

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Johnstown.



NEWSLETTER

November 15, 2024

Dear parents,

As always, we had a very busy month in October with many events being celebrated in the school, including Diwali and Halloween. We are now looking forward to our Christmas Fair and working towards all the fun events that will take place in the run up to Christmas.



Halloween Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to run our Halloween Cake Sale this year. It was a great success, and we look forward to continued parental involvement in the school. The cake sale is very important to us as it helps to fund our Christmas Fair.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all parents who have already offered to help. We are always in need of volunteers for this important fundraiser and community event. We will soon be accepting donations for stalls. We would particularly appreciate corporate donations of high value items, for our Wheel of Fortune.

Raffle tickets will be sent home closer to the time.

Doors will open on Saturday, December 7th at 1.30 p.m.

Christmas Fair



Maths Week 2024

All classes engaged in many fun activities during maths week. These included, 'Guess the number of jelly beans in a jar', and the 'Maths Eyes' classroom door competition, were as popular as ever. Book Buddies became 'Maths Buddies' and it was a great opportunity for the students to learn from/teach others.



Halloween Fun

On October 24th, we had our Junior and Senior Halloween assemblies. All classes had the opportunity to perform on stage for the school. It was also our Halloween dress-up day. Both the students and the teachers got involved and there were many fabulous costumes and face paint. Clearly some very early starts were required in many homes! *(Please see the website for many more photos of our fun day.)*



Daily Mile Challenge

Our 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes participated in the Daily Mile event for schools. After many weeks of training they took part in a Fun Run in Kilbogget Park on October 23rd. The girls embraced this event enthusiastically and had lots of fun, while also improving their fitness with regular practice runs. *(Please see the website for more).*



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 external coaches, providing a wide range of experiences for the children. The sports that the children get to experience are as follows:

- GAA (Cuala coach)
- Irish Dancing (Joanne McDonnell Irish Dancing School)
- Rugby (Leinster Rugby coach)
- Gymnastics (Trojan Gymnastics coach)
- Basketball (Ed Randolph)
- Cricket (Leinster Cricket coach)
- Table tennis
- Soccer
- Athletics
- Cricket



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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