

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear school community,
Welcome to the latest addition of our school newsletter which aims to share a small flavour of what is happening in our busy school. Spring is in the air and it is lovely to see brighter mornings and a stretch in the evening.

G. Trainor

MARCH PRAYER

Christ be with me,
Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
Christ be at my right hand,
Christ be at my left hand,
Christ be with me everywhere I go,
Christ be my friend for ever and ever.
Amen.

P4 Enrolment & First Confession

Our Primary 4 sacramental class participated in their Enrolment Ceremony for First Penance and First Communion on 30th January in the presence of their families. There was a lovely, still and spiritual atmosphere that set the tone for their upcoming First Confession this Thursday evening in St. Joseph's Church. Please keep them in your thoughts during this special time in their spiritual journey.



Slieve Gullion Credit Union Quiz

St. Joseph's entered two teams for the Credit Union Quiz in Forkhill Community Centre. Competition was tough and each round was closely tied but when all the questions were asked our Primary 7 team ran out their section winners. This was the second year in a row for this very knowledgeable quartet. On Saturday past they travelled to Armagh City Hotel for the next round hoping to emulate last years success and qualify for the national finals in Dublin. Unfortunately it was not to be on this occasion but they can certainly hold their heads held high on their performance being in contention the whole way to the last round.



World Book Day



World Book Day takes place this Thursday 7th March 2024, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this exciting occasion. Children are invited to come to school on this day dressed as a character from a favourite book. There is no need to purchase a costume, there are plenty of creative ideas online should you wish to participate. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. Every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can be used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more in our Book Fair which is currently in the school until Thursday afternoon. Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories,

or listening in your own time, find your next audiobook to tune into here.

https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/?dm_i=35S3,1D782,2AGIXF,5CTVD,1

For younger readers, check out [Share A Story Corner](#) for video books and activities to enjoy with your little one.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Our St Patrick's Day Celebration will be on Friday 15th March beginning at 10.00am. Pupils are encouraged to wear something green to add to the occasion and bring in a £1 donation. P1-P7 pupils are all participating and parents are warmly invited to come along and join in the craic. Entrance is £2 per adult seat and £1 per child seat. All proceeds will go to our **Trocaire Lenten Appeal**. It promises to be an enjoyable morning.



School will be CLOSED on Monday 18th March



Game Changers

Game Changers is a programme for young people who want to learn about issues affecting our world. Primary Seven will engage with global justice issues by creating either board, card or digital games which will be entered into a competition with other schools from around Ireland.



Our Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 11th June weather permitting. More information will be provided closer to the date.

P3 After Easter

Reminder that after Easter our Primary 3 class will now be staying in school until 3pm.



P5 Navan Centre Visit

Primary 5 had a very enjoyable and informative day at the Navan Centre recently as part of their World Around Us Topic – The Egyptians. One of our poor pupils even managed to get themselves mummified.



Class Assemblies

P6 loved performing their recent assembly all about what makes a hero. We don't have to look too far in our own family and community to see real heroes who help and inspire us!



Primary 3 Weather Watchers

There is definitely plenty of changing weather



patterns for our intrepid P3 meteorologists to record at the minute. Hopefully they will get to see a big yellow object in the sky soon.

Primary 2 Village Walk



You never know who you would meet out and about around the village. Our Primary 2 pupils had a wonderful morning finishing off their Houses and Homes topic with a dander through Meigh.

School Start Times

It is important that ALL children are in school and seated in class by 9.10am. Pupils may line up from 8.50am.



Carpark Reminder

We kindly ask that the pedestrian entrance to the school is used on all occasions on entry and exit to/from the school. This is to ensure the safety of everyone at all times. Please make this known to anyone who may be picking up a child.

5 A-Side Nets

Many thanks to Aaron and Andrew Burns from Burns Skills School who provided St. Joseph's with a set of five-a-side nets for our pupils to make good use of in our playground.

Cumann na mBunscol Camogie County Finals

What a great achievement it was for these girls to qualify for the Indoor Camogie County




Finals held at Armagh Harps last week. Unfortunately it was not their day but the fact they all play Camogie for Killeavy will ensure they will have plenty of good days ahead.

Credit Union Art Competition



Pictured are some of our talented artists who were highly commended in a recent Slieve Gullion CU Art Competition receiving their prizes. Well done all.

7 th March	First Confession Primary 4 @ 7pm
8 th March	Primary 5 Assembly @ 11am
15 th March 	St Patrick's Day Concert 10am Wear Green £1 donation for Trocaire Lenten Appeal
18 th March	School Closed
28 th March Holy Thursday Re-open Mon. 8 th April	Easter Holidays CLOSE at 11.00 am No Breakfast Club, Dinners or After School Wraparound Care
27 th April	P7 Confirmation 11am
6 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
11 th May	P4 First Communion St. Joseph's Meigh @ 11am
27 th & 28 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday & Staff Days
Tuesday 11 th June	SPORTS DAY
28 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays @ 11am No Breakfast Club, Dinners or After School Wraparound Care

EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEKS SERVED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Freshly Baked Ham & Cheese Panini Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit	Beef Ragù Italia - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots / Coleslaw Oven Roasted Potato / Wedges / Rice / Salad Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy Garden Peas / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato Arctic Roll and Peaches	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Quorn Dippers Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Homemade Brownie & Orange Wedges	Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chilli Dip - Or - Roast Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Baby New Potatoes Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers Chipped / Baked Potato / Coleslaw Ice-Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Spring Greens / Butternut Squash Oven Baked Potato Wedges / Baked Potato Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals Sticky Date Pudding & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Chicken & Pepper Fajita Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Golden Krispie Square	School "Chippy Day" Chicken or Fish Goujons / Sausages - Or - Baked Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn / Salad Beans / Mushy Peas Chipped / Baby New Potatoes Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy - Or - Jerk Chicken & Caribbean Rice with Flatbread Baked Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap Sweetcorn / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges Jaffa Cake Pots	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Coleslaw Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed / Baby Potato Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Roast Butternut Squash, Penne Pasta and Tomato & Pesto Sauce Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap with Onions - Or - Salt & Chilli Chicken Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Steamed Rice Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Beef Bolognese - Or - Chicken Goujon Wrap with choice of dip Sweetcorn / Broccoli Pasta Spirals / Mashed Potato Chocolate & Orange Cookie	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Mushy or Garden Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Chinese-style Beef & Vegetables Diced Carrots & Green Beans Noodles / Rice Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon & Creamy Tomato Pasta Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Pineapple Delight	Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup - Or - Chicken & Summer Veg Pie Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Mashed Potatoes Ice-Cream & Mandarin Oranges

MILK, WATER, BREAD & FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

MENU SUBJECT TO PRODUCT AVAILABILITY