



St. Joseph's Newsletter March 2023



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Dear parent/guardian,

Dia Dhaoibh go léir. Táimid i lár Seachtain na Gaeilge ar scoil agus táimid ag baint taitneamh as na himeachtaí atá ar siúl ar scoil. Beidh craic agus ceoil againn an tseachtain seo chugainn ar scoil freisin! We are in the middle of Seachtain na Gaeilge and enjoying it we are looking forward to a number of activities taking place next week in school – further details below!

Kind regards, *Ciara Mc Nickle, Acting School Principal*

Seachtain na Gaeilge

It's Seachtain na Gaeilge (March 1st - 17th) and here in St. Joseph's we will be marking it with lots of fun activities through Irish. All classes will do a performance for the school *as Gaeilge*. We are all busy learning two dances that we will dance at a whole school céilí. Junior classes will participate in a *toráíocht taisce* (treasure hunt) and senior classes will do a *tráth na gceist* (quiz) all through Irish. Please note that March 16th will be a *Lá Glas* where all children are invited to dress in green or the Irish colours to mark the end of Seachtain na Gaeilge and St. Patrick's Day. School will be closed on March 17th.

World Book Day

Thursday March 2nd was World Book Day and we had lots of fun in St. Joseph's on the day. A lot of the teachers dressed up as Wally and it was fun watching Wally pop up everywhere throughout the day! We had teachers visiting other classes to read to them and whole school D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) time. We had Senior Classes buddying up with Junior Classes for reading activities, a Where's Wally Hunt and lots of other fun activities. You can see more photos of the day on our website.



Parent's Council Table Quiz and Raffle Fundraiser

Our Parents Council are hosting their yearly fun Table Quiz & Raffle fundraiser on Thursday 16th March at Kilcock GAA at 7.30pm. This promises to be an excellent night out! Everyone is welcome.

If you cannot make it on the night, raffle tickets are available online. Links to donate have been posted to the Aladdin noticeboard. Your support is very much appreciated.

Proceeds go towards school equipment for all the boys and girls of St. Josephs NS and to facilitate the Parents Council events that happen throughout the school year.

St. Patrick's Day Parade 17th March

The Parents Council have organised for the St. Joseph's boys and girls to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17th. If you wish to participate please submit the mandatory permissions form before March 13th. The form is available on the Aladdin noticeboard. We would ask that a parent/guardian must accompany any children from Junior Infants to 1st class.

School Grounds

The School has been gifted two fruit trees by Kildare County Council in honour of Saint Brigid's Day as part of their School's tree programme. We have also begun reinstating a natural fence at the rear of the school using native trees donated by the *Trees for the Land* project, tying in with the Kilcock Biodiversity project.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our u11 quiz team who came first recently in the Leinster Chapter of the Credit Union Quiz Competition. The boys will now go on to represent our school in the All Ireland Final on the 2nd April in the RDS. Best of luck boys – we're so proud of you. Thanks to Mr. Higgins for all the work he has done with the boys and all our quiz teams this year.



Dates for your Diary – full calendar on website

- **St. Patrick's Day:** School closed Friday 17th March
- **Easter Holidays:** School Closing on Friday 31st March @ 12 noon, re-opening Monday 17th April

Success for all, a happy school – Learning and growing together