

St Joseph's Girls Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils & Friends of St. Joseph's GNS.

Welcome back to you all! We especially welcome all the new girls who have recently joined our school including our Junior Infant children. We also welcome back our 1st class teacher Ms Comerford.

There are lots of exciting things happening in the school this year as well as lots of learning. This newsletter will fill you in on all the latest news and events from St. Joseph's.

We are delighted to be able to welcome parents/guardians back to our whole school assemblies which take place on Tuesday mornings @ 9am. We are also very happy to have Coach Paul (Sports programme), Susanne (Drama classes) and Casey (Music Generation) back with us this year. Big thanks also to the Wizard of Words volunteer readers. We appreciate their time & help.

Best wishes for a great year ahead and thanks as always for your support!

Ms Fitzgerald

Principal

Enrolment for Sept 2023:

We are currently taking names for Junior infants for Sept 2023. If you or someone you know has a daughter due to start school next September please contact the school now. 01-8342433.

Clothes Bank:

Get rid of all your old clothes and shoes and declutter your wardrobe..and help raise funds for the school! Our clothes bin is located in the shelter in the staff carpark. If you have any bags of clothes you are welcome to drop them off. We can also arrange to collect them from you. Just call 01-8342433



Old Uniforms:

If you have any old uniforms or particularly track-suits that you child has grown out of, please donate to the school.

Contact number:

It is very important that the school has an up to date contact number for you. Let us know immediately if your phone number changes.

Child Protection:

Our school has a Child Safeguarding Statement which is available to on the school website. If school staff suspect or are alerted to any form of child abuse they are legally obliged to report this to Tusla.

ART EXHIBITION

We are very excited to announce that we will hold an Art Exhibition on Thursday 8th December at 6pm – 7.30 in the school hall. More details to follow.



Friday 28th October: Children can come to school in fancy dress.

Friday 28th October: Cake Sale in the hall. Run by Parent Association. Please bring & buy!!

Monday 31st Oct – Fri 4th Nov: School closed for mid-term. Re-opens Monday 7th November. The school will close at the normal time on Friday 28th Oct.

Tuesday 15th November: All children will go home at 1.40pm because of staff meeting.

Tuesday 22nd November : All children will go home at 12.30pm because of Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Concert in hall @ 10am

First Communion & Confirmation: We are waiting to hear what dates the ceremonies will be on. We will send a text to you as soon as we find out.

Split the Pot:

We will run a Split the Pot competition each week in November!



Four chances to win!! Pop €2 in an envelope, put your name and number on the outside and send it into the school. Draw will take place every Friday afternoon. Winner gets half the 'pot' and the school gets the other half!!

Swimming: 5th Class are going for swimming lessons this term. 3rd Class will go after Christmas.

Covid Updates:

We are continuing to work hard to keep Covid out of our school. Please do not send your child to school if she has Covid symptoms.



Road Safety:

If you are dropping your daughter to school by car please park around the corner and walk her into school. Please do not stop on the road outside as this is dangerous.



Mornings: The school gate opens at 8.50. Please do not send your child to school before this time unless she is going to breakfast club.

Breakfast Club: Our breakfast club is open from 8.15 – 8.45 each morning. Children from 1st to 6th are welcome to attend. The girls in Junior & Senior infants may go with an older sister. Thanks to Therese & Aoife who run breakfast club.

Hot Lunches: We are delighted to be able to offer every child a hot lunch each day. Please remember you can login to your child's lunch order and change it as required. Alternatively you can text CHANGE+ your name to 087-1184394 and someone will call you.

Label Clothes: Please make sure your daughters name is on her jumper, coat and other belongings.

Room 1

Hello from Junior Infants. We have been busy settling into school and having lots of fun. We are starting to learn our sounds and write our names. For the month of October our classroom has a witches house and we love to play and pretend to be witches.



Room 2

We have been very busy this year in Senior Infants. We have been working very hard on our sounds and can write words all by ourselves. We have been learning all about what happens in Autumn. We found out about the different animals that hibernate and the different vegetables that are in the shops during this time of the year. In Aistear, we created a hibernation station for the hedgehog, painted Autumn trees, bought some Autumn veg and hot chocolate in the shop and designed shelters for the farm animals.



Room 8

This month in second class we have been learning all about autumn. We have learned about different trees that grow in Ireland. We went on an autumn walk identifying and matching leaves, nuts and fruits with the trees they fell from. In our classroom we have a nature table that contains different signs of autumn.

Room 9

We have settled really well into our new class and have been having lots of fun in Room 9. We have been working really hard on our writing and phonics, especially on capital letters and full stops. We have been focus on the theme of Myself and belonging and have been doing some fun projects on this topic in Art, SPHE and Religion. The girls have been having so much fun in our weekly classes with Coach Paul.



Room 14

3rd class have had a very busy start to this year. We had lots of fun, learning and performing the song Molly Malone for assembly. We hope you enjoyed it! We have great fun in Drama, Art, PE with Coach Paul & Music with Casey. We are excited to start our Roots of Empathy programme with Bridget & Baby Louis. We've been working really hard, especially on our times tables & our reading. We are making great progress & looking forward to a busy year ahead.

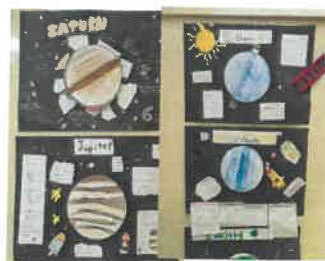
Room 15

6th class have been working very hard this term. We have been learning about Irish sports stars using the iPads. In Irish, we have been writing all about ourselves and our families. We have just started reading 'The Diary of Anne Frank' and we are really enjoying it. For working so hard in September, we had a tea and biscuits party which was great fun. We are looking forward to dressing up for Halloween and our 6th class trip to the Gaiety Theatre in December!



Room 16

We have been busy learning about Our Solar System. We enjoyed learning about the first woman in Space. The girls were also given opportunities to research a planet of their choice. They produced amazing projects from their research! 4th Class are having fun staying active with Coach Paul and we are learning lots of new skills in our music classes with Music Generations!



Room 17

5th class have settled in really well since returning in September. We've learnt about the different types of bridges in the world and even built our own bridges during a science lesson. We've been learning all about the guitar, and we all got a turn to play electric guitar in class. We've also started swimming which has been great. All the girls are trying really hard at this and making big improvements already. We're also just about to finish our projects on France which have been really interesting and we'll be presenting them before midterm break.

H.S.C.L.

Free Art and Craft classes parents in the school library every Tuesday from 9.30am - 11.30am. Deirdre is doing the lending library with Senior Infants and will expand this programme to other classes throughout the year. Maths games with 4th class will take place next week as part of Maths week. Any parents that wish to get involved in the Parents Association please contact Deirdre on 086 - 8908911.

Parent Association:

The St. Joseph's PA will be busy again this year with lots of exciting plans. They will be holding cake sales, raffles and lots more. Their first event is a cake sale on 28th October @ 9.15 in the hall. You are welcome to bring and buy!

Website: Our school has a website that has lots of information, class news and school policies. It is at www.stjosephsfinglas.net

Facebook: Did you know our school has a Facebook page. You can follow us to regularly get all the news from our school.

