



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

October Newsletter 2023, St. Joseph's National School, Moneygall.

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Staff Appointments

Congratulations to Mr. Egan who was recently appointed as Deputy Principal. Congratulations also to Ms. Lillis who has accepted a permanent position on our staff.

New Pupils

Welcome to our new pupils Varvara Buriak to Senior Infants, Lev Salmash to First Class and Maksym Moroz to Fourth Class.

Blessing of the New Classroom & Presentation to Ms. Kirwan

On Friday 29th of September Fr. Joe co-ordinated a beautiful blessing of the new classroom. Our guest of honour was Ms. Kirwan who was presented with flowers and gifts from the pupils, staff, Parents Association and Board of Management in recognition of her service to our school. Ms. Kirwan also planted a Cherry Blossom Tree in the school garden. The pupils got together to sing, dance and recite this poem.

Ms. Kirwan started teaching here in 2005
That was 18 years ago before some of you were alive.

When she started to teach – she taught 1st, 2nd & 3rd Class
She helped us with spelling so every test we would pass!

Her favourite subjects were Science and Math.
Times tables became fun with time for a laugh.

Ms. Kirwan liked competitions
Especially if we won
She cheered us and coached us
And made matches such fun.

Thank you for teaching us things we did not know
Thank you for helping Moneygall School flourish and grow.

We wish you the best, and we want you to know
You will not be forgotten, to that we say no!
God bless the work thou hast begun,
And guard thee in the years to come.



Poker Classic

Many Thanks to Willie Jones who organised a very successful Poker Classic in Ollie Hayes Bar on Sunday 24th of September and raised €1,330 for our school. Thanks to all the parents who assisted Willie on the night and provided spot prizes.

Work Experience

Welcome to our past pupil Mikaela Quinlan a 3rd year student in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick who is doing work experience in our school as a Classroom Assistant this year.

Insurance, Art/Photocopying, Swimming & Bus Money

Thanks to the families who have generously paid the swimming, insurance and art/photocopying and Cumann na mBunscoil & Cross Country bus money.

Cross Country Athletics Event

Congratulations to all the pupils from 3rd to 6th Class who took part in the Tipperary Primary Schools Cross Country Event in Doctor Crokes Park in Thurles on Thursday 28th of September. Our school had not been represented at this event in a number of years so we were really very proud of all our pupils & especially Mia McDonald, Amber Lewis, Harry Kennedy and Maddie Deane who returned with individual top placed medals and our 5th/6th Class Girls who won a team 3rd Bronze medal in the 1km team race. Our 3rd/4th Class boys just narrowly missed out on a Bronze Team medal finishing in 4th Place overall in the 800m race. Well done to all involved and thanks to Orla Clarke for coaching us on the day.

Halloween

All children are welcome to dress up on Friday. We look forward to seeing spooky costumes!

Halloween Disco organised by Parents Association

All children are invited to a fun filled Halloween disco in the COI Hall Moneygall on Tuesday 31st of October (Halloween Night!) from 6.30 to 8pm. Costumes & donations are encouraged.

Goal Jersey Day

Many Thanks to all the children who took part in Goal Jersey Day. The school raised €154 for GOAL International Aid Agency.

Literacy Lift Off


Our 1st & 2nd class pupils are presently using graded readers and working in groups under this initiative with the support of 2 teachers and 1 classroom assistant every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday morning.

Garda Visit

Garda Lorraine Fahy and her colleagues visited 5th/6th Class on 10th of October to speak to the pupils about internet usage and Cyber Safety online.

Swimming





Students from 3rd to 6th Class attended Roscrea Swimming Pool every Friday afternoon for the last 6 weeks. They were mixed into 3 groups and worked on different swimming techniques such as breast stroke, backstroke and butterfly. They finished each session with some free swim & slide time.

Road Safety Awareness Day

Road Safety Promotional Officer Nicola Walsh visited the school on 19th of October. She delivered tailored presentations for each class to raise awareness of road safety and help to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roads and around our school. She covered all aspects of road safety; walking, cycling and being a passenger.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings are being scheduled for the 3rd week in November. You will receive further details when we return from the Halloween Break.

CPD (Continuous Professional Development) for Staff

First Aid Responders - Mr. Egan & Ms. Finnegan undertook 3 days of First Aid Responder Training on 3rd, 10th & 17th of October and received PHECC (Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council) Accreditation on completion from Ollie Hayes Training Limited.

Vex Robotics - Ms. Lillis got VEX Robotics training on the new Robotics Game 'Full Volume 2023/2024' on Wednesday 11th of October in Laois Education Centre and picked up the new game pack which will be introduced to 5th/6th Class next term. The aim of the project is to form teams of students to design and build robots to compete in various challenges on a standardised playing field.

Misneach Training - Ms Finnegan attended a 2 day course at the Laois Educational Office for Newly Appointed Principals on 11th & 12th of October.

Food Dudes - Ms Byrne undertook 1 day of training on Healthy Eating in schools on 26th of September and followed this up by re-introducing Food Dudes to the school in October.

School Closure Day


The school will be closed on **Monday 13th of November** as all the teaching staff have been requested to attend training on the New Primary Maths Curriculum in Laois Education Centre.

Cumann na mBunscoil Gaelic Football

Over the last month our pupils have had great wins & days out taking part in the Gaelic Football matches. The Girls U13s have their semi-final scheduled for tomorrow on home ground and we wish them every success!

Cash for Clobber

Our next collection date for recycled clothes is **Tuesday 7th of November**. All items of recycled clothing are collected. So please remember us if you are sorting out old/summer clothes over the Halloween Break we would be delighted with any black sacks you can donate. All money raised from the recycled clothes collection is used for the purchase of a better variety of graded readers for Literacy Lift Off and homework folders.



Maths Week.

Our school has recently purchased the Mathletics App using a part of our Free Books Scheme Grant. This online Maths programme builds confidence through personalised learning, games and challenges - this App can also be accessed at home as children are loving practicing their maths in a fun way. Logins will be sent home next term. During Maths Week 5th and 6th Class took part in a maths competition called 'Ireland Rocks'. It was a times tables competition which ran for 3 days.

Table Quiz organised by Parent's Association

Please note Parent's Association have asked you to note a change of date - Table Quiz in aid of Moneygall National School is now on Friday 17th of November at 8.30pm in Ollies Bar Moneygall. We are looking for donations for the raffle, please drop them into Eileen in the school on or before Tuesday 14th of November.

Cycle Right

Safe cycling lessons will begin each Wednesday afternoon next term for pupils in 5th/6th Class. The approved provider is 'Birr Outdoors Education & Training Centre' & their aim is to promote competent and confident cyclists. This is mostly funded by 'An Taisce' and will only cost pupils €5 each for 8 hours training. The first few sessions will be on-site in the school and the final sessions will progress to road training. All bikes, helmets e.t.c will be provided.

New Social Media Platforms

We are officially on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter:

Instagram: @moneygallns

<https://www.instagram.com/moneygallns/>

Facebook: 'St Joseph's NS Moneygall'

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsnsmoneygall>

Twitter: @NsMoneygall

<https://twitter.com/NsMoneygall>

We are currently reviewing our Internet Acceptable Usage Policy and once this has been fully reviewed we hope to start sharing pictures and updates of our school activities & upgrade our school website.

HAVE A LOVELY HALLOWEEN BREAK!
From all the staff of St. Joseph's National School.

