

# ST. JOSEPHS GIRLS NATIONAL SCHOOL

# Newsletter

JANUARY 2025



## Dates for the diary

- 3rd Feb- School closed for bank holiday.
- 20th/21st Feb- School closed for mid term break
- 17th March - School closed for St. Patrick's day
- 20th March - Confirmation at 10.30am
- 14th to 25th April- School closed for Easter holidays



# What's on in February?

## Monday

Irish Dancing 3-4pm  
Creative writing club 3-4pm

## Tuesday

Swimming 1st class- 11th, 25th  
Violin 3rd & 4th class

## Wednesday

Creative Keyboards after school  
Violin 5th and 6th class  
Tennis 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Feb for  
1st, 2nd 4th & 6th class

## Thursday

Drama with Pam

## Friday

Football with Conan 7th, 14th & 28th  
Feb for Junior & Senior infants, 3rd and  
5th class



# 3rd class activities

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

3rd class had a super day out in Barryroe NS where they took part in a chess tournament with other schools in West Cork.

They really enjoyed the experience, what a great opportunity for them all. A big thank you to all the organisers involved and to Muinteoir Anna for mentoring the girls and bringing them to the event



## Indoor football competition



Well done to the pupils in 3rd class who took part in a non competitive indoor Gaelic football blitz in Ballinacarriga today.

The girls played teams from Knockskeagh NS and Barryroe NS and they also played a game against each other.

They put on a great display of skills, determination and team work.

Well done girls!

# *A busy month for* **JUNIOR INFANTS**

**The girls started tennis lessons with coach Alan! They had lots of fun and are looking forward to the next lesson.**



**This month we practiced forming our numbers using concrete materials such as lego, play doh and even fruit!**



**Another thing we focused on this month was the weather! Through daily stations the girls explored snow, rain, sun and wind!**



# WASTE NOT WANT NOT

We were delighted to welcome Jean Perry, the founder and main gardener at Glebe Gardens in Baltimore, to the school this month for a session with 1st and 2nd class.



The girls learned all about growing food sustainably and locally. They helped to plant new potatoes in a bucket and then each child got an opportunity to plant cress and bring their egg carton home.

This is a continuation of Voice Ireland's Waste Not, Want Not project in Clonakilty- a community approach to tackling food waste.



# WELL DONE 4TH CLASS!



## Camogie competition

Well done to a brilliant group of girls from 4th class who took part in a non competitive indoor camogie competition in Ballinacarriga. The girls played Carrigboy NS, Timoleague NS and St Joseph's Skibbereen. The girls showed great skill and determination in each game.



## YUM!

4th class have also been busy cooking this month! They have been focusing on procedural writing which includes writing recipes and instructions. They made smoothies, chips, fruit salad and cookies which they wrote about afterwards



# January Sport

## Tennis is back!

Our tennis classes have resumed on Wednesdays this month. Junior and senior infants, as well as 3rd and 5th class have been taking to the courts every week and are all really enjoying it! 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th classes are looking forward to having their turn in February!



## Camogie

1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th class have been loving camogie with Conan every Friday morning this month. Here are a few pictures of 1st class enjoying a lesson one rainy morning in our hall!

Conan will start football classes with the rest of the girls next month.



# 6TH CLASS News

## Junior Entrepreneurs

6th are taking part in Junior Entrepreneur. They have started a company called the Bracelet Boutique. They are selling two bracelets one for you and one for your bestie in a box with a positive note. Orders are being taken and each box of 2 bracelets is €4



## Ceremony of light

The confirmation girls in 6th class did these pictures to mark their ceremony of light which took place in the church this month. The girls along with their parents and teachers went to the church where their baptism candle was passed from their parent or guardian to the confirmation girl marking them handing over their faith



# Swim Team

We are so proud of our Junior swimming team - Shauna, Maeve and Molly who all did so well at the Munster swim meet in Limerick. All three have qualified for the National Swimming Championship later in the year. Well done girls!



## Open Day

We were delighted to welcome some future students to the school this month. On January 17th we had our Open Day for anyone hoping to start at St. Josephs in September 2025.

We are currently enrolling and forms are available on request!



# MATHS & SCIENCE

## *at St. Josephs*



**Fun with magnets  
in science class**



**Experimenting  
with length  
and measuring  
in 3rd class  
this week**

**All about  
numbers  
with  
1st class**

