

St. Joseph's National School

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Newsletter

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Congratulations.

We are delighted to announce that St. Joseph's has been awarded our 7th Green-Schools Flag. Over the past two years our school has worked on the Global Citizenship Energy theme. Congratulations to our pupils on the Green Schools Committee under the direction of Múinteoir Anna for the trojan work on this project. Well done to all the girls in St. Joseph's who have embraced all the changes with enthusiasm. The Awards ceremony takes place on the 15th of May in the Radisson Blu Little Island.



First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Ceremony will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 10.30 am on Saturday May 18th.

Dates For Diary.

May.

Thurs 2nd: Soccer Tournament in Astro Turf (Fifth and Sixth Classes)

Mon. 6th : Bank Holiday. (School Closed)

May 7th -10th: Active Schools Week.

Wed. 15th : Green Flag Awards Ceremony.

Thurs. 17th: Sciath na Scol Blitz in Ahamilla.

Sat. 18th : First Holy Communion.

Thurs. 23rd: Science Blast (Fifth Class)

Tues. 28th: Theatre Performance in the School Hall (All Classes)

June.

Monday 3rd : Bank Holiday. School Closed.

Tues. 4th: Sports Day.

Thurs. 6th : Sixth Class Performance (Aladdin)

Fri. 7th: Grandparents Day (S. Infants)



Sixth Class girls are delighted with their end of year jumpers and wear them with pride.

School Tours.

Tours for classes 1st – 6th will take place on Tuesday 11th of June.

Note: The school will be closed to girls in Junior Infants and Senior Infants on that day.

1st/2nd: Smuggler's Cove, Rosscarbery.

3rd/4th/5th: MTU Arena.

6th: Adventure Tour, Ballyhass, Mallow.
More details shortly.

Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

Visitor to the Classroom.

Many thanks to Alicia's Dad, Marcus Flanagan who visited Second Class on Tuesday 23rd of April. This was a very informative visit and the girls were really engaged. Marcus works as a marine surveyor and he was giving the girls an insight into his work day. The girls had been reading about different forms of transport Cargo Ships , Cruise ships etc. Marcus explained that corn, molasses, oil, fertilizer, soya bean meal is imported to Ireland in bulk in Coasters and Freighters. All these products need to be checked as they are part of the Food Chain. The girls were delighted to see the molasses but not too happy with the sweet taste!! Marcus explained about the importance of filling the ballasts with water when the cargo is removed to ensure that the cargo ship stays afloat. A special measuring paste is used for this purpose ,it will change colour and indicate how much water is required. The girls experimented with applying the measuring paste to a ruler and watching the paste change colour when immersed in containers filled with water. Steel and windmills are also imported to Ireland and checked to ensure that the salt water has not damaged the material. The girls could see the reaction when silver nitrite is poured on steel to detect sodium. Finally Marcus showed the girls the ports in which he works around Ireland. It was a Science, Geography , Maths lesson wrapped into one!!! Thank you so much Maria and Marcus and of course Alicia who invited her Dad to the classroom.



Celebrating Earth Day in First Class.



Well done to girls in First Class who created this amazing artwork. This project gives a strong message to us all 'Earth Says No To Plastic' . Not only did the girls create the collage of the Earth but they also wrote messages indicating why plastic needs to be reduced.

Art Exhibition in St. Joseph's

Fourth Class



Third Class.



First Class.



Second Class.



Senior Infants.



Junior Infants



Global Classrooms Project

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Fourth Class are taking part in Global Classrooms Project. They have had the opportunity to chat to one of the participants from Kenya when he visited the school this week. Danson was in Ireland for a week to visit some schools who are taking part in this project. It was fantastic to hear about life in Kenya and informative for the girls to hear how Climate change and other environmental issues are affecting life for people in countries like Kenya. Some students had accompanied him on the visit earlier in the week and the girls were fascinated to learn that for those Kenyan students, it was their first time seeing the ocean!. He made the comparison that for us Irish people it would be like the first time seeing an elephant or giraffe up close or walking past our house!

Project Work.

The girls are now working on projects to develop a prototype of an idea which could help protect or restore ecosystems and will have the opportunity to present these to other groups from around the world in May.

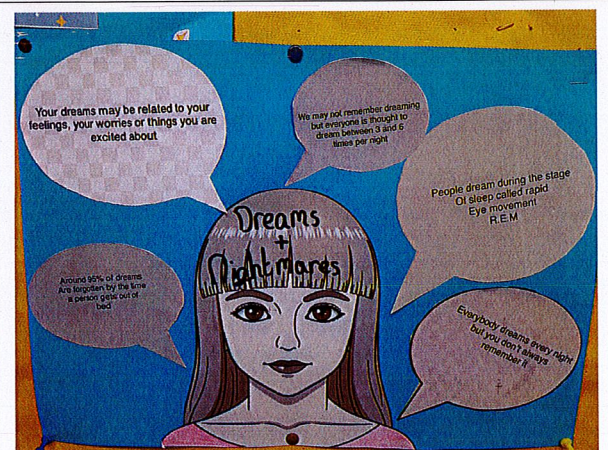
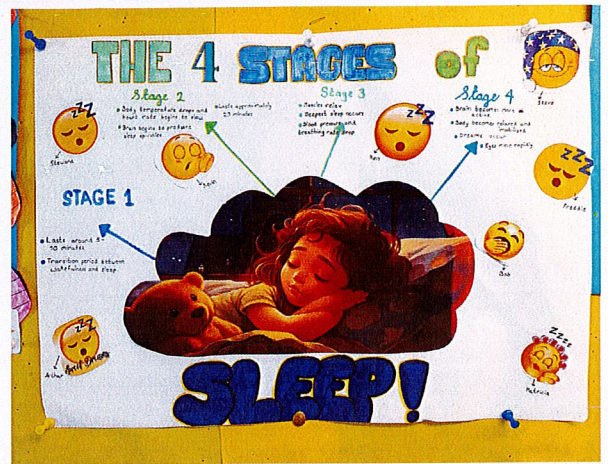


News from Fifth Class

We have been very busy in 5th class all year! Next month we are going to Limerick for an event called "Science Blast". We had to pick any question and investigate it. We decided to investigate "How does the Quality and Quantity of Sleep affect our Productivity?" We surveyed 100 adults and 100 children from 5th-6th class by asking them to answer various questions about sleep to find out about people's sleep routine. We had a Zoom call with Lucy Wolf, a sleep expert, to get her opinions on sleep and to learn more about the science of sleep. One of our experiments within the Science Blast was "How much sleep do we need for a productive day". So we decided to test this by doing a school sleepover! We all came to school on a Thursday night in March and had a great time under the supervision of our teachers! Most people didn't sleep at all and the next day everyone felt sick and so tired! Some girls were even falling asleep on the desk! We found out so much about sleep and made posters using the information gathered. Some of our posters include sleep and our brain, how devices affect our sleep, the importance of routines and fun facts. We are now putting all the information gathered from the surveys together and hope to display them using pie charts and bar graphs.

Science Blast is a very enjoyable thing to do and we would definitely do it again!

Written by Charley Harte and Mary Kashkaryova.



Sport in St. Joseph's

Gaelic Football Blitz.

Our 4th class girls took part in a non competitive Gaelic football blitz on Thursday 11th of April. It was held on the 4G pitch at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The girls played Ballingearry, St Joseph's Girls, Skibbereen, Coppeen, Ardfield and Glanmire. Great determination, skills and teamwork were on show. Well done everyone! Thank you to our two sixth class pupils, Laura and Rebecca who acted as referees.



Zumba with Flav.



Zumba with Flav is a firm favourite on Tuesday mornings. The girls have enjoyed non-stop dancing during the four sessions in April.

Dancing with Mark.



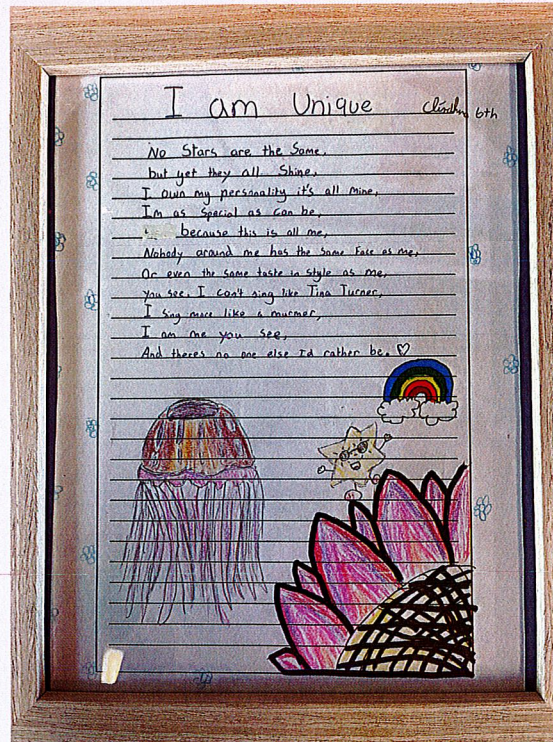
Well done to all the girls who have worked hard under the direction of Mark Bryan. The girls have learned 'The Siege of Ennis', Military Two Step and Spanish Waltz.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Sarah and Clíodhna who beat off stiff competition to win first prize in the Neurodiversity Art and Poetry Competitions



Pupil of the Month Award for April



Very well done to all the recipients .



Congratulations to our senior and junior girls who performed at the 'West Cork Tumbling Friendly Competition' which was held in Skibbereen Hall recently. All the girls were placed in their competition and came home with First, Second or Third Place trophies. Very Well Done.

Sport in St. Joseph's

Tag Rugby Blitz

5th class were hosted to a fantastic day out today in Bandon Grammar for a Tag Rugby Blitz. This was a hugely enjoyable and incredibly well organised day. The girls played 6 rounds of rugby against other similar age groups from Bandon, Bantry and Skibbereen. Thank you to the staff and students of Bandon Grammar for hosting us.



We were so delighted to welcome our past pupils from the SHSS recently. Two sets of sisters, Sophie and Emily Bell, Clodagh and Keelin Mc Carthy, together with Julie Finn had their hands full as they displayed the cups they have won in Munster Schools Girls Rugby this year. It has been a very successful year for all teams



Sciath na Scol Training.

Fifth and Sixth class are taking part in a block of football session which take place in the Astro Turf. These are to prepare for the Sciath na Scol games which are due to take place in Ahamilla on Friday 17th of May. The girls are very enthusiastic with great numbers enjoying playing the game. We are very thankful that we can avail of the facilities in the Sports Complex.



Fun Activities in St. Joseph's

Athletics with Lorna.

Third class girls are enjoying four weeks of athletics with Lorna O'Regan funded by the Sports Partnership. These skills will be very valuable as the Cork City Sports and Clonakilty Primary Parish Sports Day are fast approaching.

Athletics with Lorna.



Athletics with Martin White.

April has been a very busy month for all sorts of activity. The girls are enjoying four weeks of athletics training with Martin White. Lots of work on listening to the whistle, perfecting running technique, hopping, jumping, hurdles and fun games.



Sponsored Walk.

Our sponsored walk held on Sunday 14th of April was a great success. We were so delighted to welcome pupils, parents, Grandparents and friends to join us on the Joe Walsh Greenway. Many thanks to everyone who supported so generously and a total of 3,922 Euro was raised. Many thanks to Múinteoir Sarah who organised this event in the school.



Neurodiversity Week

Celebrate Neurodiversity: Everyone's brain is different.

Neurodiversity week was a great success. The girls got an opportunity to view powerpoints and videos and learn all about neurodiversity. Neurodiversity week reminds us that that whatever our differences and challenges, everyone also has their own talents. It is fantastic that people think in different ways –it makes life more interesting. Many thanks to Ms. Sarah Geaney and Ms. Sarah Shortall who organised art activities and competitions in the school.

I am Unique, I am Special, I am Me.



This colourful mural in our foyer represents the girls in our school.

Make Someone's day by being understanding and kind.



Girls from Junior Infants and First Class playing together and enjoying the Spring sunshine.



Second Class girls got an opportunity to play with the sensory toys.



Fun Activities in St. Joseph's



Girls in Senior Infants having fun creating sandcastles and working on their building skills.



Girls in Second Class are using their predicting, observation and recording skills as they investigate the conditions best suited for growing cress seeds.



Junior Infant girls create amazing shapes with the magnetic cubes. Lots of work on the 'Jungle' theme during Aistear.

What's on in St. Joseph's during May

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Monday 	Irish Dancing in the school hall. (3-4pm)
Tuesday   	Violin: Third and Fourth Class. Athletics with Martin White. Football training in Astro Turf with Múinteoir Marian (1.30-2.30) Gymnastics with Aoife : Tues May 7th, 14th 21st. (JI,SI, First, Second) Tues May 28th : 3rd,4th, 5th and 6th.
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. Hockey Coaching with Múinteoir Orlaith in Astro Turf. 2.50-3.30: 5th & 6th Class. Athletics with Lorna: Third Class. Soccer Tournament in Astro Turf: Fifth & Sixth. (Friday May 3rd)