

St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



Newsletter



March 2023

Dear Children, Parents & Guardians,

We have had a very busy Spring Term here at St. Philip the Apostle Junior National School at it's hard to believe that Easter time is now already upon us. Well done to all the children, teachers and SNAs for all their hard work this term.

We had lots of in-school programs during this term too; 1st Class tried some GAA skills with Nicole from St. Peregrines GAA Club. Senior Infants became ballet performers with Clare Connelly and Junior Infants enjoyed learning ukulele skills with Sheilagh Fox.

Some of the Second Class children have been working on a reading partnership programme called 'Time to Read'. The programme is run in conjunction with Business in the Community (BITC) and with Gen Digital and aims to increase the enjoyment of, and confidence in reading whilst encouraging self-discovery and comprehension for the participating children



Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion 2023

The children in our Second Classes received the Sacrament of Penance on the 9th March and they were all in great form. The children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. We would like to send them and their families every best wish for this special day.

Saturday 13th May First Holy Communion for all classes.



Lá Gaeilge

We had a fantastic day in school on the 15th of March celebrating this special day. The hall was like a sea of green with the children all dressed up for the special occasion. We had Irish music, dancers, songs and poems, and lots and lots of fun. A big thank you to all the staff and children and to Ms. Slattery and Ms. Scully and the team for organising the fantastic event. Lá ionntach agus spraoiúil a bhí ann.



HOLIDAYS FOR 2023 – 2024

Return to School	Thursday 31 st August
October Mid Term Break	Monday 30 th – Friday 3 rd (inclusive)
Christmas Holidays	Monday 25 th – Fri 5 th (inclusive)
February Public Holiday (Brigids Day)	Monday 5 th February
February Midterm Break	Thursday 15 th & Friday 16 th
St Patricks Day	Monday 18 th March
Easter Holidays	Mon 25 th March – Fri 5 th April
May	Monday 6 th May – Friday 10 th May
June Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd (Public Holiday)
Summer Holidays	Closing Fri June 28 th

Junior Infants Enrolment 2023/2024

Reminder for Junior Infants Enrolment St. Philip's J.N.S. invite applications for Junior Infant Classes for September 2023. You can do this by logging onto the school website www.stphilipsjns.ie and clicking on the tab ADMISSIONS. We also have forms available at the office. Please contact the office at (01) 8212992 for more information. We look forward to meeting you all.

Fresh Today

Please remember to login to change or cancel your child's hot food order. There is a great selection of food to choose from on a daily basis. Please order something that your child will eat as wastage is something we wish to avoid.

Nore Valley Farm

There was great excitement this month as Nore Valley Farm delivered seven eggs to the school. We waited with great anticipation as the eggs incubated and hatched. Look on our website to see the chicks hatch and grow.



Congratulations to Ms. Igoe

A big welcome to baby Ruairí who was born safe and well in February.

Easter Break:

School closes at 12.00 on Friday 31st March

Closed for 2 full weeks– Monday 3rd of April until Friday 14th of April inclusive.

*Thank You for your continued support, enthusiasm, and cooperation.
Hoping you all have a lovely Easter,
Ruth Molloy (Principal) & Triona Slattery (Acting Deputy Principal)*