

St. Joseph's National School
Newsletter February 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring has officially arrived and here's to longer days and finer weather! We have a busy few months ahead here in the school and this newsletter is to keep you updated in that regard. Beannachtai Lá Fhéile Bríde Dhaoibh!

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Dates for your Diary

- Bank Holiday: **Mon. Feb. 5th School Closed.**
- Mid Term Break: **Thurs. Feb. 15th & Fri. 16th. School Closed.**
- Referendum: **Fri. March 8th School Closed.**
- Bank Holiday: **Mon. March 18th School Closed.**
- Easter Holidays: **Closing Fri. 22nd March @ 12noon - Re-opening Mon. 8th. April.**

MUGA

We hope to get started on the first phase of the M.U.G.A development in the coming days. Exciting times lie ahead for the school and community.

New Enrolments for Sept. 2024

The school is now accepting enrolments for new students for September 2024. Registration forms are available from Trish in the school office or can be downloaded from our website www.stjosephsmm.ie Please spread the word about enrolment for Sept. 2024. We will be holding our annual open evening for new students later in the year, we will keep you informed.

Pancake Party

Shrove Tuesday is on **Tuesday 13th of February**. We are looking forward to our annual Pancake party here at school. Pancakes for all children. If your child has dietary concerns can you send in their own pancakes to have at this time. Families are requested to donate €3 per child on the day.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a small ceremony to mark the beginning of lent next **Wednesday 14th February** in the school.

First Penance

The sacrament of First Penance will take place on **Wed. 6th March** in St. Joseph's Church Miltown Malbay at 7pm.

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Friday 12th April** in St. Joseph's Church Miltown Malbay at 11am.

First Holy Communion

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 18th May** in St. Joseph's

Church Miltown Malbay at 11am.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our U11 School Quiz Team and U13 School Quiz team who recently finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the local level Credit Union Quiz. Maith sibh!

Green Schools

Our work as a Green School and as Primary Climate Ambassadors continues. At the moment we are watching and observing our local garden birds as they feed at our bird feeders. We have also noticed lots of our bulbs are now budding with some of the daffodils actually flowering. We are taking a fresh look at our waste management at present. We continue to recycle, re-use and compost in all classrooms. With the M.U.G.A. work about to start we have taken a look at damage to existing biodiversity that will occur. We have undertaken to replant the area as part of the new development.

Clothes Recycling

Our next clothes recycling collection in the school will be on **Mon. 12th Feb.** This gives everyone a chance to clear out some older items from the wardrobe and make way for the new outfits got for Christmas. Please drop any items of clothing, pairs of shoes, sheets, blankets, curtains, towels and tablecloths into the school before Mon. 12th Feb. Items for recycling should be in a clean condition.

Batteries/ Stamps

The school continues to recycle old batteries and we collect used stamps for the missions. You can send in any old batteries and stamps throughout the year.

Social Media

Please like and follow our school Instagram and Facebook accounts for regular updates and pictures of what's going on in the school.

Music

Thank you to all for payment of Term 2 music fees. If this money is outstanding please send to school office a.s.a.p.

Yours Sincerely,

Joe O'Reilly
Principal