



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BUNSCOIL EOIN BAISTE



NEWSLETTER / NUACHTLITIR

WELCOME

Welcome to Our New School Newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of our refreshed school newsletter! We've created this space to ensure our families stay connected with everything happening inside our classrooms. Moving forward, you can look forward to regular updates on upcoming events, student achievements and important school news - all in one easy-to-read place. Our goal is to make sure you feel part of your child's journey every step of the way.

Mrs Coleman
Acting Principal

Stay Connected with St. John the Baptist Online!

As we head into a busy term, we want to remind all parents, guardians, and students to make the most of our official school website. It is the central hub for everything happening in our school community. Whether you are looking for the latest news, term dates, or specific classroom updates, you can find it all at: www.stjohnthebaptist.org.uk



Spring is in the air and so is the excitement for our annual Easter Raffle which takes place on Wednesday, 1st April. All proceeds from the event will go directly to The Bluebell Trust and Trócaire, two incredible causes who carry out vital work both locally and globally.



April:

- Thursday 2nd April schools closes at 11am
- Easter Holidays - Friday 3rd April to Friday 10th April
- Monday 13th April School Re-opens
- Saturday 18th April Confirmation - 2pm St John the Baptist Church
- Saturday 25th April First Communion - 11am St John the Baptist Church
- Saturday 25th April An Chéad Chomaoineach - 1pm St John the Baptist Church

Digital Newsletters

To help us communicate more effectively and reduce our paper waste, we are moving toward sharing our school newsletter via email.

We want to ensure every parent and guardian stays up to date with school news, upcoming events and pupil achievements delivered straight to your inbox!

Paper copies will also be available at the school office.

Data Collection Form: School Digital Mailing List

Please complete the details below and return this slip to your child's teacher or the school office.

- Parent/Guardian Name: _____
- Child's Name & Class: _____
- Email Address: _____

**A Masterclass in Drama:
Bunscoil Success in Armagh!**

We are incredibly proud of our Bunscoil pupils, who gave a truly stellar performance at the Irish language drama festival held at The Market Place Theatre, Armagh.

Our KS2 students took to the stage with a brilliant production of "Éalú na gCearc," an original play written by An tUasal Mac Eoin. Every single student played their part with outstanding talent and enthusiasm, making it a day to remember for the whole school community.

The school's creativity and hard work were officially recognised with two fantastic awards:

- The Adjudicator's Prize: Awarded for the best costumes and props.
- Best Female Actor: A massive congratulations to Ríoghnach Nic Cába for taking home this prestigious individual award!

Comhghairdeas mór le gach duine—what a fantastic achievement!



Stars of the Month: Shining with Respect!

A huge congratulations to our Stars of the Month! This month, our focus has been on the core value of Respect, and these pupils have truly led by example.

Whether it was listening intently to their peers, showing kindness to staff or taking pride in looking after our school environment, these students have shown what it means to be a respectful member of our school community. We are so proud of how you carry yourselves and the positive atmosphere you help create in your classrooms.

Keep up the fantastic work—you are all wonderful role models for your peers!

Next month's value - Forgiveness



Help Our School Garden Bloom!

We are thrilled to announce an exciting new project to transform the garden area at the side of our school into a vibrant, nature-rich sanctuary. Our goal is to create a peaceful space where pupils can explore the outdoors, observe "mini-beasts" and enjoy quiet reading time in the fresh air.

To bring this vision to life, our Eco Team is looking for donations and a few extra pairs of hands!

How You Can Help:

1. Donate Greenery & Materials: If you can provide any of the following, please leave them at the school entrance or the office:

- Bedding plants, outdoor plants, or small shrubs.
- Old tyres for upcycling into planters.
- Wood or materials for birdhouses and seating.

2. Join Our Volunteer Team: Whether you have "green fingers," DIY skills, or just a willingness to help, we would love your support with:

- Building wildlife habitats (bug hotels or hedgehog houses).
- Creating bird feeders and wildflower areas.
- Painting planters and constructing simple wooden seating.

Every contribution, no matter how small, helps make our school a more welcoming and vibrant place for our children to learn, play, and connect with nature.

Interested? Please contact the school office if you can offer any time, skills or materials.

**Get Active This Easter at
Tír na nÓg GAA!**

Looking for a way to keep the kids active and engaged over the Easter break? Healthy Kidz and Conaty Coaching are bringing their popular Easter Camps to Tír na nÓg GAA on Thursday, April 9th and Friday, April 10th.

With sessions tailored for different age groups, it's a fantastic opportunity for young athletes to sharpen their skills and have a blast with friends.



Get Ready for Sports Day / Lá Spóirt!

Mark your calendars! Sports Day is fast approaching on **Friday, 12th June**.

To ensure everyone has the best experience possible, the events will be split across two locations:

P/R1 – P/R3: Location: School Grounds

P/R4 – P/R7: Location: Tír na nÓg GFC

Fuel for the Fans! We haven't forgotten about our supporters! To keep all parents and guardians "fed and watered" there will be coffee carts available at both sites serving hot drinks and refreshments.

