

St. Joseph's National School

Newsletter



November 2024

December dates for the Diary

11th- 5th & 6th class go to Cork Panto

13th - Christmas plays:

1pm Junior infants

1.30pm Senior infants

2pm 1st class

16-19th- Carol singing at local hospitals

20th - Christmas holidays

6th January - school re-opens



Team Hope Shoe box Appeal

As usual, the girls have been so generous donating care packages for the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Over 100 boxes were collected in our school. Pictured above are our Student Council taking the final tally. Thanks to everyone for their support with this.



What's on in December?

Monday

Irish dancing in the school hall 3-4pm

Tuesday

Swimming lessons in the leisure centre -

3rd Class- 3rd/10/17th Dec, 7th Jan

Violin 3rd & 4th Class

Wednesday

Violin 5th & 6th Class

Creative Keyboards:

2-3pm Juniors & Seniors

3-4pm 1st & 2nd Class

4-5pm 3rd - 6th Class

Thursday

Drama with Pam Golden

Friday

Camogie: Juniors, seniors, 3rd, 5th class





Science Week



We had a great Science Week in November with lots of hands on experiments led by our wonderful 5th and 6th class students. 4th and 5th class also attended some science demonstrations in Sacred Heart Secondary School. A big thank you to Mr. Pegler and his students for having us! Lifetime lab also visited the school and carried out workshops with 3rd, 4th and 5th class. The girls learned how to make a light bulb light using circuit boxes. They really enjoyed this. What a month of science!



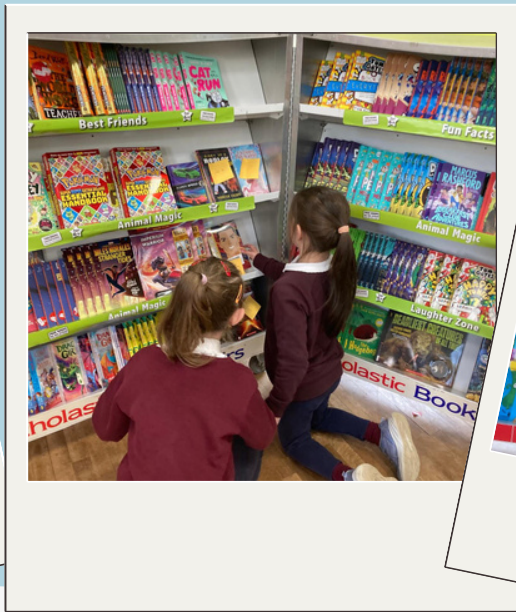
Well done to 3rd class who have been successful in getting a spot in this year's BT Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS in Dublin. The girls will travel in January. We look forward to seeing what their experiment is this year!



Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair came to our school on November 20th. Over 3 days, the girls browsed and bought books. It was a huge success and 60% of the final takings went towards buying new books for all class libraries!



CHRISTMAS Cards

We are delighted to be taking part in Christmas Cards for Schools again this year, which will raise vital funds for our school. The children had the opportunity to design their own unique cards. It doubles as an art lesson as the girls put huge effort into their creations, and we were so impressed with all of their imaginative designs.



Active School Committee

Our wonderful Active School Committee organised fun active stations for Junior & Senior Infants in November. Great skills were worked on, such as hopping, running, side stepping, jumping, throwing, kicking and catching. Well done to all involved!



Daily Active Breaks

Each class is taking part in the Daily Active Breaks Challenge. It is running from November 18th - December 13th. Each class does a 5 minute movement break in between lessons once a day. This helps us all to concentrate and focus better and also improves our mood! Well done girls!

GARDENING *Club*

Another year, another blooming season with the gardening club! During October & November, our enthusiastic young gardeners prepared the raised beds, carefully transplanted two apple trees and got creative by painting rocks to brighten up the garden! The club will return in the Spring, with even more exciting projects to dig in to!



An exciting visit!

This month, the girls were thrilled to have a visit from the Clonakilty Senior Ladies Footballers who won the Senior B County Championship!

We were so delighted to welcome Yvonne Ryan, Chairperson of the club, along with some of our past pupils. They spoke to the girls about their journey this year, and the enjoyment and fun they get from playing.

Green School Committee

The green school committee have organised that we start picker pals again. Each week, a girl from 1st class takes home a litter picker pack to pick litter in their local community with their family. Last week it was Libby Murphy. Great job Libby!!

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Our amazing debate team!



Our 6th Class girls are through to the next round of the West Cork Primary debate. The motion was *'Schools should be paperless'*

Well done girls, the whole school was thrilled!

Junior Infants

Junior Infants had a very busy November! With Science Week, a trip to the library, active stations, Aistear themes: 'The House & The Restaurant', new sounds, lots of arts & crafts and learning through play, it was non-stop fun!

