

St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



June 2024 Newsletter

Dear Children and Parents,

They say time flies when you are having fun and that was certainly the case this term with our action-packed couple of months bringing us right up to the summer holidays. It has been a wonderful school year full of hard work, successes and achievements.

This term is always one of the busiest for our school events so we would like to acknowledge and thank all of you parents, grandparents, and friends, who took time out to come in to the school to support the children and the work being done in the school. While we do not expect you to come to every event, we have been overwhelmed by your support and feel privileged to teach your children here at St. Philips JNS.

On that note, I would like to say a particular thank you to those parents and friends who volunteered to help out at the First Communion party and the wonderful Diversity Day. A huge thanks to Ms. Harte for bringing both schools together to celebrate this fabulous event.



Communions

The First Communions were celebrated on Saturday 18th May. A wonderful day for all. The children and their families all looked fabulous. The party held afterwards was a first for St. Philips and a tradition that will now continue for a long time to come. We would ask that each year 1st class parents help out at this

event as the following year, your own children will receive the Sacrament and having 1st class parents assist host the party will be a tradition we would like to foster in St. Philips.



Second Class Graduations

Second Class Graduations were held on Thursday 27th June. So many families attended, and some tears shed, even by the Principal! The children presented songs and reflected on their Junior School memories. Thank you to Ms. Healy, Ms. Geoghegan & Ms. Ní Chionnaith for hosting such a great event. Each child received a graduation certificate. A wonderful group of children taking another great step in their education. They will be well minded in the Senior School by Mr. Reilly and Ms. Keenahan. For those moving to pastures new, we wish you well.



Aladdin Connect Update

We encourage any parent who has not signed up to Aladdin Connect to do so in the coming days. It is essential for communication with you. The purpose of the ePayment system is to facilitate the easier payment of school money collections for parents/guardians and to reduce the amount of cash and cheques being sent to our school. More news on new features as they are introduced. Watch this space. You have received a link on Aladdin to pay for school fees 24/25.



School Sports Day

Super Sport for all involved. A big thank you to Ms. Scully for organising all the time tables and to Caroline for making sure we were well stocked with bubbles, skipping ropes & chalk.



School Tours!

School Tours are always a highlight of the summer term at St. Philips and what fun they have been for all the children. Tours included trips to The Ark, Puddenhill in Co. Meath & Newgrange Farm in Slane and Clonfert Pet Farm in Kildare. Well-deserved fun time for all.



School Reports

School reports are 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, teachers and SNA's 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.



Grandparents & Grand People Day

In April we had a very exciting day in St. Philip's JNS! Lots of 'grand' people came to visit our school and played games and did some colouring with the kids. It was so lovely and the kids loved showing the Nanas and Grandads all around their classrooms. Children then brought their 'grand' people up to the hall for some well-deserved tea and cake! Thanks to all who came to see us, it was such a special day!



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. The children now engage in Yoga, Ukulele, GAA with Peregrines and Ballet with the Clare Connolly Dance & Ballet School.

Calendar for 2024/2025

Return to School	Thursday 29 th August
October Mid Term Break	Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st (inclusive)
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 rd – Fri 3 rd (inclusive)
February (Brigids Day)	Monday 3 rd February (Public Holiday)
February Midterm Break	Thursday 20 th & Friday 21 st
St Patricks Day	Friday 14 th March (1 day) Monday 17 th March (Public Holiday) & Tuesday 18 th March (1 day)
Easter Holidays	Mon 14 th April – Fri 25 th April (inclusive)
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May (Public Holiday)
June Bank Holiday	Friday 30 th May & Monday 2 nd (Public Holiday), Tues 3 rd (2 day)
Summer Holidays	Closing Fri June 27 th



Thank You from the Principal

A warm thank you to all the parents & children for your continuous support this last year. You have all been so kind and helpful. A big thank you to the staff of the Junior school who have been amazing, to our wonderful Home School Community Liaison office, Ms Harte and to Caroline and Anthony who do so much for the school, staff & the community on a daily basis! Thank you so so much. We are blessed with a wonderful school team at our school.

With every good wish,
Ruth Molloy (Principal) & Gráinne O Sullivan (Acting Deputy Principal)



Keep up to date with all school events at: www.stphilipsjns.ie