



St. Joseph's Newsletter October 2023



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. Tomorrow is a non-uniform day in St. Joseph's and pupils are allowed to dress up for Hallowe'en if they wish. The school will be closed for mid-term from Oct 30th-Nov 3rd inclusive. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Hallowe'en break. I look forward to seeing you all back on November 6th.

Is mise le meas,

Úna O' Kelly

School Principal

Maths Week



There was great excitement here in St. Joseph's for Maths week. There were lots of fun activities taking place in all of the classrooms, e.g. Maths trails, daily problem solving, Maths board games, STEM activities, Maths art and music. Some of the classes invited parents/guardians in to play Maths games with the children also. All of the boys and girls got involved in the various activities and showed great enthusiasm for Maths throughout the week. Armandas in 4th class won the 'guess the amount of sweets in the jar' competition. There were 135 sweets and he had the closest estimate of 129! Here are some of the winners of Mathematician of the week. Check out our blog on the school website to see lots more photos from the week.

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 presentation to-day. The Intel judges were hugely impressed by all the innovative and creative ideas. It was lovely to see the collaboration and teamwork in each of the group presentations. All the classes were delighted to visit the projects too. We look forward to showcasing these again during Science Week in November. Lots more wonderful photos of the science projects will be available to view in the blog section of the school website.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal

St. Joseph's have decided to take part in the Team Hope Christmas shoebox appeal this year. The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes from Ireland to children affected by poverty in countries across Africa and Eastern Europe. If any pupils wish to take part they can bring in their shoeboxes to the school or do a virtual shoebox online. The boxes will be stored at the back of the school hall until they are collected. Last date for collection is November 10th.

Hallowe'en Safety Talk

Thank you to Lenny Donlon our community guard and garda Laura for organising a Hallowe'en safety talk on Tuesday for classes 3rd-6th. It was most insightful. The pupils were delighted to get all their Hallowe'en safety questions answered by Lenny and garda Laura. We hope now they can all enjoy a safe and happy Hallowe'en.

Camogie



U13s Camogie

Well done to the U13 Camogie team who are now through to the final of the Cumann na mBunscol Camogie competition. We look forward to playing that match in November. 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 girls and boys soccer team who have put in stellar performances over the last few weeks. The boy's team are now through to the final and we wish them the very best of luck in that match in November.

6th class History trips to the Áras and Henrietta Street Museum





Sixth Class had two very enjoyable class trips recently. Ms Farrell's class enjoyed an extensive tour of the Áras learning all about the history of the president's residence, famous visitors over the years and the modern-day function of each of the rooms within. Ms. Doyle's class explored 14 Henrietta Street Museum in Dublin where they learned about the house's 300 year history that saw it transform from a once grand Georgian townhouse to a tenement building that over 100 people called home in 1911. They heard stories about life in the early 20th century as well as discovering layers of Dublin's history within the wall of the house. A very enjoyable day was had by both classes.

Dates for your diary

- Parents Council Meeting: November 7th
- Science Week: Nov 13th-17th
- Garda Band visit for pupils: Nov. 21st
- Parent Teacher Meetings: Nov 22nd and 23rd
- Christmas Fair: December 15th

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