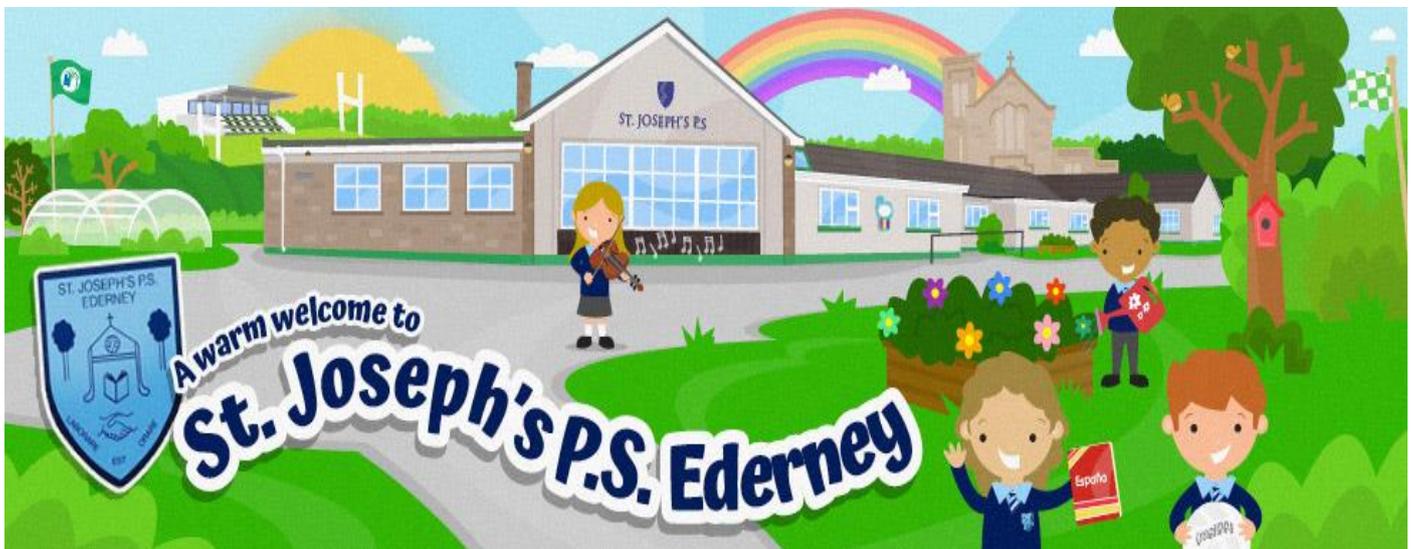


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Newsletter

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St. Joseph's P.S. 50th Celebration

We are all still 'buzzing' from our celebrations last Friday night. We were overwhelmed with the huge crowd who attended both the mass and refreshments in the school afterwards. It was so lovely to see such a great crowd of familiar faces back in the school. We were delighted that Bishop Duffy and Canon Dawson returned to Ederney for the occasion, making it even more extra special. The children were fantastic on the night and performed all of their roles to a very high standard. We have received so many warm and complimentary messages from people singing the praises of our choir, readers and gift bearers as well as positive comments on class displays, and the school in general. A huge thanks to all of the staff, pupils, priests, parishioners for their hard work both before and during Friday night.

Welcome Mrs Meenagh

We are very happy to welcome back Mrs Meenagh to P1/2 from her maternity leave. I am sure she will settle back into St. Joseph's very well and will enjoy teaching this wonderful class. We want to thank Miss Montague for hard work and dedication in Primary 1/2 during Mrs Meenagh's absence.

Fermanagh v Derry

Congratulations to Emmett Gormley who was selected to play at half time during Fermanagh v Derry Ulster Championship game on **Saturday 15th March** in Brewster Park.

Easter Raffle

Huge thanks to our School Council who were very busy selling raffle tickets for our Easter draw £1 per strip. All proceeds are in aid of our Outdoor Learning Area. Thank you to our Parent's Group for purchasing prizes for the draw, to Shirley Walker who kindly donated eggs and Michelle Mc Menamin for donating a signed Fermanagh ball.

Easter Holidays

Easter Holidays School will close **Thursday 6th April**, for the Easter holidays and will reopen on **Monday 17th April**.

Confirmation

We are really looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 29th April at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Ederney**. As Confirmation is on Saturday this year, we are delighted to be able to offer refreshments afterwards in the school - this is particularly special for the Primary 7 class as due to Covid 19 restrictions, this class missed out on refreshments after their First Holy Communion.

P7 Lough Derg Retreat

Pupils in P7 will travel to Lough Derg for a retreat on **Friday 21st April**. This is always a very special and spiritual occasion for the pupils and we hope they will enjoy it.

After School Cross Country Running

After School Cross Country Running will begin on **Monday 17th April** for **P4,5,6,7 boys and girls 2.45pm-3.45pm**

Fermanagh Gaelic Football Coaching

Primary 6 and 7 will receive coaching in Gaelic football with Johnny Garrity, Fermanagh Schools coach, each **Tuesday 1.30pm - 3.00pm** beginning **Tuesday 18th April**.

Irish Language Classes

Our Irish language lessons, for all classes, will continue after Easter for 6 weeks - £6.00 per child.

Hurley Coaching

We are very pleased that Patrick will be delivering one more session of hurley coaching on **Tuesday 18th April**.

Relax Kids

We are delighted to have received funding to fund a Relax Kids Programme for all classes. Relax kids will begin on **Wednesday 19th April** and will run each Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please ensure your child has PE gear each Wednesday.

Mindfulness and Lego Club

Mindfulness for all classes and small group Lego Club for selected pupils, will begin with Frances Armstrong on **Friday 21st April**.

Swimming

Lakeland Forum is to confirm days and dates for P4/5 last two sessions. A text will be sent out during Easter.

Shared Education

Our P6 had a fantastic morning despite the rain, learning Gaelic football, rugby and rounders with their friends from Kesh and Lack. We are really looking forward to a 'Game of 3 Halves' on **27th April**.

