

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Johnstown.



NEWSLETTER

January 31, 2025.

Dear parents,

Despite it being an eventful month in terms of weather, we have had a smooth start to the year. Thankfully we only lost one day due to the storm and the school itself was not impacted. The staff and students enjoyed a number of special events in January, further details of which are below.



Arts Week

This year Arts Week took place from the 13th to the 17th of January. We had special guest teachers for music, drama and Zumba, in addition to all of this, we had a return visit from the renowned storyteller, Niall De Burca. We also had an art competition, with the theme 'Our Favourite Things', with a prize in each class.

The week finished with a whole school Zumba during yard time. It was led in turn by each class group and was enjoyed by all.

It was a fun week for everyone in the school. The students really enjoyed participating in the various special classes and events.



Grandparents Day 2025

We were delighted to have a huge response to our invite to grandparents to visit the school for Grandparents Day on January 22nd. We welcomed 140 grandparents to our school for a celebration in the hall. They then visited their grandchildren's classrooms. The activities there, varied between play to question-and-answer sessions depending on the class level. There was great interest from the pupils in the grandparent's experiences of school. Both students and grandparents thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Service of Light

The 6th Classes celebrated the Service of Light on January 29th in Johnstown church. Thank you to their teachers who prepared them for the ceremony, with the support of Fr. Murney. It was a lovely intimate celebration, led by Fr. John, for both the pupils and their parents.



Peace Proms



Both of our Third Classes took part in the annual Peace Proms Conference in the RDS on Saturday, February 1st. It was a very moving event for all who participated and attended the event.

Thanks to their teachers, Ms. Dillon, Ms. O'Connor and Ms. T. Walsh, for all their hard work in preparing them for this event. Also, for supporting them throughout all the rehearsals and at their final performance on Saturday.

New Primary Maths Curriculum

We have purchased a new box of maths resources for each classroom to help support the teaching of the new Primary Maths Curriculum. Our emphasis for the first few months of 2025 is to increase our focus on learning through play and using concrete materials.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support and collaboration as members of our school community.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Breen & the Johnstown GNS Team

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