

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Johnstown.



NEWSLETTER

December/ January 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our January Newsletter, we have had a busy time in school since our last newsletter. Our Christmas plays and events in December were a great success. All the children have enjoyed a very busy January, since they returned to school.

Christmas Fair

As usual the Christmas Fair was a wonderful success, the funds raised will help the running of the school and to provide additional resources and equipment for the children.

Christmas Plays

Our Junior classes took part in Christmas Plays and we had a week of Christmas Joy before we finished for Christmas.



6th Class Movie Madness Day, 15th of December.

This charity event, run by 6th Class raised €3,100 raised for the local St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your support for this event.



Arts Week January 2024

Our Theme for Arts week was 'Bring Some Colour in to your Life.' During the week we had many different events including, Niall De Burca, the storyteller; Darragh Cullen music, mobile percussion; and Zumba.

During Arts Week, all pupils in the school, drew a self-portrait to create a collaborative rainbow art piece.



Each class learned a different song linked to the colours theme. These were performed at Assembly on the Friday to finish Arts Week.

It was a lovely way to introduce some colour to a cold January!

Catholic Schools Week / Grandparents Day



As part of Catholic Schools week, we had a wonderful 'Grandparents' Day' celebration. More than 120 grandparents visited our school. They visited the children in the classrooms and shared experiences of their lives as young children. We are blessed to have such wonderful support from the grandparents of our school. During Catholic schools week we embraced community and we talked to the children about the different communities in their lives. This included a daily reflection.



Mobile Phone Reminder

As you know the school has signed up to a 'no smart device voluntary code. While we know that many of the 6th class girls do have phones, we would ask that you remind them that they should be kept at home, unless absolutely necessary. If they are brought into school they must be turned off and kept in the bottom of the schoolbag.

Any phone which is used during school time or on school premises will be confiscated and parents will need to collect it from the Principal's office on Friday.



Well-being Survey

As part of our well-being strategy and framework we are currently collating the well-being survey. Please fill it in the survey at your earliest convenience.

Voluntary Subscription

Thanks to all parents for their payment of the annual voluntary subscription. We are very grateful for your support.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support and collaboration.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Breen & the Johnstown GNS Team

