

Principal's Update 9.6.23



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Confirmandi, who received their sacrament on Tuesday past. Thankyou to Arch Bishop Eamon Martin for his inspirational sermon and to Fr. Woods and Fr. Murphy for officiating this service, alongside Arch Bishop. Sincere thanks to Mrs Shortt, for preparing the pupils so diligently for this event and to Mrs Crawley for accompanying the school choir. As promised our school choir will most definitely be acknowledged for their commitment to these main liturgical events with a choir party to follow. A special mention to our P7 pupils in particular, whose reverence and hard work made this occasion extra special. Well done everyone.





We are absolutely thrilled to receive our Eco School Award on Thursday 8.6.23 at Craigavon Civic Centre. The ceremony was a lovely event to celebrate the achievements of schools in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon. This event was sponsored by the local council. Three of our school council members: Ellen Mai, Molly Rose and Edi were selected to represent our school on this day to receive the award. Congratulations to our entire school council for their hard work and Mrs Shortt, our Eco School Coordinator for their amazing work.



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Calling for your help and support for a very important event, where members from the community are walking from GAA headquarters Dublin to Redmond O'Hanlon's GAC over three days.

On **Sunday 2.7.23**, a representation of our pupils will walk with volunteers along the Canal Path for the final stretch. The organisers have asked for our support.

We require parent volunteers to assist with this day and names of pupils who wish to walk. If you are available to volunteer, can you please email cwadsworth679@c2kni.net confirming your availability and that of your child.

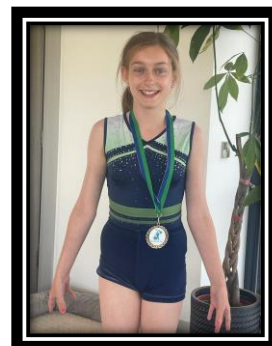


We have a number of pupils who have received awards for fabulous achievements outside of school in the last week, that deserve a special mention. Well done to each one for their commitment and dedication to additional activities outside of school.



A huge congratulations to Orla who competed in the N.I Tae Kwon Do Championships in Antrim Forum. Orla was placed in the top 10 for her Pattern competition, received the bronze medal for Sparring and Silver medal for Tag Team Sparring. Well done Orla, a fantastic achievement.

A massive congratulations must be extended to Shay who competed in the European Junior Golf Tournament in Scotland. Shay did amazing coming 14th out of 48 junior golfers. A phenomenal achievement Shay. Well done.



Congratulations to Aoife and Isla who recently obtained awards winning one and two golds in a tumbling competition, as members of Newry Gymnastics club. Well done girls. So proud of you both



Well done to our pupils from last week and this current week, who continue to live up to our school motto, where we continually strive to 'Learn together for life's journey'



Well done to Marielena, Isla and Aoibhinn who have obtained 'Word Millionaire' status in our Accelerated Reader. This is a wonderful achievement indeed. Keep up the reading everyone, particularly over the Summer months.



Parents we are inviting all used and unwanted uniforms to be donated to school, in preparation for the new academic year. If you wish to donate your child's old uniform to school, can you ensure it is cleaned, and brought to school **before 30.6.23.**

We will update you following receipt of uniforms and hope to provide an opportunity, early in July for you to visit the school. Keep an eye on our school app and Facebook page too.

PE Uniform orders

If you wish to purchase the O'Neills PE uniform or items from this option, please ensure you place your order via email to Mrs Morrow no later than 30.6.23.

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We are now taking orders for the next academic year. Please be advised this is optional and NOT compulsory. Our PE uniform of plain navy tracksuit bottoms, white poloshirt and red sweatshirt is as outlined to you previously.

Reminders:

- P7 surprise trip – Monday 12th June
- P7 Leavers mass – Friday 23rd June at 1.15 p.m.
- New P1's - Parent Information evening – 7.00p.m- Monday 19th June
- Monday 12th June 2023 – School Nurse – P1 assessments
- P1/2/3 trip – Wednesday 14th June
- P6/7 school trip - Thursday 15th June
- 30.6.23 – School finishes for all pupils at 11.00a.m.
- Can we please request all outstanding monies for school trips, after schools and dinners are settled. Thankyou.



Parents we ask if anyone you know would be interested in working in the role as a Classroom Assistant to please submit your cv to cwadsworth679@c2kni.net as an expression of interest.



Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.