

St. Joseph's National School,

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School Newsletter

Term 2

2023-2024

Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme: Food Dudes is an evidence-based healthy eating programme, developed to encourage children to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. We have just completed this programme and we would like parents to continue this drive of fresh fruit/veg as part of school lunches.

Daily Mile: Now that Spring is here, we will be resuming the Daily Mile as part of our student wellbeing focus.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Roseanne McNeive and her husband John on the birth of their son Rían. We wish them the very best from all our school community.

School Buses: Please remind your child to put on their seat belts and to remain seated while the bus is travelling.

Cultural Tour: Mrs. McGing's Class students are going on their annual cultural to Dublin on 21st March. They will visit Croke Park and the Emigration Museum

Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP) : Mrs. McGing's Class are currently involved in this programme. They hope to have their business up and running before Easter and will be looking for your support

School Closures

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th February

Staff Meeting: Wednesday 14th February (School closes at 1pm)

Mid-term break: 15th-16th February

Maths Curriculum In-service- Wednesday 21st February

Referendums' Friday: 8th March

St. Patrick's weekend: Monday 18th March

Easter Holidays: March 25th April 5th - inclusive

Maths Curriculum In-Service: A new maths curriculum will be introduced in September 2024 for all classes.. In preparation for this there will be a staff in-service day on Wednesday 21st February.

Cumman na mBunscol Quiz: Congratulations to Conor Clancy, Senan Flanagan, Heath McDonagh & Tiernan Slattery who qualified to represent our school in the County Finals on Wednesday 21st February.

Credit Union Quiz: Best of luck to our two teams Under 11s (Lilly Curley, Amy Gavin, Leah Murphy & Senan Flanagan) and U13s Saoirse Mc Walter, Freddie Richards, James McKermitt & Katelyn Cavanagh) who are representing the school on Friday 2nd February in ATU Castlebar.

FAI soccer tournament: Two teams are representing the school at the regional qualifier in Knock for boys and girls on 23rd / 27th February. We currently have a 5 a-side league running in school.

Grandparents Day:

To mark this special day ‘Grandparents’ Day’ on **Friday 15th March** will have a special ceremony in Bekan Church. All our grandparents are invited to join us for refreshments in school afterwards and visit their grandchildren’s classrooms. We look forward to welcoming our Grandparents and acknowledging the very important role they play in our lives. `

Wellbeing Week: This year we will be hosting Wellbeing Week from 18th-22nd March. During this week, Teachers will focus on fun activities that will promote and support children’s wellbeing. There will be no homework that week for parent wellbeing!!

Parents’ Association News

Bekan PA wish to thank everyone who supported their Christmas fundraisers. They had a very successful 50/50 draw and raffle/cake sale at Christmas. They raised €1,600 in total.

Board of Management News

Board Members: The new Board of Management members are as follows;
Chairperson: Lisa Brennan
Patron’s Rep: Fr. Brendan McGuinness
Teachers’ Rep: Lindsay Carty
Parents’ Rep: David Hannon
Parents’ Rep: Fiona McDonnell
Community Rep: Darren Gavin
Community Rep: Michelle Horan
Secretary: Marie McDonagh

Policy Updates: The following school policies for Bekan School were ratified/reviewed this term; Data Policy and Acceptable Use Policy
All ratified policies are available on the school website (www.bekanschool.ie) or a hard copy can be requested through the office.

Safety at the school gates: Construction of a footpath from the school to the church is completed. Parents of older pupils are asked to park further up the road along the footpath so as to free up space nearer the gates for parents of younger children. **Please do not park in the bus spaces.**

New enrolments: The school is now accepting applications to enrol for September 2024. If you know of anyone who is interested please let them know. Forms are available from the office or to download from our website -www.bekanschool.ie