



# St. Joseph's Newsletter May 2023



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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as principal of St. Joseph's N.S. Thank you to the Board of Management, staff, parents and pupils for the wonderful welcome I have received since commencing in St. Joseph's on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. There is a lovely atmosphere here in the school community and I can feel that already even just after four weeks! It is great to meet some of you in the mornings as the pupils are dropped off. I am very impressed at how independent and well behaved the pupils are as they enter their yards after saying goodbye to their parents/ minders on the path. Keep up the great work! I look forward to working with all of you over our last term and the coming years ahead.

Kind Regards,  
**Úna O' Kelly**  
School Principal

## Grandparent's Day





It was wonderful to welcome Fr. George and all our grandparents to the school on Tuesday for our grandparent's day prayer service and class musical performances. It was lovely to see grandparents getting the opportunity to visit their grandchildren in the classes and meet other grandparents also. Thank you to Ms. McNally Codyre for organising the day and all the wonderful staff of St. Joseph's for helping to ensure the day ran smoothly. Thank you also to the Parent's Council for providing the refreshments for all our grandparents. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> class Henrietta Street trip**



Sixth Class had a very enjoyable class trip recently to 14 Henrietta Street Museum in Dublin. The boys and girls 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.

#### **Cumann na mBunscol**



**U11 Hurlers:**



Our U11 Hurlers have qualified for the Cumann na mBunscol final! The final is due to take place on the 15th June. Thank you to Ms. McGrath for all her hard work with the team. Thank you also to Ms. Campbell and Ms. Walsh who help out with training. Very exciting times ahead. Best of luck to all involved!

### **U13 Camogie**



Well done to the U13 Camogie team who played 3 matches in a Cumann na mbunscol blitz last Friday. All of the girls played fantastic and were very kindly treated afterwards to ice-cream by a granny of one of the girls on the team. Thank you to Ms. Murray for all her hard work with the team.

### **Senior boys and girls football:**

Well done to our senior girls and boys football team who put in a great performance in the Cumann na mBunscol football league this term. Thank you to Mr. Higgins, Ms. Durkan, Ms. Farrell and Ger Ryan Gibbons for all their hard work with the teams.

### **1<sup>st</sup> communion and confirmation classes**







Congratulations to all our pupils in St. Joseph's who recently made their first communion and confirmation. Thank you to all their teachers who worked so hard in preparing them for their very special day. A special thank you to the parent's council for organising a wonderful communion party in the hall for the first communicants. Thank you to the 6<sup>th</sup> class teachers for organising treats for 6<sup>th</sup> class also.

### **National Children's Choir 4<sup>th</sup> class**



Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> class who took part in the national children's choir this year. All pupils from both 4<sup>th</sup> classes took part in a wonderful concert in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght on the 27<sup>th</sup> April and nine were then randomly selected by the NCC to perform in the National Concert Hall on May 28<sup>th</sup>. A huge thank you to Ms. Shiel Nolan for directing the choir throughout the year and the class teachers Ms. Lynch and Ms. McGrath for their support. It was wonderful to hear the choir perform a song from their repertoire at our recent Grandparent's day assembly.



## Visit from U20s All-Ireland Football Winners



St. Joseph's was delighted to have a visit from two past pupils last week who were on the winning All-Ireland U20s football Kildare team. Shane Farrell and Mark Gibbons were met with great applause when they arrived with their winning trophies onto the school's astro pitch. They have no doubt inspired all our pupils to achieve great things in sport in the future.

## Dates for your diary

- **Sports day Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **½ day closure 12p.m. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June-Teacher in-service training on Primary Curriculum Framework**
- **School closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**
- **6<sup>th</sup> class graduation 7p.m. Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**
- **School closing for summer holidays at 12p.m., Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Don't forget you can keep up with all our latest news on the school website [www.stjosephskilcock.com](http://www.stjosephskilcock.com) and on twitter @sjnskilcock

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