

St. Joseph's National School



Newsletter

October 2024



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff after our midterm break. October has been a busy month in St. Joseph's GNS. We have had wellbeing week and space week as well as our usual schedule of rugby, camogie, athletics, swimming, drama and more!



Dates for the Diary

11-15th November Science week

18/19th November Book Fair

27/28th November Parent teacher meetings

13th December- Christmas plays:
1pm Junior infants
1.30pm Senior infants
2pm 1st class

Note from The Parents' Association

The AGM was held during the month of October with over 30 parents in attendance. Chairperson Sarah Nolan provided an overview of the work to be done and the group elected Dara Murphy as treasurer. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the many wonderful people who have joined the Parent's Association for the coming year! If you missed the meeting and would like to join the PA, please contact Sarah.
Chair: Sarah Nolan, (ph. 087 3488601)
Treasurer: Dara Murphy

What's on in November?

Monday

Irish dancing in the school hall 3-4pm

Gardening/ DIY Club 3-4pm

Athletics 1st - 4th class 4th/11th Nov

Tuesday

Swimming lessons in the leisure centre -

4th Class 5th/12th/19th/26th Nov

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

Football with Conan: 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th

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



Space Week

This month we celebrated Space week where we learned all about planets and our solar system. This years theme was space and climate change



Students in 2nd - 6th class were invited to bring a 3D Space Art piece made out of recycled materials. Our student council had a tough decision to choose the best pieces in each class. On Friday 11th October we had a space dress up day! Wow, wow such amazing costumes brought smiles to all our faces!

All the girls visited the Space Dome and learned all about the different planets we can see from earth. We learned about the comet of the century that could be seen last month. Did you see it?



WELLBEING WEEK

30th Sep - 4th Oct

This week we had pilates, mindful moments, storytelling, gratitude journaling, wellbeing drama and music

PJ Day

As part of our wellbeing week we had a PJ day where students could wear their pyjamas, bring a cuddly toy or cushion if they wished and have a chance to visit our Sunflower Room- a cosy, homely space in our school designed to provide additional support for the emotional and social development of the children.



Singing at the Hospital

In the spirit of wellbeing week our 1st class students visited Clonakilty Community Hospital and performed a few songs for the residents. All the spectators thoroughly enjoyed the performance!

Tug of war

This month, sixth class took on our staff in our annual Tug of War.

This event was due to be held as part of European Week of Sport which we celebrated in September. We had to postpone it last month due to weather but the girls were delighted that it took place today instead.

We had some very close contests, with wins for both staff and 6th class.

Overall, we came to the conclusion that it was a draw!

Well done everyone for taking part and to all the supporters (Juniors -5th).



Camogie Blitz

Well done to a brilliant group of girls from 5th and 6th class who played in a West Cork camogie blitz on 17th October in Ahamilla.

Unfortunately, the results didn't go our way on the day but the girls put in very solid and determined performances.

Thank you to Enniskeane NS and Knockskeagh NS for two very sporting games!



Halloween at St. Josephs



**Junior infants
Halloween fun!**



**6th
class!**



**Our staff got
involved!**



**Did you see our entry to the
Leap Scarecrow Festival?**



**5th class made a
great effort with
their costumes this
year!**



Soccer

Well done to the U12 Clonakilty AFC soccer team who defeated Lyre 3-1 after extra time in the cup final. This is their second trophy of the season as they have already secured the League title. Well done to our fifth class pupils, Leni, Jimma and Rori who were part of the victorious team!



6th Class Debate winners

Congratulations to our 6th class debate team who won this month against Scoil Mhuire & Barra in Bantry.

The motion was 'Every person in Ireland should be given a bike' and we opposed it.

The girls are now through to round two of the West Cork Primary Debate!



Student Council

Our St. Joseph's Student Council plays an important role in our school. They represent our pupil's voice and ideas. In the past they have pioneered things like 'No school uniform on the last Friday of the month', music in the yard on Fridays and run competitions throughout the year.



Here is our Student Council for 2024.
Back Row L-R: Livia (5th), Peigi (5th),
Aoife (6th), Charley (6th)
Front Row L-R: Ayah (4th), Leia (3rd),
Ionela (3rd), Maeve (4th)



Christmas shoe box appeal

Every year the Christmas shoebox appeal sends thousands of gift filled shoe boxes to children in Eastern Europe and Africa. Our student council have distributed the leaflets which outline clearly how to build your shoe box at home. We are now collecting the shoeboxes. The deadline for bringing them in is this Friday 8th November- thank you!

