



# St. Joseph's Newsletter

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### Ms Harlow's Class

In Ms. Harlow's class we've been very busy learning about the seasons and the life cycles of various plants and animals.

Did you know you must have a 'Frog Licence' to collect frogspawn? Well we got one and we found frogspawn too!!

We collected them and watched them over the next two weeks turn from spawn into tadpoles before we put them back in the secret spot they were found. We went back a month later and they had grown in froglets! We also planted sunflower seeds which are growing nicely at the minute and made beautiful sunflower art using sunflower seeds also.



### Principal's Note

As another year draws to a close we begin to plan for next year and reflect on the year that has passed, and what a year it has been. We look forward together to a happier year for us all and hope that schools will never have to close again for our children.

What a fantastic week we had last week at our Fun Fest, all organised by two of our newest teachers Lorna Murray and Emily Doyle. It has involved weeks of planning and I am so thankful to them for keeping us all going at this late stage of the year where we are all exhausted! And as for the children, they had the best time ever with fun games, circus tricks, Zumba, movie days, dressing up, picnics with Yogi Bear and not to mention the activities at the GAA. Special thanks to Alan and Shona in Rye River for the fabulous BBQ for the entire school over two days. Thanks also to Laura Cunningham for our lovely balloons and to all the staff and parent volunteers for helping out in the GAA.

I hope you and your child were happy with their School Reports and that you praised them for being so great in spite of such a hard year for them. They are exceptional children and we are very proud of them. Best of luck to our Sacramental classes who will be finally receiving their sacraments in early July. However, our current Second classes will receive their Sacraments in the Autumn.

Congratulations and best of luck to our Sixth classes who will graduate on Tuesday morning. Sadly, their parents will not be able to join us this year due to COVID restrictions. We have a plan to celebrate with them in school and they will have a very special few days with canoe polo on Monday and a Graduation ceremony and a party for the boys on Tuesday. They are a lovely bunch of lads and we will miss them all. We wish them the very best in Secondary school where they begin the next phase of their journey. *Go n-eiri an t-ádh libh.*

We are very much looking forward to being in our new school building and hope you like the paint colours we selected for the children – wait until you see the colours of our chairs, doors, floors etc. It is very exciting and we can all look forward to new beginnings as your child(ren) return to school on Sept 1, 2021. We are aware that there are world-wide delays for materials so if this delays us by a few days, we are so long waiting for this new school I think we will cope. In the meantime I will be keeping the pressure on the builders!

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### Mr Forde's 5th Class

On Wednesday 16th June 2021, Mr. Forde's 5th class, Ms. Divilly & Geraldine, the class SNA went to Maynooth on a class cycle along the greenway. They had a great day in Maynooth where they explored St. Patrick's College Campus and played lots of games. They were also spotted enjoying an ice cream before eventually finishing up their day in the Harbour Field Playground ahead of cycling home.

