



School Calendar

February Bank Holiday-

Closed Mon 6th February.

Mid Term Break-

Closed Thurs 16th & Fri 17th February

Primary Language Curriculum Staff

Inservice-

Closed Mon 20th February

St Patrick's Day-

Closed Fri 17th March

Easter Holidays

Closing Fri 31st March (12 noon)

Reopening Mon 17th April

Summer Holidays

Closing Fri 23rd June (12 noon)



Grandparents will be invited to visit our school on Fri 3rd February at 12 noon. More to follow.....

Upcoming Events-

February & March



School Photos (all pupils)- Thurs 2nd February



African Drumming Workshop (all classes)- Wed 1st February



Yoga classes (all pupils)- Wednesdays for 5 weeks starting Feb 22nd



Gymnastics (all pupils)- Thursdays for 5 weeks starting on Feb 23rd



Dog's Trust- Caring for our pets- Wed 8th & Thurs 9th March



Board of Management update



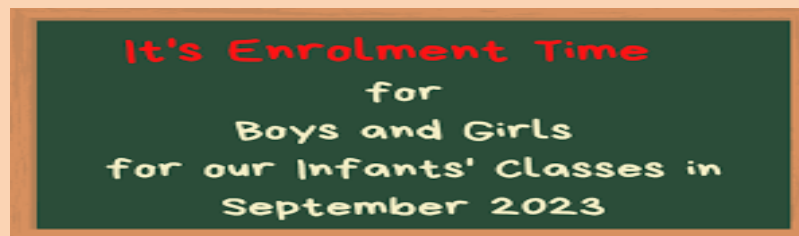
The board will be reviewing our Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment, Code of Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies. These policies are reviewed annually.



Home School Liaison News

Classes for adults 2022/2023: If there are any particular classes you would like to attend in the new school year, when your child is at school, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Please contact: Annett – Home School Liaison Teacher - on telephone number: 0868383248 (also available on WhatsApp).



Our enrolment forms are available at the school, local pre-schools and on our website www.stjosephininfants.ie. We will be visiting the local preschools to meet the boys & girls shortly. We look forward to welcoming our new junior infants for Sept 2023 & their parents to our school in early June to meet the junior infant teachers, see the classrooms & find out more information about our school. If you require any further information, please contact the school 063 89467 or stjosephsconventns@gmail.com.

Minister for Education, Norma Foley's visit.



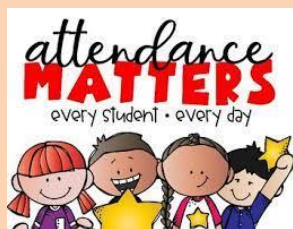
We were delighted to welcome Minister Norma Foley to our school in September. First class pupils were fantastic as they showed the minister around our school and showcasing all of the brilliant things we do during the school day.



School Lunches



We have changed supplier this year. Glanmore Foods are now providing our school lunches. Menu forms were sent home to be filled in by parents for their child. Please return to Annett.



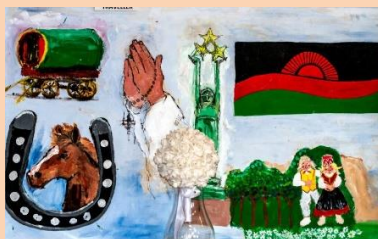
We ran an **Attendance Awareness Campaign in December 2022**. We're happy to see our attendance in December increased to 86% from 78% in December 2021. We must also factor in the impact of flu & respiratory illnesses during this time. Thanks to all parents for their support with this initiative.

Yellow Flag Programme

Promoting Inclusion & Celebrating Diversity

I am delighted to inform you that St Joseph's Convent School has been successful in its application to run the Yellow Flag Programme in our school. The Yellow Flag Programme celebrates Diversity, promotes Inclusion and challenges Racism. This programme involves students, teachers and parents. By working together, we can create an environment where all our school family feel welcome. If you would like to become involved or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Home School Liaison Teacher:

Annett Hendrick Tel/Text/WhatsApp: 0868383248





As part of the Active Schools programme, we are taking part in the Step Into Spring Schools Challenge. Our classes will begin their challenge of accumulating 10km/15km/20km between February 6th and 16th March.



Cuddle and Read Programme

Cuddle & Read is a wonderful programme run by Annett Hendrick -our Home School Community Liaison teacher. It will run in January & February to encourage “A love of books” among Junior Infant children in our school.

At the end of the programme every child gets to choose a new book of their choice to keep at home to continue their cuddle and reading time. We will also visit the library in Charleville which our pupils are welcome to join.

Cuddle & Read is simply you spending some quality time reading a book to your child. Cuddle & Read can take place at a time of the evening that suits your family’s needs best. Before bedtime is a perfect example...why not include the whole family! It’s a lovely opportunity to spend some quality time together in a relaxed atmosphere.

Children LOVE being read to!!! We would love to see some photos of you Cuddling & Reading at home. These can be emailed to Annett: homeschooljs1@gmail.com



World Cup in St Joseph's

To coincide with the soccer World Cup in Qatar, first class took part in their own world cup in school. They had great fun & really enjoyed it.



We did lots of different experiments for Science Week in November. Dancing Raisins, Skittle Rainbow, Sinking & Floating to name but a few. We ended the week with a science show with Professor Baloney which was a great hit our pupils.



Thanks to all of our pupils, parents & staff who joined us on our Walk On Wednesdays. It was great to see record breaking numbers walking to school. It was great that so many were able to Park & Stride also. Less cars around the school gates brings better air quality. This was a Green Schools Global Citizenship Travel Initiative. We aim to have a WOW day every month.



Christmas Panto in Friar's Gate



All classes went to see Old Mother Hubbard's Crazy Christmas. This was a fabulous production which we all thoroughly enjoyed!!!



Our Christmas Performances



We had a very special time in school performing our Christmas plays & carol singing for you all. What a talented group of pupils & staff we have!!! A big thank you to Santa for finding the time visit us too.

