



## St. Joseph's National School,

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## School Newsletter

Term 3

2022

**An information evening** for parents of our new enrolment of junior infants will take place in the school on **Thursday 26th May at 7pm.**

**Best wishes** to Roseanne McNeive who commences her maternity leave this week. We would like to welcome Ciara Lenihan to Bekan school.

Ciara will be replacing Roseanne while she is on maternity leave.

**School jumpers:** Please ensure uniforms are clearly labelled as we are finding it difficult to locate missing jumpers. This will be important as the weather gets warmer and children take them off during school.

**Standardised Testing-**We will be carrying out standardised testing on all pupils from 1st to 6th class during the period Monday 16th May until Friday 27th May. Junior and Senior Infants will be also be assessed during this time. Results will be communicated to parents in the end of year reports and if teachers have any concerns they will contact parents to discuss test results.

### Book rental

The Book Rental Scheme for 2022-23 is a scheme for all pupils from Third to Sixth Class. The book rental charge for this year is €35 per pupil. This fee is capped at €80 for larger families. Participating parents/guardians must read and accept the Book Rental Scheme arrangements and conditions. Parents/Guardians wishing to avail of the scheme must complete an application form and return it to the school by Monday 13th June. These forms will be emailed. You will then receive a link to pay online when the school receives your application. Book rental packs will be available on return to school in September

**School Wellbeing** - As part of school self-evaluation in pupil wellbeing we hosted a very successful and enjoyable wellbeing week before Easter. Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraiser for Pieta House as part of this initiative.

### Dates for your diary

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday 7th May at 12 noon

### **School Tours**

Class	Tour	Date
Ms. Walshe	Connacht GAA Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> June
Ms. Byrne	Connacht GAA Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> June
Mrs. Kennedy	Connacht GAA Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> June
Ms. McNeive	Connacht GAA Centre	8 <sup>th</sup> June
Mr. Reilly/ Mrs. McGing	Shannon River Adventure	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Ms. O' Brien	Peterburg Adventure Centre	8 <sup>th</sup> June

**Graduation Mass:** This mass for our sixth class students will be held in the school on **Tuesday 21st June at 7pm**

### **Closures**

School will be closed on the following dates;

**June Bank Holiday Weekend:** Friday 3rd June and Monday 6th June

**Summer Holidays:** School will close on Friday 24th June at 12 noon.

Thank you to **Curley's Pharmacy, Ballyhaunis** who very kindly sponsored a first aid kit for the school.

***Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is an issue or problem you wish to discuss.***

### **Parents' Association News**

#### **Outdoor classroom**

We are hoping to have delivery of our outdoor classroom by the end of this month. This will be used by all classes and while it will also enhance teaching and learning (weather permitting!!) it will also be a lovely addition to the school grounds.

**St. Patrick's day fundraiser** Thank you to everyone who very kindly supported our last 50/50 draw. We raised €600 for school funds. Congratulations to Laura Regan who won the jackpot.

#### **50/50 Raffle**

The PA will be holding the final 50/50 draw in the second week of June. There will also be a Monster Raffle at this time. Further details will issue in the coming weeks.

### **Board of Management News**

**Voluntary Contributions:** The Board would like to remind all families to please contribute if they can to this school fund. The fee is €50 per family and the money is used by the school to help fund many of the extras not covered by the Department. The Board has spent a lot of extra money in the past couple of months in order to ensure our school is safe and well equipped. The voluntary contribution is used for the running of the school and all children benefit from it. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

**Policy Updates:** The following school policies for Began School were ratified/reviewed at the last Board meeting; Policy on Data Protection, Policy on Internet Usage and the Protected Disclosures Policy 2022 All ratified policies can be requested through the office.