



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

## JAN/FEB 2022

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Dear school community,



Happy New Year to you all. This time last year we were all in lockdown.

Thankfully to date

our school has remained open and hopefully will remain the case. Let's all hope and pray that 2022 will be the beginning of the end of the major impact Covid has had on society.

We very much appreciate all the kind messages offered and the support, patience and understanding shown at every step thus far.

Our staff would also like to say a massive thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts and treats received.

May 2022 bring you every blessing, good health and prosperity.

G. Trainor

### JANUARY PRAYER

#### *Family Prayer for a New Year*



O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



Do you have or do you know anyone who has a child who is ready to start Primary 1 in September 2022 and would very much like to join our family here at St. Joseph's P.S., Meigh?

Normally we would have Open Afternoons in November/ December but due to the present COVID 19 Restrictions we have to make slight adjustments.

If anyone would like to have a tour of the school and a talk with the Principal about the arrangements for starting school in September 2022, we will arrange a SOCIALLY DISTANCED APPOINTMENT and TOUR for you!! To arrange this you should email the school secretary at email address [mmagennis042@c2kni.net](mailto:mmagennis042@c2kni.net) and this can be arranged asap.

### ONLINE DIGITAL ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Every year the application process for both NURSERY and YEAR ONE Places must be completed online by parents.

The ONLINE system will open at 12 NOON on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 and will close at 12 Noon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021.

The ONLINE link is below [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) (Click on admissions)

What to do now?

- Parents need to set up an email account if you do not already have one.



- Check out the Education Authority (EA) website regarding Guidance on applications.....

[www.eani.org.uk/digitaladmissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/digitaladmissions)

- Look carefully at St. Joseph's P.S., Meigh Admission Criteria.
- Complete the application including all relevant information that fulfils the school Admission Criteria. It should be noted that even though Parents make their applications for places ONLINE, they must also bring
  1. CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
  2. Any other documents deemed appropriate by Governor's in the event of over subscription.

**To their first preference school not later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February by 12 noon.**



**Primary 1  
ADMISSION  
Sept 2022**

**CLOSING DATE 28th  
January @12noon**

**WE OFFER:**

- BREAKFAST CLUB
- AFTER SCHOOL CARE 5pm
- HOMEWORK CLUB
- QUALITY TEACHING
- ENRICHED CURRICULUM
- CHILD CENTRED ETHOS
- & MUCH MORE!

**Starting  
P1  
2022**

**St Joseph's P.S.**  
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[www.stjosephspsmeigh.org](http://www.stjosephspsmeigh.org)

Apply Online at  
[www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

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### **P1 & 2 Christmas Plays**

We were so proud of our P1 & P2 pupils who got the chance to take to the stage to perform their Christmas productions. Pupils and staff from the pre-school were invited to see the show and everyone agreed our girls and boys were amazing. You can watch the videos on our website. Here are just some photos of the terrific actors and actresses.



### **P7 Primary Enterprise**

Primary Seven's Young Enterprise project was in full swing in the Quays just before Christmas. After weeks of collecting, designing and creating, Primary Seven set up stall to Christmas shoppers in Newry. After an exciting day's trading they managed to sell goods to the value of £580. A wealth of business skills learned throughout the process will no doubt set some of these pupils on the road to future success in entrepreneurship.

Mr Shield's has already negotiated a 25% commission on any future profits which will be held in an off-shore trust contributing to his retirement fund.



### **Charity – Head Injury Support**

Pictured receiving a cheque for £400 that was raised way back at our Halloween Disco is Hannah and Sean Downey from Head Injury Support, Newry Branch.



### **Charity - SVP**



Massive thank you to Ms Moley and her P3 class who organised our Annual SVP Christmas collection. The generosity yet again from our school community is truly admirable. Nine fully packed hampers and a cheque for £800 was presented to Brian McEvoy who expressed his sincere gratitude on behalf of SVP to everyone who donated.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022**

The theme this year is 'Live Life to the Full'

As we adapt to the many challenges and changes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the things that give our lives meaning. For some, it is family, friends, community sports or hobbies. For Catholics, it is God's love and wish for us to know and love him that gives life ultimate meaning. Jesus Christ is the revelation of this love, realised through his life, death and resurrection. In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic schools are communities where we live life to the full. Every Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing and encourages them to learn and nurture their talent and skills. Each child has the potential to change the world for the better, making it a kinder, more inclusive and more welcoming place. This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus' teaching. This year, we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we follow the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: 'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.'

There is a different topic for each day of Catholic Schools Week...

Monday : Living Life to the full with God.

Tuesday: Living Life to the full together

Wednesday: Celebrating Being Together again

Thursday : Living Life in Wonder and Awe

Friday: Living Life and facing the future



## **SAFER INTERNET DAY IS TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2022**

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe. Visit these sites for excellent tips and information.

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Or <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



**You can also view our January Online Safety**

**Newsletter on our website at**

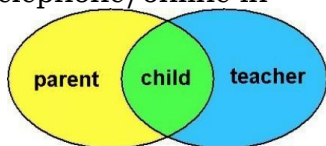
<https://www.stjosephspsmeigh.org/parent-area/newsletters-685/>



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## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent / Teacher interviews will once again be carried out by telephone/online in accordance with current DENI/Teaching Union guidance. Correspondence will be sent to parents/carers over the next few weeks to arrange a mutually convenient time.



## **P4 & P7 Sacrament Preparation**

Primary 4 will be participating in their Enrolment Ceremony for First Communion on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10am within the school. The Archdiocese of Armagh has commissioned a series of videos to help the children of the Archdiocese to prepare for First Communion. <https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/holy-communion/>

Primary 7 will participate in their Service of Light and Commitment on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm at the school.

the Catechetics Council of the Irish Bishops Conference has commissioned iCatholic to produce a series of videos entitled 'Come Holy Spirit – Preparing for Confirmation'. <https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/confirmation-day/>

Unfortunately, due to Covid risk assessments we cannot accommodate parents at these ceremonies. Please remember them all in your prayers as they prepare for the sacraments at this important milestone on their faith journey.

## **BURNS AFTER SCHOOL COACHING**

This term we have chosen Gaelic (Monday) and Multi-Sports (Thursday) as our After School activities to start the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> January. Registration will be at the school this coming Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am. The clubs will run for 9 weeks at a cost of £36 which must be paid in full in advance. If registering more than one child or one child registering for two clubs, make this known to Burns personnel (when booking) who may offer discount.

## **Holiday Dates Update**

Due to an additional bank holiday being granted in June, and an oversight in our original calculations, the school will now be closed on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May** which in essence means the school will be closed for that entire week. (See Website)

## **School Money**

Please be reminded that it is essential that parents use School Money App to prebook Dinners, Breakfast and After school Wraparound.

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sienna Goodman, Kyle Spencer, Skye Reel, Tommy McArdle, Ellie Rice, Ellie McGovern, Sarah Lavelle, Kayla-Rae Loye, Meabh Morgan, Holly Galligan, Laina O'Hanlon, Emma Hayes, Daniel Maguire, Cormac Fearon, Ellen Loughran, Grace-Rose McDonnell

## **Dates for Your Diary**

19<sup>th</sup> January - P4 Enrolment Ceremony & P7 Service of Light & Commitment

11<sup>th</sup> February - **School Closed** for Parent/Teacher Interviews

**14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> February Mid Term Break**

21<sup>st</sup> February – School re-opens