



St. Joseph's Newsletter April 2025



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Kind Regards,

Úna O'Kelly

School Principal

Friendship Week 2025



The school celebrated Friendship week from Feb 10th-14th. In St. Joseph's we always aim to promote positive behaviour and friendships amongst pupils in conjunction with our anti-bullying policy. Thanks to the student council for reading out the lovely friendship reflections on the intercom each day during Friendship week. Well done to our Friendship week art competition winners. Following on from our half day staff consultation we have now consulted with parents and pupils on the new Bi Cineálta policy. Thank you to our student

council who addressed assembly recently with suggestions for a child friendly version of the Bi Cineálta policy.

Credit Union Quiz



Well done to Mr Higgins and our fantastic U13 quiz team who came 4th in the Leinster section of the credit union school quiz competition on the 9th March. All in St. Joseph's are very proud of this great achievement.

World Book Day



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. The whole school also took part in D.E.A.R. (drop everything and read) time. Keep up the great reading everyone!

Córfhéile na Scoileanna



Our school choir represented the school at the “Córphéile na Scoileanna” choral festival in Dublin on the 5th March. Their performance was highly praised and enjoyed by the audience. We were delighted to have them sing at assembly also. Well done to all the choir members and Mr. Hodgkinson.

Cross Country Athletics



Well done to Ms Doyle and all the pupils from 4th and 5th who took part in the recent local Athletics competitions in Kilcock GAA club. We now look forward to attending the Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country Athletics in Rathcoffey on the 10th April. Keep up the great work!

Visit from Kilcock Ladies Gaelic Football team





Some members of the Kilcock LGFA team came to visit all classes with their winning cups from the County and Leinster finals recently. We are very proud to have two staff members Ms. Durkan and Ms McGrath on the team also. We wish them the best for this season.

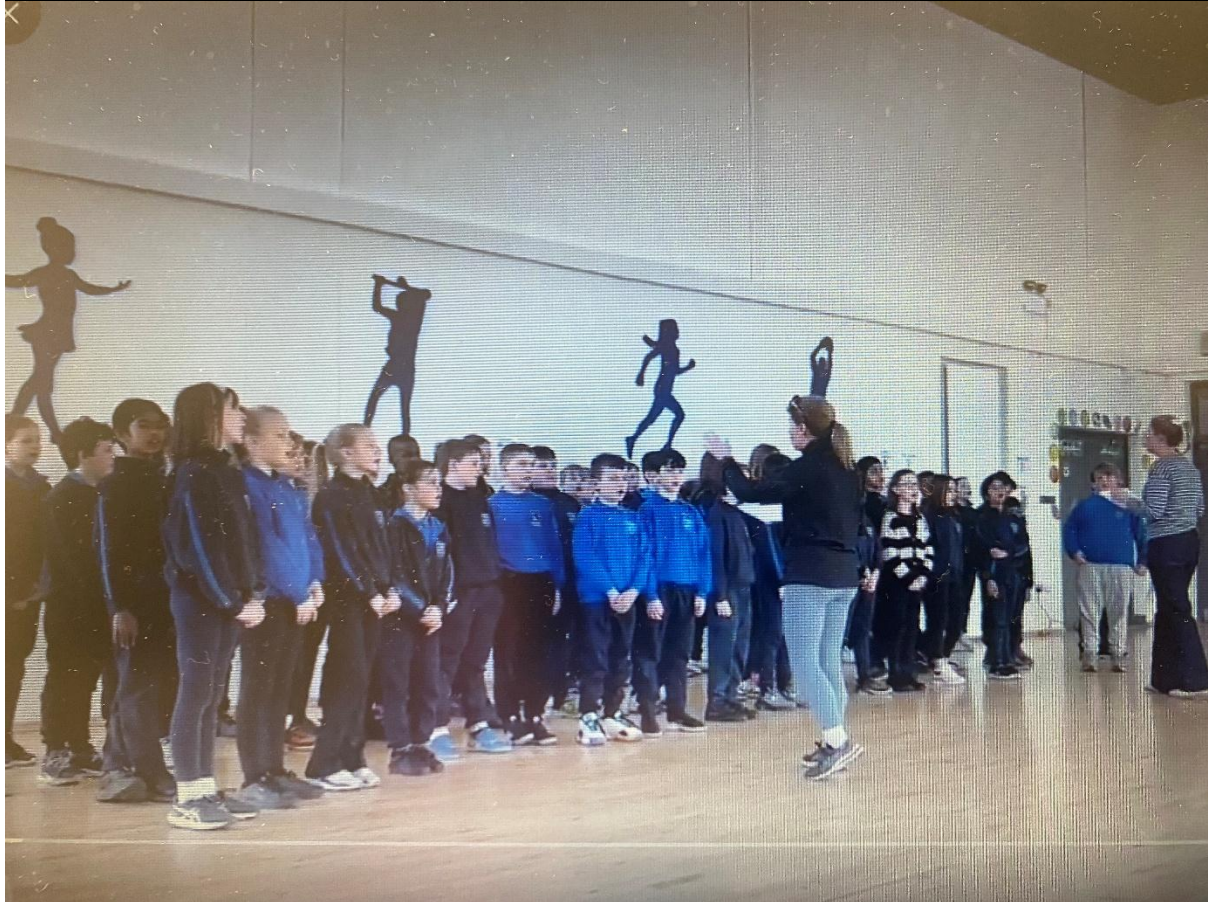
Confirmation



The pupils of St. Joseph's celebrated their confirmation on the 22nd 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 following in the footsteps of Carlo Acutis. Thank you to Bishop Denis, Fr. George and Fr. Kolwaini 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.

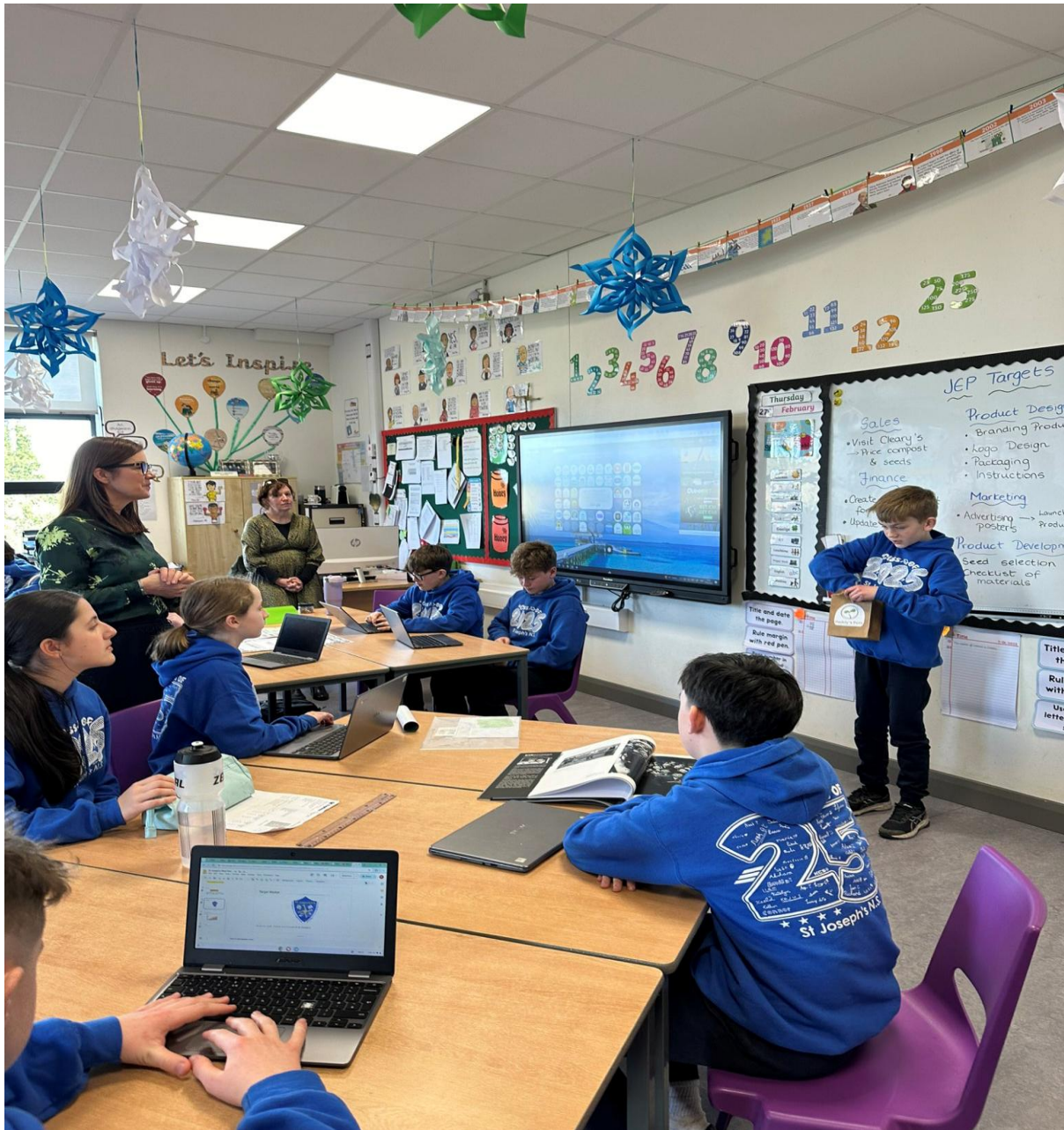
National Children's Choir 2025



Thank you to Ms. Farrell and Ms. Walsh for working so hard preparing the 4th class pupils for the National Children's Choir concert which takes place next Wednesday night at 8p.m in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. Thank you to Ms. Shiel Nolan also for working on the Soprano and Alto parts with the choir. We have been treated to a performance of some of the repertoire at assembly and the singing is wonderful. We now look forward to the concert. Tickets are still available for the concert and parents can contact the school if they need to purchase more.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme





The Junior entrepreneur judges were very impressed with our two 6th class businesses “Canine Caution” and “Paddy Pots”. Well done to Julia, Patrick and all their classmates for wonderful innovative products which were well planned, marketed, launched and produced to perfection. We have no doubt they will be in high demand amongst the school community.

Sponsored Walk







Thank you to all the parents for supporting the sponsored walk in March organised by our Confirmation classes. Thanks to the huge generosity of parents, money has now been raised to purchase a mobile defibrillator and provide training to all staff on how to use the defibrillator. We are delighted to honour this year's confirmation theme of "Children supporting children". Our new mobile defibrillator will now be able to be brought on school trips, matches and events once staff training is completed on May 21st. Thank you to Kilcock First Aid Responders for all their advice and organising the training.

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 for their partner class and Irish dancing for all the parents at the céilí on the Friday. Thanks to Ms. McGrath for organising and all the teachers for their hard work. Maith sibh go léir!

St Patrick's Day Parade Float and Parent's Council Quiz





Great turn out for the Parent's Council quiz to start the St. Patrick's weekend. Thank you to the sponsors and parent's council for organising. St. Joseph's was very proud of winning best traditional float in the St. Patrick's Day parade this year. Thanks to Gemma for organising and sourcing resources and sponsors. Thank you to our six sponsors who helped fund the float. Thank you to Lina our wonderful Gráinne Mhaol and Peter who sculpted our dragon's head. Lovely to see all the support from parents and pupils on the parade route. Great day had by all.

Dates for your diary

- April 11th - School closes at 12p.m. for Easter holidays.
- April 28th - School reopens after Easter holidays
- May 11th First Holy Communion at 12p.m.
- May 12th First Holy Communion Photos
- May 21st Induction day for Junior Infants 2025

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

