

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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Did You Know?

Around Easter, painting eggs is a really fun activity to do.

Did you know that the activity comes from Ukraine?

They call their decorated eggs a 'pysanka' which means 'to write'.

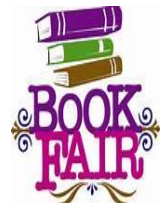


Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr Shields on the birth of a new bouncing baby girl Katie Olivia. We wish you all the best with your new baby.

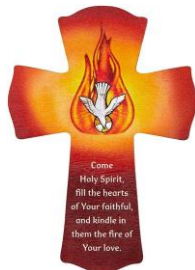
Spring Book Fair

We had the Travelling Book Fair from Scholastic in school from 24th - 31st March. All pupils had an opportunity to purchase books and lots of them bought some wonderful titles. From sales made this year the school will receive a generous commission of £600. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic total. This money will be used to purchase non-fiction sets of readers for our guided reading library.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

Our Primary 7 pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 2nd April. We were honoured to welcome Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh to officiate at this memorable milestone on our children's spiritual journey. It was a wonderful day and all of the children looked fantastic. Congratulations and may the Holy Spirit shine over you all forever. Thank you to Fr Clyne, Mr Shields and Miss Niamh for preparing our children for the Sacrament and thank you to Mrs Garvey, Mr Murphy, Miss Niamh and the choir and tin whistlers for all the beautiful music that added to this wonderful occasion.



St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Our St Patrick's Day Celebration on Wednesday 16th March 2022 was a wonderful day. The children came dressed in green to celebrate our patron saint, St Patrick. **We raised £192 from donations. This money will go directly to our Trocaire Lenten appeal.**



Cash for Clobber

Thank you for all your support with collecting clothes for recycling. We had a wonderful response and will receive money for school funds for this collection. Thank you to Mr Shields and our Eco Team for organising this collection.



Burns After School Activities – Term 3
Monday – Gaelic
Wednesday – Tag Rugby
Registration Tuesday 12th April at 8.30am

Cumann Na Mbunscol



We are delighted that the GAA Primary Schools Football competition is back up and running. Boys and Girls from P6 & P7 have been attending after school training on Tuesday afternoons with Mr McVerry, Mr O'Neil and Miss Grainne Boylan. The boys had a very good league campaign with victories over Killeen, Dromintee and Forkhill but narrowly lost to Glasdrumman and Cullyhanna. Our girls made excellent progress and it was great to see so many taking to the field. Well Done All.



Pupil Wellbeing



Primary 1-7 are participating in a 6 week programme of Relax Kids with our local facilitator Joanne Callan every Wednesday. This programme allows the children time to relax and focus on themselves and gives them lots of strategies to help with worries and stress.

Important information for Primary 3

The Primary 3 children will stay in school until 3pm after Easter for Term 3. Make sure the children go to bed earlier as this is a longer day for them and they will be tired.

Summer Uniform



The good weather has arrived and hopefully is here to stay. Children are allowed to wear navy and white summer dresses or navy shorts with white poloshirt if they wish. Be mindful as the weather improves of putting suncream on your child and the need for sunhats as the weather improves.

SWIMMING

Our Primary 5 class are just finishing their 8 week block at Newry Swimming Pool and will be followed by our Primary 6 pupils after Easter. The Primary 5 children had a great time learning new skills and can't wait to go again next year. Unfortunately due to time constraints and pool timetables, our P7's will not be able to avail this year.



Author Visit

We had a special visitor on Monday 21st March. A local author Declan Carville came to visit our school. He visited the Primary 3, 5 and 6 classes



and read from lots of his books. He talked through the whole process of writing a book from storyboarding to illustrations to publishing. Declan Carville has written about 13 books lots of which are linked to our local area including 2 books on The Fairy Glen. We are so grateful to Declan for visiting and to the Amma Centre who funded this visit.



iMovie Fun

Primary 4 and 5 had lots of fun creating iMovie's last week and learning how to Greenscreen. Niall from the Amma Creative and Learning Centre came to share his expertise in this area with the children. Every class are busy creating ICT projects which will be shared on our school website when finished.



April BIRTHDAYS

Lara, Callie, Daniel, Senan, Moya, Armandas, Mia -Rose, Karis, Conall, Ava, Thomas, Phoebe and Jay.

A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

School Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher: Joanne Brennan

Deputy Designated Teacher: Lorraine Garvey

Principal: Gary Trainor



Dates for Your Diary

14 th April Holy Thursday	Easter Holidays Finish at 11.30 am Finish at 11.40 am No Breakfast Club, Dinners or After School Wraparound Care
2nd May	School Closed Bank Holiday
5th May	School closed Polling Station
30 th May- 3 rd June	School Closed x 1 week Holidays



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