

St. Joseph's Mercy P.S. Easter Newsletter

2018



We would like to thank all our pupils for all their hard work and parents for their constant support over the last term. We wish you all a Happy Easter.

Events this Term

Grandparents' Day- Thank you to all the grandparents who came to visit the Senior Infant Classes on January 31st. It was a lovely opportunity for them to talk to the children about their lives when they were younger and how their school lives were very different from children today. The children and grandparents really enjoyed themselves. Thanks also to the pupils and their teachers Ms. Caffrey, Ms. McManus, Ms. Leahy and Mrs Kilcoyne and the Parents Association who helped with tea and refreshments.

Credit Union Quiz- Well done to the two teams from 5th & 6th classes who took part in the Navan Area Credit Union Quiz

Corfhéile- Congratulations to 5th and 6th classes who took part in Corfhéile on the 9th March in The National Basketball Arena. Corfhéile is a non-competitive music competition for primary school children. The children sang three songs and were accompanied by the 6th class children on chimes and bells. Thanks very much to Ms. Murphy for conducting the children. The children sang beautifully and represented our school so well.

Lego Competition

Chloe Nevin, Jessica Doyle, Sophie Byrne, Anna Maria Florea, Alegria Candon and Libby O' Reilly from 5th and 6th and Paddy Nevin from 2nd class entered a lego competition which was organised by Navan Library as part of Science and Engineering Ireland. The children were asked to create a piece of lego that was based on their own ideas rather than from a lego box set. The title of the competition was "Dream Big". Each child brought their lego to the library where it was exhibited for one week.

Tráth na gCeist – Well Done to Tara Stewart, Mia Cullen, Diarmuid McCarthy and Aronas Griksas who won first prize in Navan Library Seachtain na Gaeilge Quiz.

Masses-During Lent each class has had an opportunity to take part in a Class Mass celebrated in the Assembly Hall. We thank Fr. Louis for celebrating the masses and the pupils for their beautiful reading and singing during the masses. Well Done to 2nd and 6th classes who are continuing their preparation for the sacraments.

Easter Egg Raffle - An Easter Egg Raffle will take place on the day of the Easter Holidays. Proceeds will go to The Parents' Association. Please support as The Parents' Association help financially during the year with the cost of buses, sports and other events.

Lá Glas –Friday March 16th was Lá Glas. All the children wore green to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge and St. Patrick's Day.

Zambian Missions €1,192 was raised from class mission boxes and the Christmas Raffle.

Meath Enterprise

Ms. Lena Shaw from Meath Enterprise conducted a workshop with 6th class in January.

Room 29 decided on a business plan to make cross stitching gifts. They named their company "A stitch in Time" and made initial keyrings, a wide range of personalised bookmarks and framed cross stitch of names

and dates of birth. They have taken orders from three classes, teachers and family members. Room 30, decided to set up a photography business called "Your Moment in Time-Snapped!" This business enterprise gave children the opportunity to be their favourite character for a moment. All framed photos were sold to the pupils in First Class involved for € 5. The Junior Enterprise Scheme has been a great learning opportunity for all involved and the children have learned all about setting up a business. The final workshop will be held on April 18th when all accounts must be presented.

Sport

Karate -Children from 2nd class have taken part in Karate lessons after school every Tuesday and Wednesday. These have been a huge success. Classes are coached by Ronan Collins and are funded by Mercy Projects Funding.

Soccer -Thanks to Mr. Lynch and all the boys and girls who took part in the FAI Meath Soccer Blitz last week. Well done to the boys who are now in the Meath Finals for the first time ever. This will take place after Easter. The girls also played brilliantly.

Gaelic Football- Our school is taking part in the girls and boys Meath Gaelic Football League which has just begun. The girl's team is trained by Ms Leahy and the boys team by Mr. Brennan. Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd Classes are also attending GAA coaching provided by Games Development Officer Owen Lynch from Navan O' Mahony's.

Swimming - 3rd & 4th classes attended swimming lessons this term in Kells Pool where they are making great progress. We are very grateful to The Parents' Association who fund the buses for the swimming lessons.

Recharge Yoga-Junior Infant & Senior Infants are taking part in Yoga classes in the assembly hall with teacher Dearbhla Grall every week and are really enjoying it.

Basketball-The boys and girls from 5th and 6th class have been taking part in the Meath Mini Basketball League and have played a number of games already against St. Stephens's, St. Paul's Ratoath and St. Declan's Ashbourne. The teams are trained by Ms. E. Kane.

Next Term

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 12th May at 10am. The Parents' Association will be looking for volunteers to help organise the children's First Holy Communion party which will take place in The Assembly Hall after the Mass.

Confirmation will take place on 19th May in St. Mary's Church at 11am

Happy Easter to everyone. School closes at 12 noon on Friday March 23rd and reopens on Monday April 9th



Look at our website stjosephsmercypsnavan.ie for more information and pictures of school events.