

# NEWSLETTER – June 2023



## **St. John's N.S., Kenmare**

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### **Upcoming School Closings:**

Closing for Summer Holidays: Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12 noon.

School re-opening: Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August at 9.20 a.m.

The calendar for the School Year 2023/2024 is now available on our website.

### **Class Groupings 2023/2024**

The seventeen class groupings and teachers for 2023/2024 are as follows:

Class 1 Junior Infants	-	Mrs. Cremin
Class 2 Junior Infants	-	Mrs. R. O'Sullivan
Class 3 Senior Infants	-	Ms. Downing (Mrs. Cremin's 22/23)
Class 4 Senior Infants	-	Mrs. O'Leary (Ms. O'Neill's 22/23)
Class 5 First Class	-	Ms. Costello (Mrs. Brosnan's 22/23)
Class 6 First Class	-	Mrs. Brosnan (Ms. Downing's 22/23)
Class 7 Second Class	-	Ms. Cashman (Ms. Buckley's 22/23)
Class 8 Second Class	-	Ms. F. O'Connor (Ms. Doyle's 22/23)
Class 9 Third Class	-	Ms. Healy (Ms. Cashman's 22/23)
Class 10 Third Class	-	Ms. O'Neill (Ms. Laffey's 22/23)
Class 11 Fourth Class	-	Ms. O'Dwyer (Ms. S. O'Sullivan's 22/23)
Class 12 Fourth Class	-	Ms. Doyle (Ms. M. O'Sullivan's 22/23)
Class 13 Fifth Class	-	Mr. Hussey (Mr. Devane's 22/23)
Class 14 Fifth Class	-	Ms. S. O'Sullivan (Ms. O'Dwyer's 22/23)
Class 15 Sixth Class	-	Mr. Devane (Ms. McEnery's 22/23)
Class 16 Sixth Class	-	Ms. Laffey (Mr. Hussey's 22/23)
Class 17 Class Neidín	-	Ms. O'Shea

### **Report Cards:**

By now you should have received a Report Card giving details of your child's progress during the school year 2022/2023.

### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion:**

Congratulations to the pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in Holy Cross Church.

### **Graduation:**

Congratulations and best wishes to our 6<sup>th</sup> Class students who are graduating this June and will begin their Secondary education in September. A graduation ceremony will take place at the end of June for the students. Thank you to Ms. Healy and Mr. Morley for the hard work and guidance they have extended to 6<sup>th</sup> Class this school year. Thank you to the parents and guardians of our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils for your eight years of cooperation and support. We wish all students and parents/guardians a fond farewell and good wishes for a safe, healthy and happy future.



### **Active Week:**



Active Week was held in June with a variety of activities and sports being organised. The pupils had a great week playing games and taking part in Spike Ball, Yoga, Activity Bingo, School Walks and Sport's Day. Ice-cream from Bia Bia was a big hit and we could like to thank our Sport's Committee and all involved for giving us a fun-filled week to end the school year.

### **Parent's Association Bake Sale:**

St. John's Parent's Association held a Bake Sale in St. John's N.S. on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Bake Sale raised €1,394.10. The money raised will go towards extra-curricular activities for the students. Thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale by baking and buying.



### **Purchase of School Uniforms for the 2023/2024 School Year:**

Uniforms can be purchased for the next school year through <https://grantsclothing.ie/> in conjunction with John O'Brien. The Grants Clothing website carries the full St. John's National School uniform. Follow the link and the onscreen instructions to buy using the school name St. John's N.S Kenmare. You will be able to view all items of the uniform, as well as order and

pay online. Your uniform(s) will be delivered to your home within a couple of days once you have completed your purchase (there will be a small delivery charge).

### **ePayments:**

An epayment request via Aladdin will be sent to the parents/guardians of every pupil during the summer break. This is a fee of **€40** and is for Pupil Personal Compulsory Insurance, IT and Administration Costs.

### **Primary School Games and GAA Skills:**



Well done to our boy's and girl's GAA skills teams that represented St. John's in the Kerry County Skills Competition in Austin Stack Park Tralee in May. Well done to Noel O'Neill who was chosen to represent Kerry in the Primary Game for the Munster Football final in Limerick in May.

### **Super Sevens Slam Basketball:**

In May, St. John's N.S. took part in the Super Sevens Slam Competition in Killarney. Boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class took part in this basketball event. They had a lot of games and played brilliantly in all. Thanks to our coaches Ms. Browne, Ms. O'Shea and Mrs. O'Mahony.



### **Cumann na mBunscoil:**

Our fantastic girl football team reached the Cumann na mBunscoil final in Austin Stack Park in Tralee in May. They were narrowly beaten by Scoil Eoin Balloonagh. The girls played brilliantly and showed great resilience and courage. Many thanks to our coaches, Ms. O'Shea and Mr. Morley. It was a super achievement to reach the final. The girls are a great credit to themselves, their families and are wonderful representatives for our school.

### **Students on Placement:**

We were very fortunate to have had students on placement with us over the year. In September, Mr. Kane Reidy joined us on placement from Mary I in Limerick and finished with us in May. Kane was a great asset to the school and worked well with all the children. The children really enjoyed the wonderful P.E. lessons that Kane did with them. We wish Kane all the best in the future. In March, we welcomed Madison Mueller on international placement from the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Madison worked with the children in the senior end of the school and focused mainly on the subject Maths. We would

like to thank Madison for sharing her expertise with us and wish her every success in her teaching careers.

**Appointments:**

Congratulations to Ms. Rheanne O’Shea on her appointment as Permanent Teacher in St. John’s N.S.

**A Word of Appreciation:**

As we come to the end of our school year, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to so many for all the help, support and encouragement that our school has received this past year. Our school community is the backbone to our success and our happiness here in St. John’s and we would not be so fortunate without the teamwork and community spirit that surrounds us on a daily basis.

To our Management team, Teachers, Special Need’s Assistants, Parents, Guardians, Students and the wider school community, it is my honour and privilege to work with you all and I give my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication this year.

Our school motto, ‘Is treise linn le chéile’ – together we make a difference, really is the foundation of our philosophy here in St. John’s N.S. I am so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school community and I look forward to working with you all again in the new school year.

I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable summer.

Mise le meas,



Barry O’Leary

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Principal.