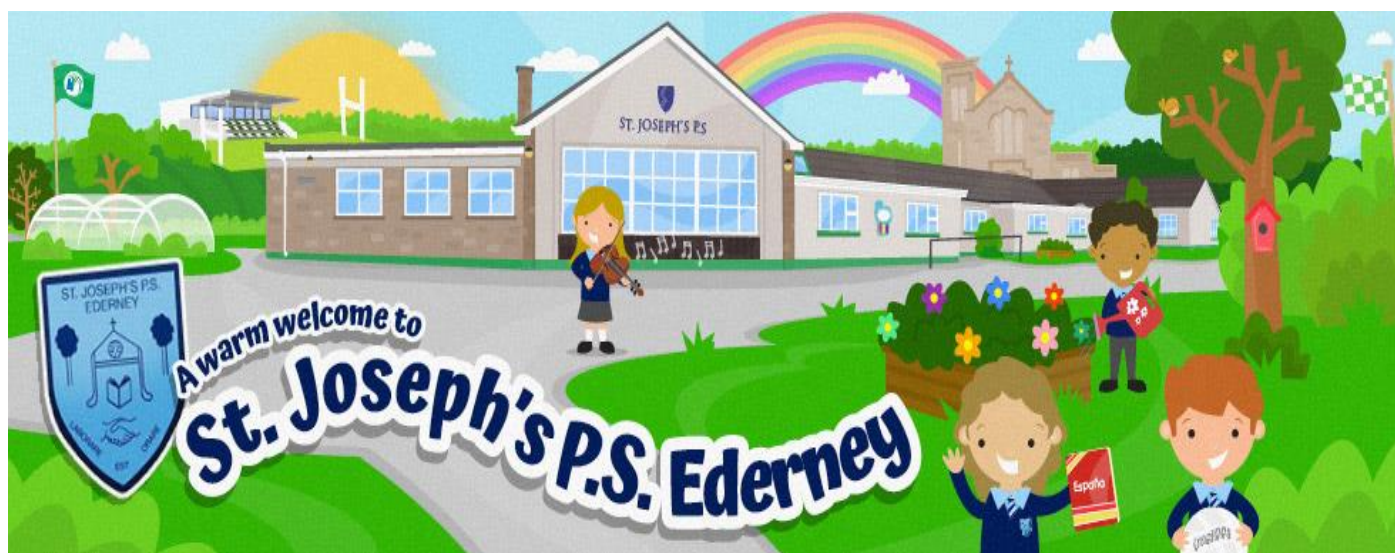


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"Learning, Caring and Achieving Together"

"Ag foghlaim, ag tabhairt aire agus ag dul chun cinn le cheile"

Staff Retirements

It is with very mixed emotions that we will be saying goodbye to three very valuable and long-standing members of St. Joseph's P.S - Mrs Sprice, Mrs Maguire and Mrs Mairead McGarrity (canteen staff).

Mrs Sprice began her teaching career in 1992 straight out from St. Mary's Teaching College and has been with us ever since. She has taught in P4, P1 and P5, P6 and her gentle, caring manner and love of books has touched and inspired so many pupils during her 34 years teaching in St. Joseph's P.S.

Mrs Maguire joined the teaching staff in 1997 following teaching posts in St. Conor's P.S. and Drumlish P.S. She has taught mostly in P2 and P3 and her love of nature, knitting, weaving and art has left a lasting impact on the children that she has taught.

Mairead McGarrity joined St. Joseph's canteen staff in 1992, and she has always shown great kindness to the children with her generous portion sizes and gentle words. She has been a very dedicated and hardworking member of our staff, and we will all miss her.

We would like to thank all three ladies for their commitment and dedication during their time in St. Joseph's. Not only have the ladies been fantastic colleagues and dinner lady but they have been loyal, great friends. We wish the ladies a fulfilling retirement filled with adventure and happiness. Your contributions will be greatly missed.

As a token of appreciation for the ladies' commitment to St. Joseph's, we intend making a presentation on behalf of the pupils, to each of the ladies, during our Leavers' Mass.

Sports' Day

Although the weather hasn't been great these past few days, we hope that the sun will shine this Friday 12th June for our Sport's Day. There is great excitement and a real buzz in the school with the beginning of the eagerly awaited Neal Walsh tournament which got underway last week. We hope to be able to continue with the Neal Walsh and play the final on Friday afternoon.

Cupla Focal

Congratulations to our P7 pupils who were awarded their Cupla Focal Fainne Award on Friday 5th June with our Irish language tutor Michelle.

Huge congratulations to Pearse McLaughlin who was awarded Gaeilgeoir na Bliana!

Leavers' Mass

It's hard to believe that it is that time of year again when we say goodbye to our P7 class at the Leavers' Mass on **Wednesday 24th June at 10.00am**. **All parents are invited to this mass with P7 parents invited back to the school for a final cup of tea with their child in St. Joseph's P.S.**

P6 Buddies

Nursery pupils will meet their P6 'Buddies' on **Monday 15th June**. This will mean that each child entering P1 in September will have a P7 'Buddy', who will help them with settling in.

Nursery Graduation

Best wishes and congratulations to our Nursery pupils who will graduated on **Wednesday 10th June**. Thank you to Mrs. Mc Teague, Jenny, Anne and Elaine for all their hard work this year.

Girl's Fermanagh GAA School's League Final

Commiserations to our girls' team who played the Division 2 League Final on Wednesday 10th June. Unfortunately, it was not our day, and we were narrowly beaten by a strong Integrated P.S. team. It has been a tremendous journey with this group of girls and I have no doubt they will be successful representatives for our club for many years to come. Well done girls on all you have achieved, we are all extremely proud of you!

Huge thank you to Justin Maguire for coaching and managing the girls and not forgetting their joint manager Mrs Hagan - thank you for all your words of wisdom and coaching from the sideline.

St. Michael's P5 Blitz

Congratulations to our P4/5 boys who had a great day at St. Michael's Football Blitz on **Friday 29th May** were they were narrowly beaten by a strong Holy Trinity side.

School Trips

Despite the weather all our pupils had a fantastic time on their school trips. Our P1-P3 had a brilliant day at Castle Adventure Farm, Ballyshannon.

P4-P6 enjoyed bouncing on the trampolines to their hearts' content and playing Mini Golf at Airtastic, Craigavon.

Our P7 had a 'whale of a time' in the Share Centre where they enjoyed both outdoor and water activities.

Thank you to our very generous PTA for subsidising the cost of these trips and to Enniskillen Yacht Club for their generous donation towards our P7 trip.

Transfer Procedure (11+)

Parents of children **currently in P6** should note that registration for SEAG Transfer Procedure is currently open and will close on **18th September 2026**. All applications should be made directly to SEAG website. **St. Joseph's is unable to apply on your behalf**. Further information is also available via the post primary schools' websites.

Pupils' Coats & Jackets

It is essential that all pupils' coats etc. are collected from the school prior to the summer holidays. Those that haven't been claimed by the start of the new school term, will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul society.

School Books

If there are any school reading books, library books, text books etc. at home could you please send them in with your child before the end of term.

Pre-Loved Uniforms

We have a huge selection of pre-loved uniforms in excellent condition which would be very useful as a spare uniform.

Free School Meals

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals, it is **vital** important that you make an application to the Education Authority, to register your child.

Please note that if your child currently receives Free School Meals, or a school uniform grant, you must re-apply 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.

Home to School Transport - Apply Today

The online Home to School Transport application process for Primary and Post Primary applications is now open.

Visit www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/home-to-school-transport for more information and to use the eligibility checker.

Please note, if you already avail of Home to School Transport and have not moved home or changed schools then you so not need to reapply.

School Holidays as per Holiday Calendar

School will be closed for summer holidays on **Tuesday 30th June at 12.00pm.**