



St. Joseph's Newsletter December 2023



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you over the coming days. I would like to remind you that the school will close at 12p.m. on Friday December 22nd and re-open on Monday January 8th. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a wonderful new year ahead. I look forward to working with you all again in 2024!

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh go léir,

Úna O' Kelly

School Principal

Visit of the Garda Band



St. Joseph's were treated to a lovely performance by the Garda band recently. Thank you to all the members of the Garda band for providing a wonderful musical experience for all our pupils. It was great to see everyone enjoying the live music and learning about the instruments. Great for the wellbeing. We are looking forward to next year already!

Intel Mini Scientist competition



Well done to Ms. Bracken, Mr McCormack and all the 5th class pupils for presenting such wonderful science projects at the Intel mini-scientists competition and showcasing them for pupils again during Science week. The Intel judges were hugely impressed by all the innovative and creative ideas. We wish the winning project “Fight of the Fertilisers” the very best of luck in the Regional Finals in Dublin this Wednesday the 13th December.

Camogie



U13s Camogie

Well done to the U13s Camogie team who reached the final of the Cumann na mBunscol Camogie competition. They put in a stellar performance and were just pipped to the post in a very exciting final. Thank you to Ms. Farrell, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Wynne for all their hard work with the team. Thank you also to Ger Ryan Gibbons for helping out.

Soccer



FAI soccer league U13s: Well done to Mr. McCormack and our U13s boys soccer team on their great win in the final of the FAI soccer league. This is the first year St. Joseph's have won this title and we are delighted to be the holders of the cup for this year.

Christmas Fair

The parent's council will be holding their Christmas fair this **Friday, December 15th**. Each class will be visiting the fair during the school day. All donations of cakes, buns and toys are welcome. These can be handed in to the school office all the way up to Friday morning. Freshly baked cakes and buns can be handed in Friday morning and packaged cakes and buns can be handed in any day up to Friday. Thank you to the Parent's Council for organising this.

Christmas concert

The school **Christmas concert** will take place on Tuesday, **19th December**. This a hugely popular event and is exceptionally well attended every year. For your comfort and more importantly for your safety we have asked parents to indicate their intention to attend prior to the day. Each class group will be performing at the concert and we hope it will be an enjoyable day for all. We will be holding two concert sessions. **Session 1 will be at 9:15a.m.** and **session 2 will be held at 11:30a.m.** All classes will be performing at each session. A google form link was emailed to you last week to book your tickets for your preferred concert session time. Tickets will be limited to two per family. If you require wheelchair access, please let us know when booking your tickets. Pushchairs/buggies can be stored in front of the school by the bike sheds near the front door entrance on the day. The teachers and pupils are working hard preparing for the Christmas concert at present. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful festive occasion with you on December 19th.

6th class Christmas Play

6th class will be performing their Nativity Play "**Straw and Order**" at **7p.m. on Wednesday, the 20th December** in the school hall. They look forward to welcoming their parents on this occasion for their last Christmas play in St. Joseph's.

Santa Visit

A very special visitor, Santa will be visiting the school on **Wednesday the 20th December** accompanied by a Garda escort. Each class will be allowed visit Santa and take a class photo with him. He might even be treated to a song along the way. Thanks to the parent's council for organising this.

Dates for your diary

- Christmas Fair: December 15th
- Christmas concert December 19th
- 6th class Christmas play December 20th @7p.m.
- Santa visit to school December 20th
- School closes 12p.m. December 22nd
- School re-opens January 8th

Don't forget to download our Aladdin Connect App if you haven't already done so to keep up to date with news from school.

Don't forget you can also keep up with all our latest news in the blog section of the school website www.stjosephskilcock.com and on twitter @sjnskilcock

Success for all, a happy school-Learning and Growing together