



Newsletter Feb 28th 2023



Dates to Remember

2nd March – World Book Day

9th March - 11am - Confirmation

29th March 2nd class - First Confession

28th April – 11 am - First Communion



Please see leaflet attached from our Parents Association.



Book Fair

Many thanks for supporting our recent book fair and to the parents who helped out.

€ 1700 worth of books were purchased. We will now receive 50% of this amount in books to add to our class Libraries.



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. They can bring their books with them in order to stimulate a class discussion based on their character. This is not a best dressed character competition. It's just a little fun whereby we hope children will be happy to share with their classmates.

<https://worldbookclone.wenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Dressing-up-resources-Ideas-for-Parents.pdf>

The link above has some nice simple ideas you may like to explore with your child.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WI9LbzTFX6E> (Brief overview of workshop)

<https://www.barnardos.ie/media/16421/barnardos-online-safety-cyberbullying-report-2022.pdf>

(Link to cyberbullying report 2022)

This Week 3rd-6th classes will engage in online safety classes facilitated by Barnardos. Now, more than ever, we believe it is important for children to be aware of how to be safe and resilient online.

We hope all children benefit from this work.

Workshops for parents will be facilitated over coming weeks.



St Vincent de Paul

Over the years Scoil Iósaif Naofa has done much fundraising for St Vincent De Paul.

If any family in our school community is in need and may need a little support please contact St Vincent de Paul on 091 563233. They will provide support in the form of vouchers for uniforms- food boxes etc.

There is never any shame in asking for support...one of our school mottos is 'asking for support is a sign of strength'.



Coding Workshops

We wish to thank Niall Kelly from Microsoft who will be coming into the school next week to do a coding workshop with 3rd class, 3rd/4th split class and 4th class as part of Microsoft Month of Code 2023.

Engineers Week

4th – 10th March 2023

Family Fun Day- Engineers Week

University of Galway is calling all ‘wanna-be-engineers’ to participate in a free full day family event ‘Engineering Our Future: Family Fun Day’, which will take place on Saturday, 4th March 2023 from 10am–4pm in the Alice Perry Engineering Building at University of Galway.

The Family Fun Day is part of the Engineers Week 2023, which celebrates engineering across Ireland. The Family Fun Day will provide plenty of science and engineering shows, movie screenings, workshops and hands-on activities that will inspire young (and older) people.

All details about the Family Fun Day are available at www.universityofgalway.ie/engineersweek and bookings of free tickets can also be made through the website.



Food Dudes –

We will be starting the Food Dudes programme in all classes from next week. Fresh fruit and veg samples will be delivered to the school in compostable individual bags for the children to taste over the course of a few weeks.

Unless we hear directly from you we understand that all children are allowed to participate in the programme. Obviously no child will be forced to taste anything they don't wish to taste but they will be encouraged!!

Food Dudes is an award winning curriculum-linked evidence-based healthy eating programme, developed to encourage children to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. It is based on repeated tastings of fresh fruit and vegetables, rewards and positive role models.

The Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme brings about significant change and improvement in childrens' eating habits. The programme effectively increases provision and consumption of fruits and vegetables at home and in school both in the short- and long-term.

We look forward to getting the children's feedback on completion of the programme. Hopefully you'll notice a little positive change at home also!!!