

# St Joseph's National School

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### February Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Confirmation** Congratulations to our wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday in Mullingar Cathedral. Thanks to Ms Martin for her preparation for this special occasion.

**St Brigid's Day** We celebrated St Brigid by making crosses from reeds, a symbol of our Irish history. St Brigid's Day marks the beginning of Spring in Ireland.

**Soccer** Soccer lessons (Klaaskickz) are continuing each Wednesday. We respectfully ask that any fees be paid as soon as possible. The cost is 15 euro per child.

**Chess:** Well done to the children from 2nd to 6th class who represented the school so well in St Etchen's Kinnegad for the Féile Ficheall competitions. Thank you to Mr Foy for his diligent work training the students.

**School Lunches:** As most parents are sending an additional snack with their child each day, I would ask that all snacks are within our Healthy Eating policy. Biscuits, crisps and sweets are not permitted. A small treat on a Friday is OK. Please note that The Lunch Bag provides fruit each day as an extra snack option for all children. This is free of charge and free to take. At the moment, the options are apples or clementine.

**Grandparents Day** Thank you to all who visited us last Friday week. We shared music, prayers and stories. It really is such an enjoyable day for the school community.

**RSA** We had a visit from Nicole from the Road Safety Authority. She advised the children about walking safely on the road side, where to cross and the importance of wearing Hiviz or reflective clothing while out on the road. She has opened the conversation, so this is an ideal opportunity to develop safe habits with your children.

**Reminder** All teachers will attend training for the New Primary Curriculum on **February 9th**. There will be no school on that day. Midterm break is on Thursday and Friday **February 19th and 20th**.

Le gach dea ghuí/ Best wishes

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Emer Bermingham, Principal

