Saint Joseph's Primary School & Ederney Community Nursery

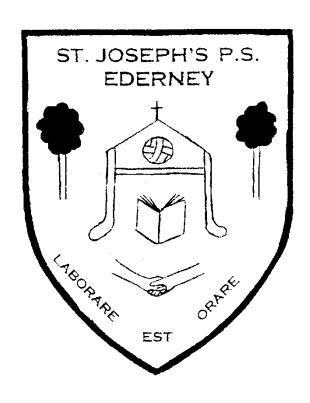
Newsletter

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World Book Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Sprice for organising World Book Day. It was wonderful to see all of the children dressed up as their favourite character, once again our parents displaying their fantastic creative skills – well done to you all! The Unmasked Reader was a real hit with everyone.

Temperance Sunday

Congratulations to those P7 pupils who took the pledge on **Sunday 27th February**. Many thanks to Mrs Hagan who prepared the children so well for this special occasion.

First Confession

We are delighted to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our Primary 4 pupils in St. Joseph's Chapel on **Tuesday 8**th **March at 7pm**.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Ederney at 6.00pm. All pupils will be required to sing as part of our school choir on this important evening for our school and parish.

<u>Irish Language Classes</u>

Our Irish language lessons, for all classes, will continue this **Friday 4**th **March** and they have proved to be extremely popular with all of the children. The Irish teacher, Michelle Furey was very complimentary of the children's enthusiasm, behaviour and knowledge of Irish language.

St. Patrick's Day

School will be closed on **Thursday 17**th **and Friday 18**th **March**.

Mr. Monaghan' Retirement Celebration

We hope to celebrate Mr. Monaghan's retirement on **Friday 8**th **April**. The celebrations will begin with **Mass in St. Joseph's Chapel at 7.30pm** followed by tea in the school. All pupils will be required to sing as part of our school choir on this evening of celebration.

Please note that all of this could be subject to change depending upon the number of Covid cases within our school community.

We hope to make a presentation to Mr. Monaghan on behalf of all of the pupils and parents so we are asking each family to make a contribution towards this – (closing date for contributions Friday 11th March.

Book Fair

We are delighted to be welcoming the Book Fair back to St. Joseph's **on 14**th **and 15**th **March**. Your child will be given a leaflet displaying the books that can be purchased and they will each be given time to view the books with their class teacher and assistant.

Easter Draw

The School Council are busy organising fun activities for St. Patrick's Day as well as an Easter Raffle – more details to follow.

Afterschool's Celebration

Afterschool's have been nominated by parents for an award through Families First NI. The award night takes place on Saturday 26th March. Voting for Pauline will open on Tuesday 8th March until Wednesday 16th March. We all value Pauline and her team for providing this invaluable service. If you all could go online to www.familiesfirstawards.co.uk and vote for Pauline it would be much appreciated. The selection for the winner is not based on votes alone, comments are extremely important.

THE GREAT POTTERY THROW DOWN

We wish Anna McGurn the very best of luck as she participates in the final of THE GREAT POTTERY THROW DOWN on Channel 4. Anna formerly worked as a caretaker at our school and created the beautiful mural on display in our foyer. We have enjoyed watching Anna every week and will be keeping our fingers crossed on Sunday.