

# St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



## June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Children and Parents,

We hope you are enjoying the last weeks of the school term as we approach the end of a very challenging year for all. There has been lots of wonderful learning experiences happening across our school and some very exciting events still to come! Let us tell you more....



### Enrolment for Junior Infants- Limited places available

We have a limited number of places left in our Junior Infant Classes for this September. Please contact Caroline in the office at (01)8212992 for more details. More information on our website too at [www.stphilipsjns.ie](http://www.stphilipsjns.ie)



### Second Class Graduations

We look forward to celebrating the Graduation of the Second Classes this Tuesday during the school day. The ceremony will take place in our school yard. It is regrettable that parents cannot attend this year, but we will be sharing the highlights with you via seesaw and our website. We know you will be with us in spirit!



**\*\*Talk for Parents\*\* Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June at 7:30 p.m. \*\*via Zoom**  
**'Raising Resilient Children, Approaches from Positive Psychology**

**By Fiona Forman**

We are delighted as a school to welcome Wellbeing expert Ms. Fiona Forman to present a talk to parents next Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Organised in partnership with the Senior School, the talk is entitled 'Raising Resilient Children, Approaches from Positive Psychology' and Fiona will guide us on strategies around building resilience in our children, mindful of all our experiences through the pandemic, and as we approach the end of the school year, and look to the summer holidays and a new school year in September.

**\*\*Talk for Parents\*\*\* Continued!**

A Zoom link to register to attend will be available via Aladdin Connect from today. We look forward to your participation! There are a limited number of places so please register at your earliest opportunity! If you have any difficulty in registering, please contact us at the school office to assist you (Tel: 01 8212992)



**'RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN,  
APPROACHES FROM POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY'**

**By FIONA FORMAN**

B. Ed., M.Sc. Applied Positive Psychology, co-author of *Weaving Well-Being*

**St. Philip the Apostle Schools**

**Monday 28th June 2021**

**Webinar: 7.30pm – 8.45pm**

Resilience means being able to cope with life's disappointments, challenges and problems. We want our children to be resilient so that they are prepared for the normal stresses and upsets that are part of life.

Fiona will share ideas on ways to give our children the support and skills they need to become resilient, thrive and flourish, despite life's challenges.



### Aladdin Connect Update

Many thanks to parents for registering with Aladdin Connect. We strongly encourage all parents to download the Aladdin app in order. We encourage any parent who has not signed up to Aladdin Connect to do in the coming days! It is essential for communication with you. It will also enable online payments from September for school books.



### School Books for September

A reminder that as a school, we bulk-buy school books on your behalf to ensure the best value. We will finalise booklists this month. We will circulate the booklist and cost in September and will supply the school books to you. We will be progressing to online book payments in the new school year. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.



### School Play Days! Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>–Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of June

As a school, we were very keen to have our annual Play Day event having missed out last year during school closures. Our Play Day took a slightly different form with each class group having their activities on a different day this week. Great fun and excitement was had by all from obstacle courses, to water fun, dancing and basketball to name but a few of the carousel of active fun. Many thanks to the School Team for organising the events so well and in such a considered manner to ensure St. Philip's JNS Play Day returned in 2021! Well done to the children for wonderful participation and gamesmanship too.



### Mobile Farm and Ice-Cream Day!

A most wonderful day was had here at school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June when instead of visiting a farm, a farm came to the school! All our students and school team had a fantastic day interacting with the various animals, and the visit was topped off by a delicious whipped ice-cream for everyone! Sincere thanks to Ms. Slattery and Mrs. Rynne for organising this memorable day, and to our local Educational Opportunities Programme (EOP) for funding the event.



### School Reports

School reports will be sent home today, and will be available to view digitally via Aladdin Connect. It was a privilege to read through all the reports and see first-hand the incredible work that has taken place by our tremendous children, parents and teachers during challenging times. As a school, we wish to thank you for all you have done as parents and guardians this year in supporting your child's learning and in working in partnership with the school team. We look forward to your continued collaboration.



### School Activities

While the end of the school year approaches, the days at school have been jam-packed with all kinds of school work and activities. It has been wonderful to welcome back our visiting teachers such as Ms. Sheilagh Fox who has been resuming ukulele tuition with the Second Classes, Ms. Claire Connolly who has been teaching ballet to our Senior Infants, visiting GAA coach Amanda has been training with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes. In addition, we welcomed Ms. Dervla Duffy, Boxercise Coach to work with our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes for this week and next week!



### Frása na Seachtaine (Phrase of the Week)

Please check out the school website and our school Twitter account for our Irish phrase of the week! Watch this space!



### Thank You

A warm thank you to Mrs. Fionnuala Rynne for her dedicated work as Acting Principal over the last few months. It is greatly appreciated by all the school community. We also warmly thank Mrs. Fíona Hynes in her role as Assistant Principal this year, and Ms. Tríona Slattery for all her wonderful work in her ongoing role as Acting Deputy Principal. We are blessed with a wonderful school team at our school.



Keep up to date with all school events at: [www.stphilipsjns.ie](http://www.stphilipsjns.ie) and via our Twitter account: [@StPhilipsJNS](https://twitter.com/StPhilipsJNS) 😊



With every good wish,  
Jane O'Connell (Principal) & Tríona Slattery (Acting Deputy Principal)