

Saint Joseph's Primary School
&
Ederney Community Nursery

Newsletter

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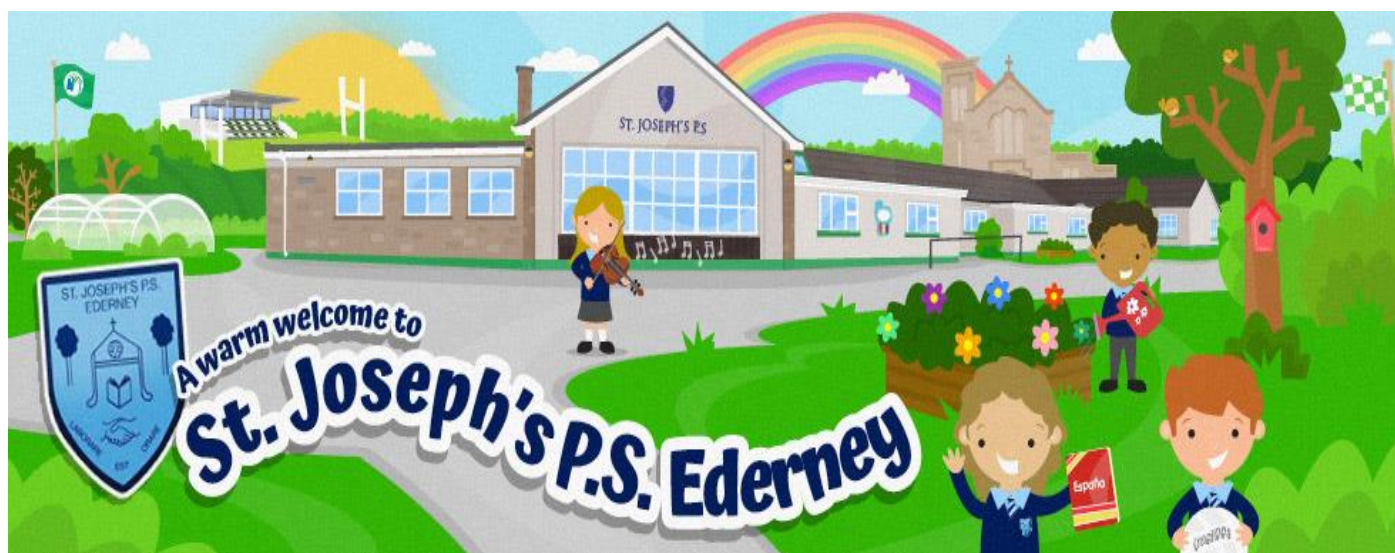
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School Mass

Our beginning of school year mass was a beautiful celebration. Thank you to Mrs Hagan for preparing the children so well and for P7 pupils for participating so well in the Mass readings and prayers. Thanks also to Miss Donnelly for helping to prepare and lead our school choir and to Fr. Mc Manus for celebrating our Mass.

Break the Rules Week

The children are having great fun breaking rules all week, and it is fantastic to see the generous support of our parents for the Oskar's fundraising efforts all proceeds of which are going towards the Community Hall. We are really looking forward to watching all of the actors and actresses on the big screen.

School Council and Eco Council Elections

Our **Eco Council Elections** and **School Council Elections** will take place over the next few weeks.

Mathletics, Lexia and Accelerated Reading

If your child has received Mathletics, Lexia or Accelerated Reading log in details we ask that you make an opportunity for them to use these at home. These apps are an excellent way for your child to consolidate Literacy and Numeracy skills at home.

Math's Week Ireland

We will celebrate Math's Week Ireland during the week beginning **Monday 13th October**. During this week all classes will be doing fun practical maths activities.

PE for all Classes

PE with Fermanagh GAA Coach Rhianna McElhill, will continue each Wednesday. P1,2 and 3 pupils can wear their PE clothes to school each Wednesday. P4-7 pupils can bring their PE gear and change in school.

PE with Core NI will continue each Friday for all classes. P1,2 and 3 pupils can wear their PE clothes to school each Friday. P4-7 pupils can bring their PE gear and change in school.

Breakfast Club

Unfortunately we do not have enough children attending Breakfast Club so we will no longer be able to offer this service.

Homework Club

Homework Club will continue Monday to Thursday 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

Fun Friday

Fun Friday will begin this Friday 10th October 3.00pm – 4.00pm. Please note that it is important that children attending Fun Friday should be booked in via the school app by 2.00pm Thursday. Due to staffing we will not be able to accommodate children who have not been booked in.

Shared Education

We are currently working on plans with Kesh P.S. to deliver a Shared Education Programme for all classes.

Irish Language Classes

We are delighted to be able to deliver Irish Language classes for all year groups with our Irish language tutor Michelle. These classes began last week and will run for 10 weeks.

FODC Good Relations - Multi Sport Programme - Ballinamallard Football Club

Our P6 class have been offered 4 weeks soccer coaching from Ballinamallard Football Club as a part of their FODC Good Relations programme. This began **Thursday 25th October** and will last for four weeks. At the end of the 4 week period, P6 pupils from St. Joseph's P.S. and Kesh P.S. will travel to Ballinamallard Football Club with P6 from Kesh.

Free School Meals

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals, it is **vital**ly important that you make an application to the Education Authority, to register your child. Even if your child does not want to take school dinners please apply anyway, as this has a major impact on our school budget.

Please note that if your child currently receives Free School Meals, or a school uniform grant, ***you must reapply again for the forthcoming school year.*** Applications must be made directly to the Education Authority. Further details can be found online at:

<http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-or-school-uniform/> or by phoning 028 82 411411

Christmas Pantomimes

P1,2,3 pupils will attend Goldilocks and the Little Bo Peep Christmas Special in Strule Centre, Omagh on **Tuesday 16th December.**

P4,5,6 & 7 pupils will attend the Beauty and the Beast in the Millennium Forum, Derry on **Thursday 4th December.**

Further details will follow.

Halloween Holidays

Pupils will be off school on **Wednesday 29th October Thursday 30th October, Friday 31st October**. On **Tuesday 28th October**, pupils can come to school dressed in their Halloween outfits. The canteen is also having a special 'Spooky Halloween Dinner' on this day.

Please take some time to talk to your child with regard to safety around sparklers, fireworks etc. Halloween can be a distressing time for vulnerable people, such as the elderly and it is important that we also remind children to be respectful of the needs of others, at this time. More information on staying safe at Halloween can be found on the NI Fire & Rescue Service website:

www.nifrs.org/have-fun-and-stay-safe-at-halloween/

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents, pupils and staff an enjoyable break.