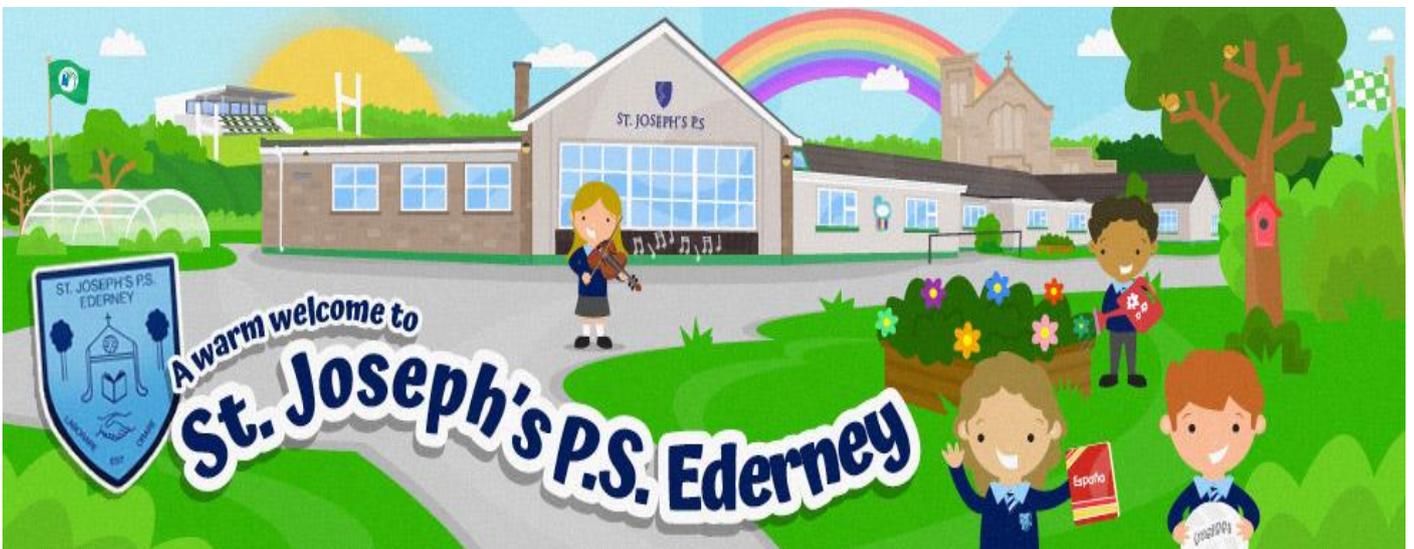


Saint Joseph's Primary School
&
Ederney Community Nursery

Newsletter

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Congratulations Mrs Mc Cusker

Huge congratulations to Mrs Mc Cusker and her husband Declan on the birth of their baby daughter Maisie - what a beautiful Christmas present to get! We hope Mrs Mc Cusker is enjoying her maternity leave and not having too many sleepless nights!

Cumann Na mBunscol GAA Quiz

Congratulations to Fainne, Bella-Rose, Aidan and Caolan for coming 2nd in Fermanagh in the Cuman Na mBunscol Quiz. The team have qualified for the Ulster Final which will take place in Spring 2024.

Congratulations Mrs Sprice and P5/6

We had great excitement in school on Friday, when Damien from John Lewis surprised us with a visit and some goodies. P5/6 have been focusing on Narrative Writing this term and they decided to write their own version of the John Lewis Christmas Advertisement to read with the younger children. They sent their work to John Lewis management team in England and the staff were so impressed with their creativity and writing that they decided to fly over and surprise the children. Well done Mrs Sprice and P5/6.

Attendance

Our attendance is completed by 9.30am each morning. Reasons for absences must be noted on our computer system and is accessible by the Education Welfare Officer. The Education Welfare Officer monitors absences and so we must notify the Education Welfare Officer if a pupil's attendance falls below 85%.

Nursery and P1 Applications (2024)

Please note that all applications for Nursery and Primary 1 (2024) should now be made *online*. Applications are through the Education Authority's website:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

A video is available on the EA website on how to fill in the form.

Please note that applications open for both Nursery and P1 on 9th January 2024 at 12 noon and close on 26th January 2024 at 12.00noon.

We would be grateful if you would share this information with anyone who is interested in applying for a place for their child.

Open Mornings

Our Primary 1 Open Morning took place on **Tuesday 5th December** and it was great to see a large group of parents in attendance.

There will be an **Ederney Community School Open Morning on Friday 15th December at 9.30pm**. More details will be published on our school website page and on our Facebook page. Please spread the word.

St. Vincent De Paul

Thank you to everyone who took part in **The Daily Mile Santa Run Day** which was held on **Monday 4th December** and raised £100.00 for St. Vincent De Paul.

Nursery Nativity

Our Nursery Nativity as always was a huge success, and it was heart-warming to see all of the children perform so well. Well done boys and girls and thank you to Mrs Mc Teague, Jenny, Leanne, Jade and Donna for preparing you so well for your show

Christmas Nativity

Preparations for our Christmas Nativity which will take place in **St. Joseph's Church Monday 18th December at 7.30p.m.**, are well under way. We will be selling tickets £1.00 per strip for a Christmas Hamper on the night of the nativity - proceeds of the raffle will be given to St. Vincent De Paul.

Christmas Pantomimes

P4,5,6 & 7 pupils travelled to Millennium Forum, Derry, to see Jack and the Beanstalk. All the pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show and lots of people commented on how well the children behaved.

P1,2,3 pupils will attend Little Miss Muffett's Christmas Caper in Strule Centre, Omagh on **Tuesday 19th December at 10.00am.**

P5,6 & 7 have been invited to attend St. Mary's Irvinestown Christmas Pantomime on **Thursday 14th December.**

Christmas Holidays

School will close on **Thursday 21st December**, at 12.00 noon (Please note that there will be no EA buses or dinner on this day).

School re-opens on **Monday 8th January 2024**

Nursery will close **Wednesday 20th December at 11:30am**

Diary Dates

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 27th April 2024, in St Joseph's Church, Ederney at 11.00am.**

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be held in St. Joseph's Church, Ederney, on **Saturday 18th May 2024, at 11.00am.**

Parents of P5 pupils are asked to assist with tea in the school afterwards.

Please note that **all** pupils P4-P7 will be required to form our school choir for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a major event in the life of our school and parish, so your support in assuring your child's attendance is greatly appreciated.