



# St. Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Keeping in touch  
Summer 2008  
Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year and that we get our Summer holidays on Friday, June the 27th.

## I take this opportunity to thank

- You the Parents for your continuing support throughout the year. It's great to know that in St. Joseph's we have a very strong link between the parents and the school. I thank you for this.
- The teachers and staff of our school for their dedication, enthusiasm, commitment and genuine interest in the children who attend St. Joseph's.

May you all have a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all revived and refreshed on Monday September 1st 2008.

Go dti sin, go dtéigh sibh slán is go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as na laethanta saoire! Mise le meas, C. Ní Dhrisceoil

This year was another very busy, rewarding year for us. We have enjoyed tremendous successes during the year in the areas of:

**Sport** (Cross country running, and Cork City Sports),

**Academic life** - The Sherkin Island Environmental Competition (Language Support classes),

**The Irish Aid Global Schools Award**, Chelsea Cunningham, Jessica Creed and Kimberly Herlihy 6th class.

**The Cork History Project Competition** (Orla McDonagh 5th Class

**Macroom E Climate Change Project Competition** 5th class

**The INTO Handwriting Competition** Angelika Stefaniak 4th Class

**Cultural Life:** We had our first INTERCULTURAL Day and it was an outstanding success,

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the girls in second class who received their First Holy Communion on May 24th. Well done to their teacher Ms. Crowley who prepared them so well. Fr. Coleman celebrated the Mass. Special thanks to Mrs. O'Brien and Ms. McSweeney for the excellent singing and recorder playing.

## Thanks

To all of you who baked, made sandwiches etc and helped in any way at the First Communion Party.

It was great to see so many parents helping on the day! It really added to the party feeling!! Thank you.

## Confirmation

Bishop John Magee confirmed the 6th class children on April 23rd. This was a very solemn occasion and the children from 4th, 5th and 6th sang and played beautifully at it.

Thanks to everyone

## The Parents' Association

Thank you to the Parents' Association who organised many activities and fund raising events this year including:

- Personal Accident Insurance for children.
- Santa's visit.
- Bag packing.
- Easter raffle.
- "Cuppa" at First Communion.
- Church gate collection.
- Sponsored walk

All money collected will be used to subsidise school activities and up-grade equipment/resources in the school. Thank you for supporting their events.

- **Drama classes** were a particular highlight this year and we had wonderful performances at Christmas and at Easter from all the classes. Every child had the opportunity to perform on stage in front of a packed hall. We look forward to more next year!!

## The Mc Cormick Variety Group

visited the school in May and entertained the children with a glitzy spectacular musical show.

Everyone enjoyed it!!!

## Intercultural Day

On June 11th, we had an Intercultural Day. It was a wonderful educational and cultural experience to learn about the toys, art, music, costumes, food, history, geography, and flags of countries in Europe and throughout the world. Volunteers from various cultures displayed pictures, had samples of food and showed national costumes. The children saw saris and spices from India, hurleys and Aran sweaters from Ireland, potatoes and mince dinners from Lithuania, baobab trees from Africa, rugby balls from Scotland, riggets from Malaysia, salted sticks from Poland and cheese scones from Hungary. The day finished with a concert and we all thoroughly enjoyed the children and their parents perform songs and dances in traditional costumes proving to us all that music is the Universal language for us all!

### **New School Jacket**

We are introducing a jacket to our school uniform. It is a royal blue regatta jacket with the school crest on the front. It can be purchased in Browne's South Square and in Cronin's Main St..

For the school year 2008/09 the jacket will be optional for 6th class girls and 1st class boys. All other children will need the jacket in September.

**Enjoy the  
holidays!**

**School reopens on Monday  
1st September.**

**Sr. Brigid has extended her career  
break for another year. I wish her well  
and I look forward to working with all  
of you again next year.** K. O'Driscoll

### **Black Shoes**

From September 1st all children will be expected to wear black shoes with the dress/trousers uniform.

Runners are to be worn with the track suit.

### **1st class boys**

We wish our 1st class boys every success as they head off to St. Colman's. They have been a pleasure to have in the school and we will miss them!!

Keep in touch boys!

### **Fun for all day**

This is one of the most enjoyable days of the year where we forget the school books and we go out and have fun!!

It happened on Thursday the 28th May and thanks to Ms. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Cronin for organising it.

### **School tours**

This is the time of year for school tours and Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. O'Brien took their classes to Cork City Gaol, and then they went ten pin bowling!!!

The Ms. Kelleher classes went to Killarney and had a fantastic day out.

### **6th Class Graduation**

On June 19th a special graduation Mass was celebrated by Fr. Coleman to celebrate the 6th class girls' "graduation" "from Primary School. It was both a happy and a sad occasion in that we are sorry to see such a fine group of girls leave us and yet we are glad that they are ready to move on, We have to make room for the new Junior Infants!!! On the night the girls entertained their parents and teachers with "memories of primary school!". Mrs. O'Driscoll presented special commemorative medals and assured the girls of a welcome in St. Joseph's anytime they visit.