

Principal Update 3.5.24



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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to term three we have had. Our pupils have been so busy performing at Newry Feis in a variety of sections from Music to Speech and Drama. We do hope to see you at our Spring Concert where all pupils will perform from each class group at this event on

Wednesday 22nd May at 1.00p.m. Please note the change of time is to facilitate a number of pupils who said they must attend training/matches on the same evening



We ask you to save this as an important date in your diary. It promises to be a lovely event, where we celebrate the wonderful talent of our pupils.

Tickets for this event are now available via Parentpay, There will be a limit initially of 2 seats per family, with all tickets costing £3 each.

Important
Dates

First Holy Communion – Sunday 19th May 2024

Confirmation – Wednesday 5th June 2024

Sports Day – Tuesday 28th May 2024 – weather permitting

Assessment week – Tuesday 7.5.24-Friday 10.5.24 full pupil attendance please.

Spring Recital – Wednesday 22nd May (All pupils performing)

Celebrate SUCCESS

Newry Feis Success 2024- What amazing work achieved by all involved. Special thanks to our E.A. instrumental teachers, Mr Murphy and Mrs McArdle who helped prepare our pupils for their solo and group performances, alongside Mrs Shortt and Mr O'Hagan each of the class teachers in K.S.2.



P5 - 3rd Place in Recorder Ensemble



P6/7 Highly Commended in Recorder Ensemble



Emily O'Hare - 1st place in solo recorder class



*Niamh Mc Clory
3rd in solo recorder*



*Corina Smyth
H. C. in solo recorder*



*Jessica Norden
2nd in solo recorder*



*Coralie Convery
3rd in solo recorder*



*Amelia Morrow
3rd in Violin*

Superstar!



Our Choir Super stars, seated above in the auditorium, prior to our performance in Newry Town Hall. Our School choir attained third place in the prizewinners section this year. To say we are proud would be an understatement. Each individual child gave of their very best, with some pupils in particular overcoming genuine fear of performing in front of an audience. What an amazing achievement.



NEWRY FEIS – SPEECH AND DRAMA SUCCESS

We wish to congratulate all our pupils who were prize winners in their individual poem at Newry Feis over this past week. We look forward to hearing their performance as part of our Spring Concert- Wednesday 22.5.24 at 1.00p.m

Well done everyone! You are amazing
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Congratulations to all our pupils who attained the Principal's award over the last 4 weeks. It is wonderful to hear from each class teacher at our weekly assemblies celebrating on a whole school level the wonderful traits of our pupils, from hard work and endeavour to great manners and showing extra kindness to others. It is so important to celebrate each individuals continued and consistent work as they continue to live out our school motto 'Learning together for Life's Journey'.





A special mention to the above pupils Amy, Sienna, Riley and Michael, who obtained Word Millionaire status from Accelerated Reader. Riley and Michael have obtained this award for a second time which is a fantastic achievement. Well done everyone. 🙌🙌🙌



It was wonderful to welcome a representative from Trocaire to our school to present them with a cheque for funds raised from our Lenten Bazaar. The final amount raised was **£536.84**. We are delighted with the amount raised and have received lovely correspondence from Trocaire commending you all on your generosity.



Making Memories



P1 really enjoyed making more memories. We visited our local church, as part of our 'Grow in Love' religion programme where we discussed the various places we can pray.

Our P1 pupils loved this discussion and the opportunity to each light a candle for a special intention. It really is hard to believe how much our P1 pupils have grown and adapted so well to school life in St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.

(More photos on our school website class page)

AUTHOR VISIT



P6/7 are photographed with local author Declan Carvill whom we were delighted to welcome to our school once again. As a well known published author he delivered a workshop on creative literacy in conjunction with the AMMA centre. A brilliant experience for all our pupils.



Pupils from Mrs McCooey and Mr O'Hagan's class made a surprise visit to Mrs Wadsworth's office to show their achievements across Literacy and Numeracy. It was wonderful to hear the pupils discuss their favourite pieces of work with me and witness at first hand their personal sense of self achievement.

It is always lovely when our pupils pay me a little surprise visit.

Thank you Everyone



As we are now in the month of May, also known as the month of Mary, we invite all pupils to bring flowers in to dress their class altars to Mary throughout this month.

We ask you to encourage your child to pray the rosary in particular which will be a focus for us in this coming month.



We are delighted to welcome Martin Keenan from FUNFIT multi sports, as an After School provider, who provides sports in a number of local schools. This provider will be visiting our school this coming Tuesday 4th May to facilitate some taster sessions for each class, during the school morning.

We will provide a separate notice on our school app, with a link to book directly with this After School Provider. We do advise you to book as soon as possible via the attached link.

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/FunFit_Sports/EventRegistration#EventRegistrationOptions

Funfit sports will provide, multi sports each Monday and Football each Friday until the end of term, at the following times:- **See separate notice on our school app to book directly**

Session 1: 2pm to 3pm for P1 and P2 pupils.

Session 2: 3pm to 4pm for P3 to P7 pupils.

We would like to wish all families in our school community a peaceful weekend break and share the blessing of St. Joseph, whose feast day was May 1st.

ST. JOSEPH, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.