

School Reports, Booklists and Calendars were posted on 20th June.

Under the Free Primary Schoolbooks Scheme, parents will not need to buy any books or copies for the new school year.

School closes at 12 noon on Tuesday, 27th June, and we re-open on Thursday, 31st August.

Summer Newsletter-2023

St. Joseph's Mercy PS



We thank all of the children, teachers and parents for all of their hard work over the past school year. We hope everyone has a happy and safe summer holiday. We are looking forward to seeing you again at the beginning of the new school year.

Building Project:

As you will all know by now, we have received the news that the Construction Stage of our Building Project will begin on Monday, 10th July. This is wonderful news for our school community. We will all remain on site during the build. The first phase involves the building of a two-storey extension onto the assembly hall. The second phase involves the refurbishment of the existing building. The third phase involves the removal of the prefabs at the rear of the school and the landscaping of the grounds. It is expected the build will take around 26 months to complete. We will communicate with you over the summer to tell you the entrances and collection points for September. Please let us know in the office if your email address has changed so that we can keep in touch with you over the summer.

We had a very busy term:

Sacraments: Well done to the children in 2nd Class who made their **First Holy Communion** on 20th May in St. Mary's Church. Thanks to the Parents' Association for the party afterwards in the school hall. Well done to the children in 6th class who made their Confirmation on 22nd April. We thank the teachers and Fr. Noel for their work in preparing the children for the sacraments.

Sports Days: Thanks to Ms. Hogan for organising the senior Sports Day on the 14th June and the junior Sports Day on the 22nd June. The children had great fun. Thanks to the Parents' Association for the cool treats at the end of the day.

GAA: Congratulations to our 6th Class Team who won the inter-school GAA Tournament on Tuesday, 25th April. The tournament took place in O'Mahonys and was organised by Transition Year students from St. Michael's Loreto Secondary School. We were very proud of our 6th class boys and girls who played so well. We thank all of the teachers from St. Joseph's who have given their time to train the football teams in the school as well as the staff members who accompanied the team on the day. Thanks also to the students from Loreto and we look forward to taking part again next year!

Mileathon: The Parents' Association's annual fundraiser took place on Friday, 26th May. This year's fundraiser was a Mileathon and all of the pupils in the school got involved. We were blessed with a

beautiful sunny day and the fundraiser raised an amazing €6,060! We are very appreciative of the sponsorship given by Credit Union Plus in Navan and we thank especially Sharon and Stephen who spent the day with us in St. Joseph's. Thanks to Credit Union Plus for the healthy treats and gifts received by all of the runners. It was a great day for our school and we congratulate the Parents' Association on the success of this great event.

Junior Infant Induction: The new Junior Infants coming in September came to visit the school in May. It was great to meet them and their parents and we look forward to them joining the school community in September.

School Tours: All classes really enjoyed their school tours this year. We had farm visits, history and museum visits, activity tours and lots of fun. The children were all excellently behaved and represented the school very well. Well done to everyone.

Secondary School Transition Programme: All 6th class children took part in a Transition Programme in preparation for going to Secondary School. This programme was delivered by the Navan School Completion Programme. Some of the children also got the opportunity to visit their new schools.

Zumba: Thanks to Áine who continued Zumba Dance classes this term. This activity is really popular among the children and a great way to keep fit!

Cyber Safety:

4th and 5th classes had Cyber Safety workshops with Zeeko on 30th May. Zeeko also held a very informative session online for parents.

Biodiversity: We were delighted to welcome Dale Treadwell to the school during the month May. Dale spoke to all classes on the 5Bs of Biodiversity - bugs, butterflies, bees, bats and birds. Everyone really enjoyed Dale's visit!

Graduation Ceremony:

The 6th class Graduation Mass was celebrated in the school hall on Thursday, 22nd June. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Noel. The boys and girls on their primary school years, remembering all they have learned and all the fun they have had along the way. We thank the sixth class teachers and all of the staff who made the celebration so special. We also thank to the Parents' Association for the refreshments and for their gift to the girls and boys. We wish our graduates happiness and success as set out on the next step of their journey. *Go néirí libh i gcónaí.*

Say Yes to Languages:

We received the great news that we will take part again in the 'Say Yes to Languages' Programme. This programme allows us to introduce children to some of the language of their peers and it fosters a love of language-learning in the children.

We encourage all of the children to take part in the **Summer Stars** programme in Navan Library. See summerstars.ie for more information.

See our website www.stjosephsmercypsnavan.ie for photographs from events during the year.

Have a great summer.

