

NEWSLETTER – March 2024



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Upcoming School Closings:

Closing: Friday, March 22nd at **12 noon** – Easter Holidays
Re-opening: Monday, April 8th at 9.20 a.m.
Closing: Friday, April 19th at **12 noon** – Staff Meeting
Closed: Monday, May 6th – Public Holiday
Closed: Monday, June 3rd – Public Holiday
Closing: Friday, 21st June at **12 noon** – Summer Holidays

Sacraments of Confirmation, First Confession and First Holy Communion:



Congratulation to the pupils in 6th Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, March 12th.

Pupils from Second Class will receive their First Confession on Tuesday, April 9th. They will receive their First Holy

Communion on Saturday, May 11th at 10.30 a.m. in Holy Cross Church.



School Fundraiser:

St. John's National School fundraiser lotto, is a fundraising initiative and the money raised will be used to directly support your children's education and resources in our school, including, IT and curricular resources. As a school, we are committed to providing the very best for our pupils. We will keep you updated on what we have been able to purchase, so you can see the positive benefit of your support. We hope that the weekly option of 1 line for €2.50 will allow everybody to contribute. It would be hugely appreciated if you can contribute €5 for 3 lines,



and you never know, you might just win! You can scan the QR Code or follow the link <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stjohnskenmare> The school fundraiser has been running since the start of October and plenty of prizes have been won, including the jackpot, the weekly prize and amazing raffle prizes. The lotto jackpot has been won twice, Ms. Kerry Healy won €2275 in March and Mr. Robert Whyte won €875 in October.

Green Schools 2024:



Recently, we have had our renewal visit for our 9th Green Schools Flag, based on the theme of Global Citizenship and Travel. Our visit went really well, thanks to our fantastic Green Schools Committee, and we are hoping to be awarded this flag after Easter. We have also started our Golden Boot award for the class who has the most students walking to school each month. Mr. Devane's 6th, Ms. Murnane's 6th and Mr. Hussey's 5th have been our winners so far. These classes received the prize of the Golden Boot, plus a whole class homework pass. Thanks to our Green Schools Committee and the wider school community for all your help and support with the Green School Initiative in St. John's N.S.

Credit Union Quiz:

Well done to all four Credit Union Quiz Teams who represented our school in February. The teams were gallant ambassadors for the school. One of our U13 teams qualified for Chapter 2 in Ballyroe Hotel, Tralee on March 3rd. The team representing the school were Darcy O'Shea, Eoghan Downing, Alice O'Connor and Jemma O'Sullivan. Unfortunately, the team didn't qualify for the next round. We are very proud of them and they represented the school so well.



Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7s:

Well done to the St John's Mini 7s teams who took part in the Kenmare District competition on Friday, March 15th. The boys and girls played five group games, with both teams winning all five and qualifying for their respective finals against Kilgarvan N.S. on the double. The girls had a great win in their final and now qualify for the county final. The boys agonisingly lost their final after extra time. Congratulations to both teams who represented themselves and St. John's brilliantly all day. We are very proud of you all.

Dancing:

This term, children from 1st to 3rd have been enjoying Sean-Nós Dancing with Jonathan Kelliher from Siamsa Tire. The children have been learning a wide range of Sean-Nós Dancing skills. All classes have been enjoying Fun Dance with Karolina Spencer the past number of weeks. The dancing is upbeat, full of energy and great fun.

Music:

St. John's N.S. were delighted to welcome Peggy Healy back this term for Music. Peggy is working with all classes, promoting the Music Curriculum strands of Listening and Responding, Performing and Composing.



Einstein Hour:

In January, 6th Class students started 'Einstein Hour'. The students all voted and picked which extra-curricular activity they wished to join for a few weeks. The group consisted of Bake Off, Engineering, Playground Games and Craft Club. The students had great fun during this initiative.

Seachtain na Gaeilge:



Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 1ú Márta – 15ú Márta and all the children made an extra special effort with their Gaeilge! The pupils were involved in a number of school initiatives, such as Gaeilgeoir an lae, biongó agus Lá Glas.

It's important for the children to hear Gaeilge as a spoken language both in school and at home, using cúpla focal at home every day would be very beneficial to the children. 'Beatha teanga í a labhairt'!

Dia duit – Hello, **Conas atá tú?** – How are you?, **Aon scéal?** – Any news?,

Le do thoil – Please, **Go raibh maith agat** – Thank you, **Slán** – Goodbye.

Lourdes Cycle:

Thank you for the enormous support we received for our Cake Sale in aid of Mr. Denis Courtney's Lourdes Charity Cycle during Easter. Thank you to the Parents and Students who baked delicious treats, to the community for calling in and contributing to the fundraiser, to the staff for their help and organisation and to the 6th Class Pupils who ran the event on the day. Best of luck to Mr. Courtney on his cycle.



School Tours:

Teachers are currently in the process of organising School Tours for their classes for next term. We are delighted to have a range of fun activities to look forward to!



Prompt Collection & Staff Car Park:

We kindly remind parents of Infant Pupils to collect their children promptly at 2.00p.m. each day. Likewise, parents of pupils from 1st to 6th classes should be at school on time at 9.20a.m. and be collected promptly at 3.00p.m. This also applies to parents/guardians collecting pupils from After School Activities. We would like to remind parents that the staff car park is for staff only. Parents are not permitted to use this car park during the school day.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR PUPILS AND PARENTS A VERY
HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER.**



Mise le meas,

Barry O'Leary

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Principal.