



St. Joseph's Newsletter March 2024



Website: www.stjosephskilcock.com

Ph: 6287-628 6757300. 6757301

E-mails: office@stjosephskilcock.com OR principal@stjosephskilcock.com

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. It has been a wonderful month in St. Joseph's since our last newsletter with lots of enjoyable events and activities. I would like to wish you and all your family a very pleasant Easter.

Kind Regards,

Úna O'Kelly

School Principal

Friendship Week





The school celebrated Friendship week from Feb 19th-23rd. In St. Joseph's we always aim to promote positive behaviour and friendships amongst pupils in conjunction with our anti-bullying policy. Our Cineáltas (Irish word for kindness) flag was proudly raised by Fr. George and the chairperson of the parent's council Dave Weldon on the 20th February to highlight all the work being done in the school on this. Thanks to the student council for reading out the lovely friendship reflections and all the pupils for singing their beautiful friendship song.

Coding Beebots



Thank you to our wonderful parent's council who fundraised for our new set of school Beebots. They have started their journey at the junior end of the school and benn a huge hit with all the pupils. They are a great resource for teaching basic coding skills. We hope to build on this as we introduce coding up along the school.

Credit Union Quiz



Well done to Mr Higgins and our fantastic U13 quiz team who came 5th in the Leinster section of the credit union school quiz competition on the 3rd March. All in St. Joseph's are very proud of this great achievement.

Road Safety Authority Streetsmart Programme



3rd -6th class really enjoyed their Streetsmart workshop with the Road Safety Authority recently. They learned lots of useful road safety tips while having fun on the Streetsmart scape. Thank you to the RSA for facilitating this in the school.





In St. Joseph's we continue to promote a love of reading amongst all our pupils. On world book day all classes dressed up as their favourite book character and teamed up with an older class for buddy reading. Classes designed bookmarks and covers of their favourite books while discussing with their friends all about their chosen book. Keep up the great reading everyone!

ESB Science Blast Fair





Well done to 3rd class and their teachers who presented wonderful projects at the ESB Science Blast fair in the RDS, Dublin on the 4th March. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed presenting their projects, viewing projects from other schools and watching the two science shows.

Córfhéile na Scoileanna



Our school choir represented the school at the “Córfhéile na Scoileanna” choral festival in Dublin on the 6th March. Their performance was highly praised and enjoyed by the audience. Well done to all the choir members and their two choir teachers.

Confirmation

The pupils of St. Joseph’s celebrated their confirmation on the 9th March in St. Coca’s church. They were a credit to their parents and teachers. We know they will let their light

shine as they progress on their journey of faith. Thank you to Fr. George, Fr. Kolwaini, Fr. Declan and Fr. John for making the ceremony so special. Thank you also to the teachers for preparing them so well and the SNAs for helping out on the day.

Basketball



Our girls and boys basketball teams both put in a stellar performance at the recent basketball blitz in Kilcullen. Both teams are now through to the quarter final. Keep up the great work! Thank you to Ms. Wynne and Mr. McCormack for coaching the teams.

FAI soccer



Two great days out for our girls and boys senior soccer team in the FAI blitz. Both are now through to the Leinster finals. Well done to Mr McCormack and all the teams.

Hurling mini 7s



Well done to Ms. Durkan and the senior hurling team who took part in the mini 7s hurling blitz in Allenwood last week. Great performance by all.

Seachtain na Gaeilge





All our pupils enjoyed using their “cúpla focal” during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Classes engaged in lots of fun activities including Irish treasure hunts, quizzes, seanfhocal art competitions, songs and dance. The whole school enjoyed singing at the ceolchoirm and Irish dancing for all the parents at the céilí on the Friday. Maith sibh go léir!

Parent’s Council Quiz

Thank you to the parent’s council for organising the annual school quiz. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout in Kilcock GAA club last Friday night. We really appreciate all the parents for supporting this. Thank you to all those also who donated and sponsored raffle prizes on the night.

Dates for your diary

- March 22nd- School closes at 12p.m. for Easter holidays.
- April 8th -School reopens after Easter holidays

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