



October Newsletter 2024

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Halloween Break & Dress Up in School

It's hard to believe its Halloween Break tomorrow already. It's been a fast and fun term. A SPECIAL well done to our 13 Junior Infants on their first term in school. All children are welcome to dress up on Friday. We look forward to seeing some scary spooky costumes!

Donations of €2 to the Parents Association are welcome. Please remember our school is a nut free zone tomorrow and all days.

Parents Association

Our Parents Association held their AGM earlier this month which was well attended and the new officers elected on the night are Orla McDonald (Chair), Denise Costello (Treasurer) and Samantha Hayes (Secretary). Many Thanks to all the parents who attended and took on roles as class representatives on the new Parents Association. Your support to the school is vital. The Parents Association have planned a number of fundraising events over the school calendar.

Fundraising - Astro Turf

Last year our fund raising for an Astro Turf pitch in the school commenced. Our Spinathon event was extremely well planned and supported and almost €18,000 was raised. The school has made an application for a Grant from the Government for the building of an Astro. We expect to hear in the coming months if this application is successful. In the meantime our Parents Association and Board of Management will continue to organise flag days, cake sales, raffles and dress up days during the year to build on our balance for building an Astro.

Peace Proms

Children from 1st to 6th Class have been accepted into Peace Proms. Tickets for parents of the choir go on pre-sale next Friday 1st of November at 10am and apparently the tickets sell out very quickly. Please remember the code needed for booking is **LIMSUN9TH1PM**. Tickets usually cost €20 per person. The link for purchasing tickets is <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/peaceproms>. Tickets go on general sale from www.peaceproms.com on November 8th. Our event is on Sunday 9th of February at 1pm.

Halloween Patch

Our Parents Association are holding their first fundraising event of the year on this Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of October from 10am-5pm . We are very excited about this Halloween Event - Pumpkin Patching in Karen & Gary Hayes farm (Eircode E53XC67) - rumour has it there will also be treats - crepes, popcorn, ice-cream, candyfloss and 'Allys Sweet Treats'. Please spread the word and come along to support. All donations are very kindly going directly to our Parents Association. Thank you Karen & Gary Hayes.

Moneygall Community Group Pumpkin Carving & Bonfire Night

Moneygall Community Group are organising Pumpkin Carving at 12 o'clock on Tuesday 29th of October in Rita's Kitchen at a cost of €10 per child (€5 for any subsequent child). This fee includes some pumpkin hot chocolate. Again, all proceeds are being very kindly donated to our school. The Community Group are also holding a bonfire on Halloween Night - the meeting place is at the School car park at 19:45 and you are asked to wear wellies & bring a torch.

Poker Classic

Many Thanks to Willie Jones who organised a very successful Poker Classic in Ollie Hayes Bar and raised over €1,000 for our school. Thanks to all who assisted on the night and provided spot prizes.

Work Experience

Welcome to our past pupil Jack Ryan a 3rd year student in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick who is doing work experience in our school as a Classroom Assistant this year. Welcome also to past pupils Amy Ryan and Ava Quinlan who are attending Nenagh Community College and are here for work experience in the Infant Classroom every Thursday. A big thank you also to Ms. Aisling O'Farrell a final year Primary School Teacher Student from Mary I for her 3 weeks teaching practice in Mr. Egan's room. Ms. O'Farrell will continue with 3 more weeks teaching practise in the Infant Room after Halloween.

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.

Goal Jersey Day

Thanks to all the children who took part in Goal Jersey Day. The school raised €160 for GOAL International Aid Agency. The school was a sea of black and red and it was a lovely build up for the big county final weekend for the Moneygall hurling and camogie clubs.

Cross Country Athletics Event

A big bualadh bos to all the pupils from 3rd to 6th Class who took part in the Tipperary Primary Cross Country race recently. We built on the success of last year and came home with even more medals this year. Team 3rd went to Sarah Healy, Aoife Dwyer, Oliwia Kolodziej and Amber Lewis. Individual Gold went to Mia McDonald and top 10 finisher medals went to Aoife Dwyer, MJ Deane and Harry Kennedy. We actually had a lot of top 20 placed finishers. There were 90 to 120 kids in every race so this was no mean feat! Paramount to the success we had participation, encouragement and enjoyment from all involved despite the inclement weather. A massive thanks to Orla McDonald who came to the school on several different days in the lead up to the event and encouraged and coached the kids on athletics, race and pace tips.

Moneygall GAA & Camogie Club

A big congrats to all past pupils involved on their tremendous county final success. Best of luck this weekend to the Camogie Team in their Munster match.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Forgive the mention of Christmas before Halloween but if you would like to donate a Christmas Shoebox the final date for donation is the week we come back from our Halloween Break - Thursday 7th of November. See www.teamhope.ie for more information.

Tin Whistle

Tin whistle lessons have begun every Thursday & Friday and the children are getting better and better at their tunes every week. Many Thanks to Ms. Hilmi for teaching every class. Don't forget to practise at home over the break.

Soccer

We are mid way through our 10 weeks of soccer coaching every Friday morning with Kelvin Coughlan.

Garda Visit

Garda Aine Ryan and her colleague visited every class last week to speak to the pupils about fire and firework safety at Halloween.

Swimming

Students from 4th to 6th Class are attending Templemore Garda College Swimming Pool every week for 6 lessons. Pupils from 2nd and 3rd Class will commence their round of 6 weeks lessons in the New Year.

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.

School Closure Day

The school will be closed on **Friday 8th of November** for New Primary Maths Curriculum training for teaching staff. There may be another closure in November as the school is a polling station for elections - date to be confirmed.

Cumann na mBunscoil Gaelic Football

Over the last month our 1st/2nd Class, U11 & U13 girls & boys have had great matches & days out taking part in Gaelic football matches in the CBS in Nenagh, Templederry, Moneygall & Toomevara.

Clothes Recycling

Our next collection date for recycled clothes is **Monday 18th 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 reading groups.

Have a look at some of our pupil's lovely artwork on the header and footer of this page
and

HAVE A LOVELY HALLOWEEN BREAK!

From all the staff of St. Joseph's National School.

