**St Joseph’s National School**

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12/1/’23 **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for taking the time to read the following information for January

Enrolment for September 2023

We will be accepting enrolments for September from **Monday 16th January until Friday 3rd** **February**. Please spread the word! Please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

Also see Blog page at *milltownpassns.com* for details.

Confirmation

We wish 6th class pupils the very best as they prepare for their Confirmation which takes place on **Wednesday 8th February** in Mullingar Cathedral at 2pm

Swimming

The 1st swimming lesson didn’t take place last Monday due to no heating in the pool. There is now a reduction of €5 per child to the cost of the lessons. If you would like a refund please contact the office, otherwise we will allocate it to the Tennis lessons.

First Confession

2nd class will celebrate the sacrament of First Confession on **Wednesday 1st March** during the school day in St. Joseph’s Church, Milltownpass (time to be confirmed)

Science Blast

5th and 6th class are delighted to be taking part once again in Science Blast in the RDS. As soon as the date has been confirmed we will inform you.

County Photos

Reminder County Photos will visit the school on **Tuesday 24th January**.

Catholic Schools Week

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week from **23rd -27th January** in our school.

Grandparents Day

We will be celebrating Grandparents Day on **Wednesday 25th January**. We invite all grandparents to the school for a Prayer Service conducted by Fr Coleman at 11.30am, followed by a cup of tea and a visit to your grandchild’s classroom!

Bank Holiday

Reminder this year’s new Bank Holiday is on **Monday 6th February**.

Midterm

School closed for midterm break on **Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February.**

Weaving Wellbeing**:** This programme will be implemented from **2nd to 6th** class over the next few weeks. It is an Irish designed SPHE programme which teaches children skills and strategies to develop positive mental health and well-being. The aim of the programme is to:

“ ….*empower children to to become active participants in creating, maintaining and boosting positive mental health throughout their lives….”*

Tidy Towns

We are delighted to announce that the 10k funding acquired by Milltownpass Tidy Towns from the AXA Parks Funds will be used by the school for a new sensory garden and polytunnel. Planning has already started and a huge thank you to the Tidy Towns for their support for the school in this project.

Barn Owl Project

The Barn Owl Project will visit the school on **Friday 3rd February**, with a live Barn Owl! A representative from National Parks and Wildlife will be in attendance also. We would ask for €2 donation per child on the day to cover their costs.

Yours sincerely

Pauline O’Hara, Principal

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