



St. Joseph's Newsletter



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Food Dudes

The whole school has completed Food Dudes this week. The children have been busy tasting fruit and vegetables all week. **Well done everyone!!** Why not check out www.fooddudes.ie for more fun activities and healthy recipes.

Non Uniform Days

During COVID times we allowed free choice of clothing on Wednesdays. After midterm this will no longer be the practice and we will continue with 'No Uniform Days' on the last Friday of every month with €2 contribution appreciated .

Super Troopers

4th, 5th and 6th classes have been busy having fun while participating in the Super Troopers weekly challenges. We have seen some cool smoothie recipes, impressive fort building and even family members getting involved in mini bootcamps. Keep up the great work!

Ms Durkan's 1st Class

Ms Durkan's class are participating in the PickerPals Programme. First class children have been spending their weekends helping to pick up litter in the local community. WOW!



Zumba

4th and 5th Classes are taking part in Zumba classes each week, with instructors from Zumba Tribe. It is nice to try something different for PE.

Thanks to Ms

Murray for organising.

Dates to Remember

Please note, in line with the new Bank Holiday guidelines, the school will close on Thursday 17th March and Friday 18th March.

Enjoy your long weekend

Party Invitations

It is school policy that birthday invitations are not distributed on the school grounds as it causes upset to all the 'uninvited' children. We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter. Thank you.



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Dear parent/guardian,

We are settling in very nicely into our beautiful new school and it feels like we were always here. Phase 2 is due for completion within the next two weeks. We are told the astro is ready to be rolled out towards the end of this week and the children can hardly wait. The new road layout will allow for cars to 'set down only' if you intend to bring your car onto the school grounds.

COVID 19:

We are all delighted that most COVID restrictions have been lifted with the exception of schools. We still have quite a bit of COVID in schools and we urge you to please remember to **upload your child's positive antigen** on the HSE portal to allow for accurate records for the HSE. We are hopeful of good news for schools soon especially in relation to 'mask wearing' for our children.

Fr. McWey

was the Parish Priest of Kilcock when he gave us four acres of land for our old school in the late 80's. A tree was planted in his memory when he died which you can see clearly on the site.

We will continue to light up his tree each Christmas as a mark of respect for his vision for the community of St. Joseph's NS.

Art Piece for our school:

Every public building has 1% of the building costs committed to a piece of art which becomes part of the National Art works of Ireland. I have been working with a facilitator, Louise Ward for the past 2 years with a small team including two Board members, Jane Ennis and Flan Heddermann and two teachers, Mr. Stephen McCormack and Ms. Lisa Killackey. We appointed an Artist **Alan Meredith** (*check his website*) who works with oak and is constructing a 7m tall, oak structure. The story goes that when we were building our first school, (*now St. Joseph's Hall*), the church donated the stone for our building. Subsequently, they ran out of stone to build the spire and had to build a slate spire instead. We are now re-gifting a symbolic version of a church spire back to the community of Kilcock. Not certain of the authenticity of this story but it sits well with the artist and us! The fact that Alan Meredith works in oak also complements the link with St. Joseph, the carpenter.

It will be installed early next week - so watch out for it if you're passing.

Time Capsule

Ms. Butler commenced working on a Time Capsule with her class last year. They have put the following items into it: *letters to future pupils; signed Photos of each class and staff members; a COVID Mask; a key of the old school; €5 note to show the old money; pencil /copy to show how we used to learn and the newspaper article from the first day in our new school.* If you have any further ideas please let us know but it is going in next week. This will be buried underneath the Art Work and will be opened in 50 years time, though I may not be around myself at that stage to open it!

Have a lovely midterm next week,

Kind regards,

Ann McQuillan
School Principal