as they explore Global Citizenship. The theme for this year is Sustainable Energy. The team members have been very busy conducting surveys and displaying the results of the Global Citizen Survey. We love reading about all their ideas on the noticeboard.



Regular Checks.



Our Green School Committee members have been very busy monitoring the recycling in all classes. At 2.30 each day the girls check the bins. A tally is kept on the door of each classroom and our aim is that the recycling bin will have more content than the waste bin. Food waste is not put in the general bin so all food waste has to be taken home each day.

Green Schools Flag Renewal

The green flag committee continue to meet every Wednesday and a list of their duties and future plans were set in place. Some of their duties include relaying details of meetings back to the individual classes, keeping the 'Global Citizenship - Energy' notice-board up to date, monitoring the recycling bins and ensuring lights are turned off when exiting the classrooms. On Tuesday 30th of January, the team met with David Macilwraith, Green Schools Officer from An Taisce as part of our bid to secure another hard earned green flag. The girls engaged very well, shared their action plan and displayed all their great work with enthusiasm.

Green School Team.

Co-ordinator: Múinteoir Anna.

Adults: Gillian O'Sullivan (SNA)

Pupils: 6th Class: Katelyn Ponton, Nicola Baraniewska.

5th Class: Natalia Kwinta, Brenda Costa Nedel.

4th Class: Kasey Liu, Jane Keohane.

3rd Class: Eve Hayes, Maeve O'Mahony.

Sustainable Efforts by Parents' Association.



Many thanks to members of the Parents' Association who hosted a preloved toy sale in St. Joseph's on Thursday 25th. The girls were delighted to exchange their toys for something 'New'! We were delighted with the selection of books in excellent condition. Proceeds of this initiative will go towards building a new playground for the girls in St. Joseph's.

Sport in St. Joseph's

Swimming Timetable.



**Session 1. Rang 2. Tuesday Jan. 16th
Jan. 23rd, Jan. 30th and February 6th.**

**Session 2. Rang 1: Tuesday Feb 13th,
Feb 20th, 12th March, 19th of March.**

Swimming Classes will consist of one 4 week session per class at Clonakilty Park Leisure Centre from 2-3pm on Tuesday afternoons. Parents and Guardians are reminded to collect their children promptly at 3pm from the Leisure Centre.



Tennis Timetable.

Session 1. Juniors, Seniors, 1st & 4th.
Jan. 11th –Feb. 1st.

Session 2. 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th.

Thanks to financial input from the Parents' Association, tennis lessons will be provided for all classes this year. Each class will receive a thirty minute coaching session for four weeks. Coaching commenced with Alan O'Mahony on Thursday 12th of January. Girls were introduced to the basic grip, swing, bounce and catch and self-rally. The girls enjoyed knock out competition and fun games.



**Camogie in St. Joseph's: Fri 12th, 19th, 26th of
January and 2nd of February.**

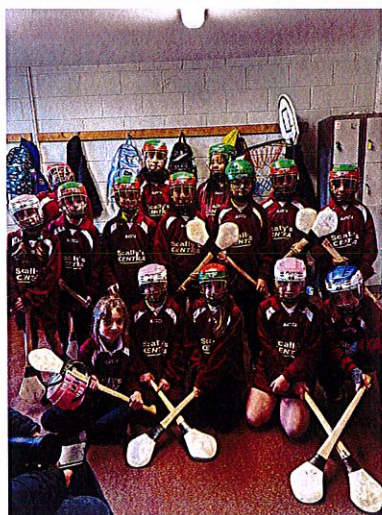
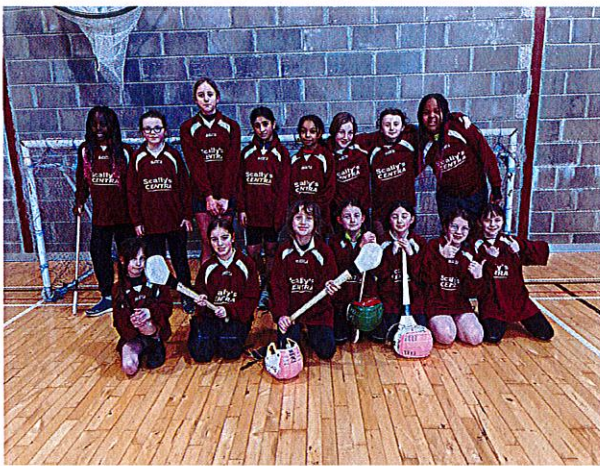
We are delighted to welcome Conan back to St. Joseph's to teach the skills to the following classes: 1st, 2nd, 4th and Sixth.

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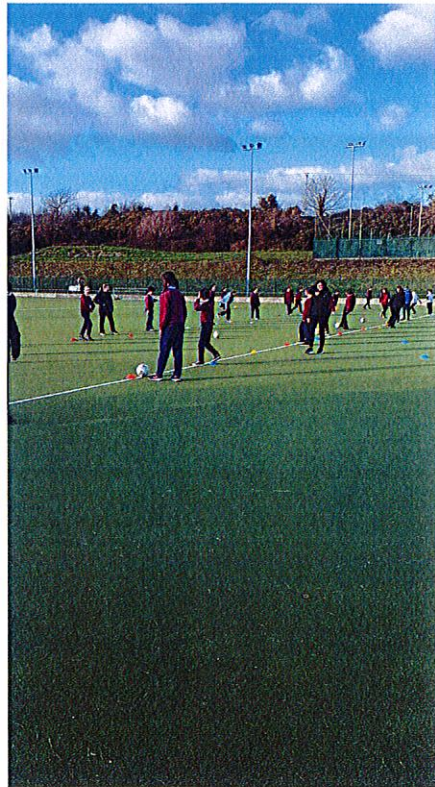
On Wednesday 10th of January, fifteen girls took part in a non-competitive indoor camogie competition in Ballinacarriga GAA hall. The girls played Timoleague NS, Kilbrittain Ns, Ahiohill NS and Knockskeagh NS. Lots of great skill and determination were on display in this fast paced game.

Very Well Done Girls.

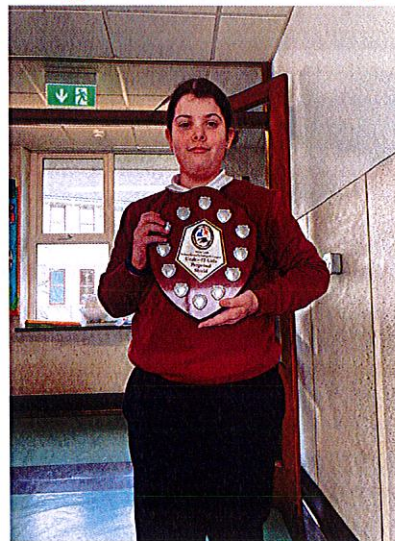


Soccer Coaching with Caroline.

We were delighted to welcome Caroline Buttimer to St. Joseph's to participate in a five week block of soccer coaching with Fifth and Sixth Class girls. Caroline is an underage coach with Lyre Rovers.



Congratulations Katelyn.



Katelyn Ponton (Sixth Class) with the West Cork School girls Plaque which she won with her team, Lyre Rovers Girls Soccer. The team beat Castlelack in the final.

Sport in St. Joseph's

Sciath na Scol Chorcaí Peil Faoi Dhion.

On Tuesday 22nd of January, third class participated in the 'Peil Faoi Dhion' league in Ballinacarriga hall. This was a non-competitive indoor football league and afforded the girls an opportunity to display their skills. Many thanks to Múinteoir Orlaith who accompanied the girls and to SNA Gillian who had to take on referee duties as well. The girls had a great day and enjoyed mixing with girls from local schools.

Very Well Done Girls.



Junior Infants enjoy the tennis courts on a sunny January morning.

Fyffes Fit Squad.

Everyone here in St. Joseph's is participating in Fyffes Fit Squad during January, February and March. The girls participate in the classroom with the Fit Squad Ambassadors, David Gillick, Katie O'Brien and Phil Healy. We love using these movement breaks during lessons and particularly on the wet days when we cannot go outdoors.



News letter for January

This month in 6th class,
We started Soccer on Thursday
11th January.

We started Camogie on Friday 12th
of January.

When

We came back to school after
Christmas

An organic farmer who owns a
restaurant came and talked to
3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class.

Muinteoir Gillian made vegetable
Soup with the vegetables they left
us.

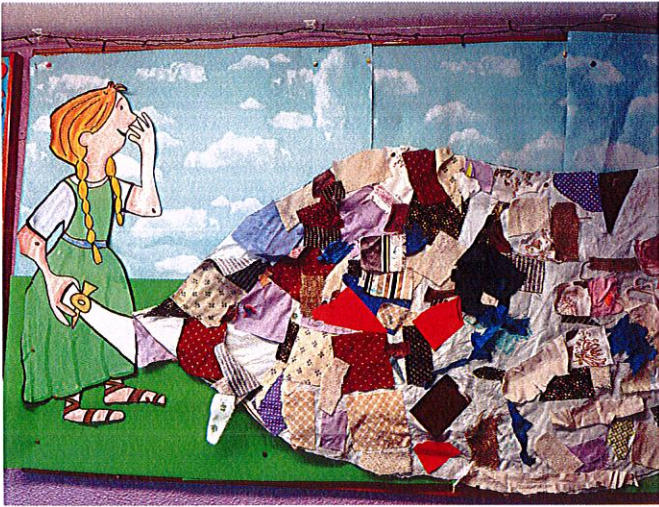
We got off of school early on the
25th of January because the
teachers had an in service day

Our 6th class team had a credit
union quiz on Sunday the 28th
of January and came 8th out of
25 teams.

We are going to have a green
schools inspector on Tuesday the
30th of January.

Art Exhibition in St. Joseph's

Sixth Class



Fifth Class.



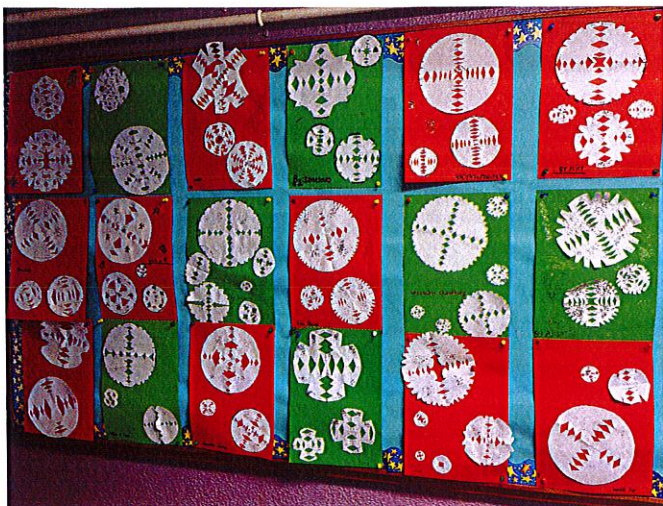
Third Class.



Fourth Class.



Second Class



Junior Infants.

