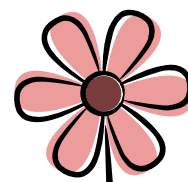




# St. Josephs Girls National School Newsletter



April 2025

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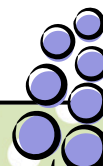
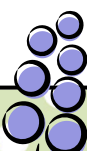
- 5<sup>th</sup> May - School closed for bank holiday
- 21<sup>st</sup> May - Science Blast, Limerick, 5<sup>th</sup> class
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Athletics Blitz, 3<sup>rd</sup> class
- 26<sup>th</sup> May - School sports day
- 29<sup>th</sup> May - Cork city sports
- 30<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> class school tour

## BIG NEWS!!

We're delighted that Clonakilty Pre-school will be opening for boys and girls on the school grounds for September 2025. For all enquiries please email Grainne at [clonakiltypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:clonakiltypreschool@gmail.com)

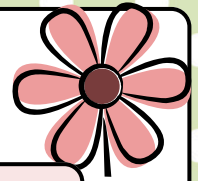


Thank you to all our families who raised €1,065 for Daffodil Day this year!





# What's on in May?



## Monday

Irish dancing 3-4pm

## Tuesday

French 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class

Athletics- all classes

Violin 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class



## Wednesday

French Juniors - 1<sup>st</sup>

Violin 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Gymnastics - all classes

Creative keyboards

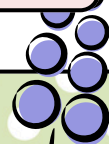
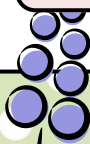


## Thursday

Drama with Pam

## Friday

Athletics 3<sup>rd</sup> class (9<sup>th</sup> May)



# Science and Engineering

## Robotics



The girls enjoyed more robotic activities in April led by our Sphero Specialists Meabh, Charlie, Matilda and Lucy from 6<sup>th</sup> class!

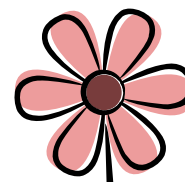
## Building bridges!

1st class have been really busy this month! They have put their building skills to the test creating bridges using knex and lego. Great job girls, some future engineers in our midst for sure!





# Sports



## Athletics

The girls are very excited to have Sinead O'Regan with Cork Sports Partnership in to teach 4 sessions of Athletics before a blitz with other schools next month!

## Gymnastics

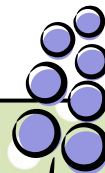
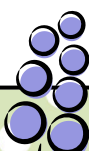
Congratulations to our two gymnastic teams who competed in Clondalkin this week. The girls placed 1<sup>st</sup> in newcomers and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the juniors! A fantastic achievement!



## Active Schools

We are skipping around Europe as part of our Active Schools Initiative.

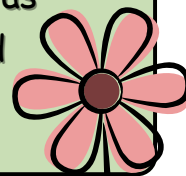
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## 4th Class Orienteering

4th class had lots of fun doing orienteering with some SHSS students. They had a chance to learn important skills such as map reading, planning and teamwork!



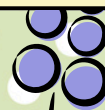
## 6th Class Hoodies

The 6<sup>th</sup> class hoodies of 2025 have arrived and it is safe to say that the girls are loving them!!



## Creative Writing

The Creative Writing Club finished up this April, where girls from Fourth to Sixth Class worked on their short stories over a period of three months. The girls are very excited that their work will soon be published in an anthology, showcasing their wonderful writing talents!

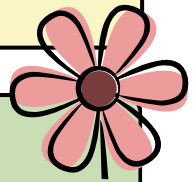




## An exciting visit!

We were delighted to welcome Susan Cahill, the author of 'The World Between the Rain,' to our school. Susan spoke to 4th, 5th and 6th class girls. Her visit was truly inspiring and some of the girls have already started to write their own stories in their spare time since your visit.

Thanks so much Susan!



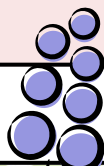
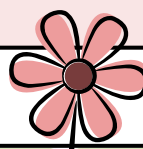
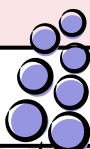
## Feis Maitiú



Aoibhin Lowery and Dearbhla Coffey from First Class both took part in the solo verse speaking section of the Feis Maitiú. Congratulations to Aoibhin on an excellent 3rd place in a very competitive section and to Dearbhla who was 1st overall. Well done girls! We are so very proud of you both

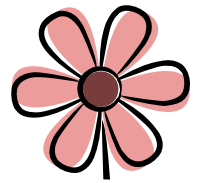
## 3rd Class Tidy Towns

3rd class have been learning all about communities and met up with the Clonakilty Tidy Towns committee for a community clean up! Thanks to Marian and Noreen who organised litter pickers and bags for the girls, and for all the wonderful work you do! To finish off they were treated to delicious ice-cream from Gala, thank you Sam!





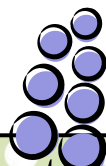
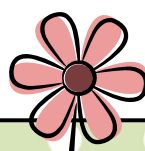
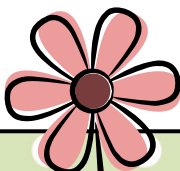
# Easter Activities



5th class were busy this Easter decorating cupcakes and making Easter bunnies out of cardboard. We were all so impressed with their creativity and craftsmanship!

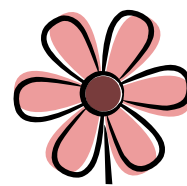


Junior Infants also got creative this Easter making lots of beautiful Easter crafts! They also had lots of fun on an Easter egg hunt around the school!





# SJGNS Craft Fair



The student council have been busy this month organising our first ever craft fair with girls from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> showcasing some of their creative talents!

