

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Johnstown.



NEWSLETTER

28th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our November Newsletter, we are looking forward to the Christmas Fair which will take place on Saturday, the 2nd of December. We hope to see many of you on this very special day for our school community. Please bring your friends and family for a fabulous fun day out for everyone.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all parents who have offered to help. We are still accepting donations for all stalls. Tickets have been sent home to all homes. We hope you will support this important school fundraiser. Doors will open on Saturday at 1.30.



Voluntary Subscription

Many thanks to all parents for their payment of the voluntary subscription, we are very grateful for your support.

6th Class Movie Madness Day

Each year the 6th classes organise a fundraiser for our local St. Vincent De Paul Society. This year it will take place on the 15th of December. More details will follow.



Marathon Kids

A big shout out to all our 5th and 6th Class pupils who completed the Marathon Kids Challenge. They ran daily while training for the final race, which took place in Kilbogget Park on November 10th.



PE in the School

We are very lucky to have great facilities for sport; including a basketball court and GAA pitch and our school hall for indoor activities. Thanks to our Sponsored Walk we have been able to purchase some additional sports equipment for the school.

In line with the Primary School Curriculum, all classes do a minimum of one hour of physical education per week. Our PE curriculum is facilitated by a mix of our class teachers and also external coaches, providing a wide range of experiences for the children. The sports that the children get to experience are as follows:

- GAA
- GAA Thursday Blitz for all interested children in 5th and 6th class
- Irish Dancing for junior infants, senior infants, 1st and 2nd classes
- Rugby Leinster Rugby -
- Rugby Blitz last week for 5th and 6th classes
- Gymnastics
- Table tennis (ongoing)
- Marathon Kids
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Cricket



Diwali Celebration.

We had a fabulous time at the Diwali assembly on November 9th. A big thank you to all of the girls on the Diwali Committee who did an incredible job teaching the school about Diwali (The festival of Lights). The committee brought in some gorgeous ornaments and showed us examples of decorations used in the festival. They also explained how to create Rangoli patterns and explained what food is eaten during Diwali. The committee also wore beautiful outfits and performed a dance for the school. They then surprised the school by teaching all of the children a fun dance to the song 'India Vale'. We had a lot of fun and we look forward to celebrating Diwali again next year.



Parent WhatsApp Groups

Our hard-working Parent's Association, (JPA) manage class WhatsApp groups. These groups are not official school communication. All communication with and from the school should be via our Aladdin system.

While we appreciate that it may be convenient for parents to have WhatsApp groups, we would remind you that these groups are not the forum for complaint or discussion of concerns. Please see the new WhatsApp Policy issued by the JPA for guidelines.

We appreciate your co-operation with this.

As always please see our website for more photos and information, www.johnstowngns.com

Many thanks to you all for your continued support and collaboration.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Breen & the Johnstown GNS Team