

St Joseph's National School



Newsletter- March 2020

Junior Infants: Ms A. Dolan, Ms E. Dooley , Ms G. Flanagan, Ms L. Mc Weeney.

The pupils have been very busy with **Aistear** this term. They went on a trip to the **Doctor** and the **Pharmacy** and learned all about keeping healthy. The children especially enjoyed their **shopping** trip to buy ingredients for making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. They made and cooked their own **pancakes**. They were delicious!! Other favourite activities have included learning to use the **Balance/Wobble Bikes**, making **Play Doh**, **Planting Seeds** and creating **Shamrock Leprechauns**.

Senior Infants: Mr C. Bannon, Ms A. Gartlan, Mr B. Hilliard , Ms C Walsh.

The pupils have been learning about plants and flowers in Spring at the “ **Garden Centre** “. They are looking forward to seeing the seeds that they planted grow. The girls and boys are getting very good at **Football** and would like to thank GAA Coach Ciaran for all his help. The children visited **Longford Library** a number of times during the term and also enjoyed **Story Time** there to celebrate **World Book Day**. Problem solving with **Bee Bots** was also one of the highlights .



ASD Class: Ms K. Butler.

On Pancake Tuesday the pupils went on a **shopping** trip to Lidl . Later they made delicious **pancakes** with lovely toppings. They attended **Mass in St Mel's Cathedral** on Ash Wednesday. They recently started **Swimming** lessons . The pupils enjoyed their visit to **Longford Library** for **Story Time** on **World Book Day**.



1st Class: Ms N. Brady, Ms L. Daly, Mr N. McWeeney. Ms R. Rawle, Ms B. Shanley. The pupils really enjoyed their trip to the local **Garda Station** last week. They saw the interview room and the cells. They had their finger prints taken and some of them were even arrested!! The children in all 5 classes are very busy at the moment preparing and working hard for their upcoming **Seachtain na Gaeilge** performance which will take place in the Halla. Tá súil againn go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an taispeántas !

2nd Class: Mrs M. Fox, Ms L. Kearney . The girls in both classes would like to thank Eily's mother who came in to talk about being a **nurse in St Joseph's Hospital** . It was a very interesting session. A few of the girls would like to be nurses or doctors when they grow up. This is a **special year** for the girls. At present they are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**First Confession**) which will take place in St Mel's Cathedral on **Thurs.12th March at 6:15** After Easter the Sacrament of the Eucharist (**First Holy Communion**) will be celebrated on **Sat. 16th May at 11:00 am** .



3rd Class: Ms J. Keogh, Mrs M. KilBane. The girls have been very active and keeping fit since January. Their endeavours have included **Swimming, Soccer, Indoor Athletics with Miss Donlon, Athletics with Enda, Irish Dancing and Playground games** . They have recently engaged in the **Pax Good Behaviour Programme** (as also have 4th class) and have been visited by Darina who was very impressed especially with “Go Pax- Tootle to the max”

Healthy Eating -Well done to all entrants and winners in the **Healthy Lunch Box** (JI-3rd) and **Poster** (4th-6th) Competition. Congratulations to Veronica (Mrs Duke's 4th)- over all winner for her poster and slogan –**Eat Well, Live Well**. Keep eating a healthy lunch in school everyday don' t forget to bring a piece of fruit !

4th Class: Mrs S. Duke, Ms B. Donlon
Ms H. Smith.

5th Class : Ms A. Finan, Ms S. Leen.

5th /6th Class: Mr A.Kiernan,

Everyone has been busy this term with various Senior Class activities –**History /Science Projects, Drama - Sr Angela, Indoor Athletics, 2km Run, Diversity Games, World Book Day, Choir, Ballad Group, GAA, Basketball, Scór na nÓg, Disco, Recitation , Quizzes etc.....**

Seomra Caidrimh gach Déardaoin ag am lóin.

Bailíonn na daltaí le chéile agus bíonn Caint, Ceol & Craic acu le hIníon Nic Gabhain (Ms Smith).

6th Class: Ms M. Dolan, Ms C. Gilmartin

The 6th class girls were also involved in the previously mentioned Senior Class activities .

The Confirmation Commitment Ceremony was celebrated during mass on Sunday 15th February.

Confirmation will take place in St.Mel's

Cathedral on Sunday 24th May at 3:00 pm.

The girls travelled to **Science Blast** in the RDS on Wed 4th March showcasing their projects –

Can music or movement improve your memory?

and - *What ingredients make the best slime?*

They received two trophies to reward their hard work. They also won other prizes at the various exhibits .Well done all!!

World Book Day was celebrated in various classes on Thursday 5th March. Events included Book Swap, dressing up as favourite characters, Story/Poetry writing, Book Reviews, Book Presentations, Illustrating Books and Characters, Word Games, Reading a Novel together in Class and Story Time in the Library.

The Maria Edgeworth Literary Festival Poetry and Short Story Competition. Pupils from 4th,5th and 6th classes have submitted wonderful poems and stories based on a huge diversity of themes such as Climate change, Celebrating differences, History and My World .We wish all entrants the best of luck

Basketball –Supermacs Primary School League

Well done to the girls in 5th and 6th for winning the Basketball Final on Sun 1st March . Thanks to manager and coaches Ms Devine , Ms Dooley, Ms Gilmartin and Ms Leen .

Green Schools. – Ms Kearney and the Green School's Committee are working very hard on the theme- **Global Citizenship- Litter & Waste.**

They met with TD Joe Flaherty to discuss issues. Well done to Eva and Duaa (Mrs KilBane's 3rd) who won the Poster Competition with their entry **"Don't be mean. Keep the Earth Clean"**

Mrs Duke's 4th class composed and recorded a **Rap on Climate Change.** Other classes have completed activities on Fair Trade, No to Plastic, Citizenship. Composting, Gardening & Recycling. **Global Citizen Day will take place in school on Friday 20th March.**

Indoor Diversity Games took place in Athlone on Thurs 23rd January. Girls from 3rd-6th took part in a number of events and won 15 medals in total - a fantastic achievement! Many thanks to **Ms Donlon** and **Mr Kiernan** who trained the teams and to all who helped on the day.

Their next outing is to **Sports Hall Athletics – Wed 11th March .**We wish the teams the best of luck and are sure they will have great success!!!

Scór na nÓg – Fri 6th March 5:30pm- 10:00 pm in St Teresa's NS, Killoe -This was the first time for our school to compete in this event in the categories **Tráth na gceist , Disco, Solo Singing, Ballad Group and Recitation.** The girls were amazing and really did themselves, their families and school proud!!! Thanks to **Ms Falvey, Ms Harte, Ms Rawle, Ms Dolan, Ms Flanagan, Ms Butler , Mrs Egan and Mrs Harte** who were involved in preparing and presenting the girls.

Staff Training Day: Friday 13th March.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig: School is closed Mon 16th & Tues 17th March.

Traditional Music in Halla on Thurs 19th March.

Easter Raffle -The annual fund raising raffle will take place on **Friday 3rd April.** Tickets will be distributed to classes in the next week or so. Thanks to **Mrs O'Brien** co-ordinator of this event each year.

Easter Holidays

School closes half day Friday 3rd April .

School re-opens on Monday 20th April.



