

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Johnstown.



NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Dear Parents,

February brought plenty of opportunities for learning, creativity and celebration in our school community. We are happy to share some of the highlights from the past few weeks with you.

SNA Allocation

We are delighted to see the government have paused the school SNA reviews. We look forward to meaningful conversations regarding both this, and inclusive education in the broadest sense.



Safer Internet Day



This year, Safer Internet Day took place on February 10th.

Children are growing up in a digital world full of exciting opportunities to learn, connect and create. However, it's important that they understand:

- How to keep personal information private
- How to be kind and respectful online
- What to do if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable
- How to think critically about what they see and share

Safer Internet Day gives us a valuable opportunity to reinforce these important messages. We encourage you to also discuss these messages with your child.



Rugby Event

Congratulations to Alannah Flood from 6th Class who won a colouring competition with Aldi. She won first place and her prize was a rugby training session. We were delighted to welcome members of the Irish Women's International rugby team, to our school on Wednesday to run training sessions for the senior classes in our school. It was a fun morning for all!



Arts Week & Culture Day

Our annual Arts Week took place from 13th-17th February, and it was a wonderful celebration of creativity and culture across the school.

All classes had the pleasure of taking part in an engaging storytelling session with renowned storyteller **Niall De Burca**. His animated and interactive performance captivated the children and inspired a real love of stories.

Pupils also enjoyed an energetic and fun-filled Zumba session led by Clare. The school hall was full of movement, music and fun as everyone participated with enthusiasm.

During our Junior and Senior Assemblies, each class performed songs for the school community.

As part of our Culture Day celebrations, we were delighted to have several pupils share aspects of their own cultural traditions. We learned about Chinese New Year, Ramadan and Diwali, helping us to better appreciate and celebrate the rich diversity within our school.

Arts Week & Culture Day was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate expression, creativity and the many cultures that make up our school community. Thank you to Ms. Condren and Ms. Moloney and to everyone who helped make the week such a success.





Peace Proms

Both 3rd classes took part in the Peace Proms Concert in the RDS, earlier this month. They performed their songs and dances together with many other schools on the night. It was a fantastic experience, and a great night was had by both classes and their teachers, Ms. O'Neill and Mr. O'Connor! Well done to all involved!

School Closure

A reminder that the school will be closed to pupils on March 16th and 17th. The two-week Easter break will begin at 12 pm on Friday, March 27th. The children will return to school on April 13th.

We sincerely thank you all for your continued support and partnership as valued members of our school community.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Breen & the Johnstown GNS Team

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