

Principal Update 6.10.23



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Dear Parents,

Our pupils have most definitely settled well into the new academic year. We hope you have enjoyed the updates via our school Facebook page, particularly the array of activities our pupils have participated in so far this term.



Congratulations to everyone involved in making our 'Beginning of School Year Mass' so memorable. A special thank you to Fr. Woods for officiating this particular mass, ensuring all our new pupils were formally welcomed as part of our school family. Sincere thanks also to Mrs Crawley who led the music for this liturgy with our choir and traditional musicians.



Following our consultation earlier in September, the overall consensus of preference of times for Information Evening was the later slot - 7.00-8.30p.m

We are really looking forward to meeting all our parents this coming **Thursday 12.10.23.**

P1/P2 – 7.00-7.30p.m

P3/4 – 7.30-8.00p.m

P5/6/7 – 8.00-8.30p.m

You are most welcome to come ahead of your allotted time to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and some company. Doors will open from 6.45p.m.



A huge bualadh bos to all our children who participated as part of our school's celebration for Culture Night 2023. It was wonderful to hear the final pieces from our 'Trad Orchestra' who have worked so diligently with Mrs Crawley in preparation for the launch of our culture night video, which I am sure you loved to watch on our school Facebook page.

Thankyou to Mr O'Hagan for completing the digital overview and to all the staff for their continued hard work which was evident in the finished piece for Culture Night on 22.9.23.



Our P5 pupils are tremendously humbled and beyond delighted to receive professional first class coaching from the one and only **Kelvin Troy**, a **former NBA Basketball player**. Kelvin has been rated the best American to play basketball in Ireland, he is the author of his book 'Defence' on basketball and 'teaches it like no other'. Sincere thanks to Mr P. Convery for organising this wonderful opportunity for our P5 pupils over the next 8 weeks.





One of our many After School Clubs this term is led by Mrs Judge, one of our teaching assistants. It has been a huge success. Our pupils will have the wonderful opportunity to enjoy art, exploring a range of mediums, whilst also learning a little Irish and French. Thank you Mrs Judge, for sharing your many talents and supporting our After School Provision



Congratulations to all our pupils who attained the 'Principal's Award' during the last four weeks. All pupils have made a fantastic effort, ensuring they are giving of their personal best. We simply cannot ask for more from our wonderful pupils. Well done Everyone.



Important Sacramental Dates:

14th March – First Confession – 1.15 in St. Joseph's Church

19th May – First Holy Communion

5th June – Confirmation – 5.00p.m

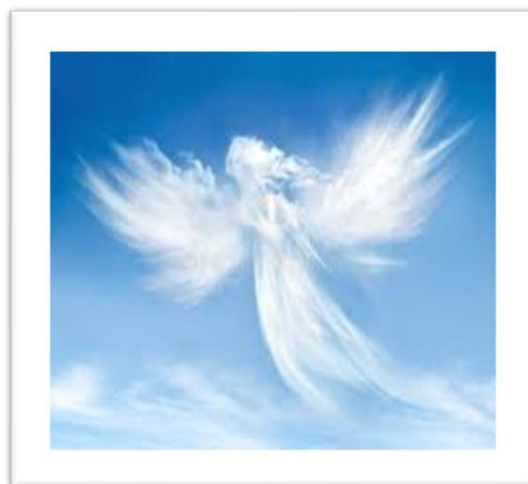
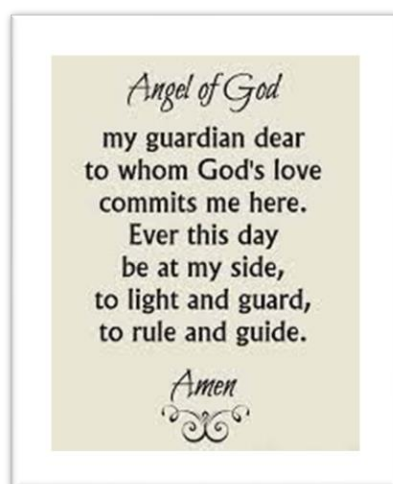


Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. Our pupils will have the opportunity to really focus on the strategies that promote wellbeing and mental health in the coming week.

Swimming Lessons for **P5** will commence **Tuesday 24th October 2023**. This will take place for 6 weeks. Please make payment of £30 via parentpay. Thank you.



Monday 2nd of October was the Feast of our Guardian Angel. We continue to pray to our guardian angels to look after everyone in our school family, to bring strength, courage and healing to all. On Friday 13th October we have a specific focus for 'Children's Day of National Prayer'. We will continue to use prayer as part of our daily life in St. Joseph and St. James's.



Yours in continued partnership

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