



# St. Joseph's Newsletter December 2024



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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I hope you are all keeping well. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you over the coming days. I would like to remind you that the school will close at 12p.m. on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> and re-open on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a wonderful new year ahead. I look forward to working with you all again in 2025!

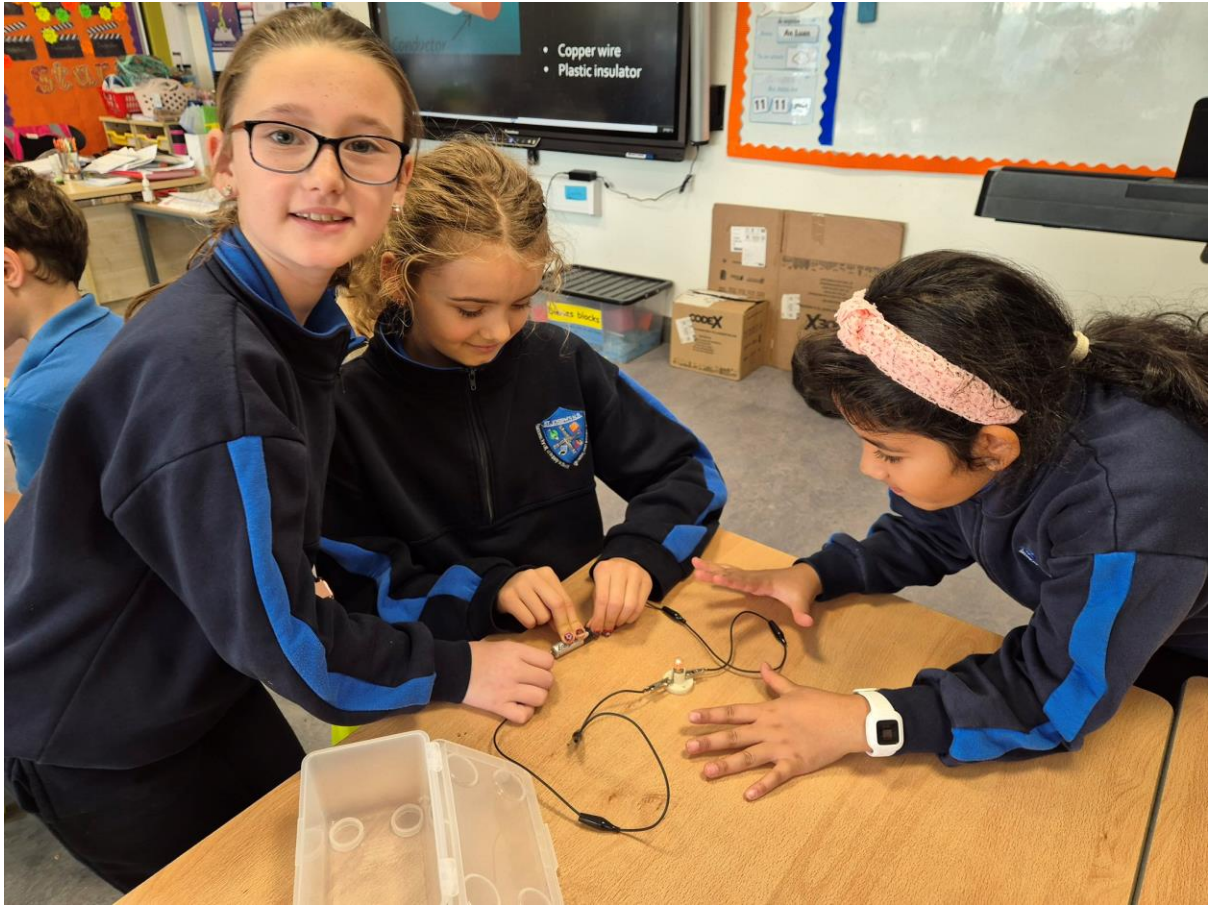
**Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh go léir,**

**Úna O' Kelly**

**School Principal**

## Science Week







St. Joseph's had a wonderful science week from Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see all the pupils engaging in science experiments and investigations. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> really enjoyed the Junior Einstein workshops. It was lovely to see the parents visit 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to help them with their robotics projects.

### Junior Entrepreneur Competition





The chairperson of the parent's council and the principal were privileged to judge some amazing business product ideas that were well thought out, innovative and marketed very well. After much deliberation, Patrick and Julia's products were awarded as the final product ideas for this year's JEP programme in each class. Well done to all on a fantastic start to this year's programme. Keep an eye out for two amazing products that will be coming soon.

**Green Schools Committee**



Our Green Schools Committee spoke so positively at our senior assembly today about our goal of achieving our Green Flag. They also introduced our battery recycling programme in the school. Children are encouraged to recycle their batteries in our boxes provided by WEEE.

**Credit Union Art Competition Winners**



### **Christmas Fair**

The parent's council will be holding their Christmas fair this **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Each class will be visiting the fair during the school day. All donations of cakes, buns and toys are welcome. These can be handed in to the school office all the way up to Friday morning. Freshly baked cakes and buns can be handed in Friday morning and packaged cakes and buns can be handed in any day up to Friday. Thank you to the Parent's Council for organising this.

### **Christmas concert**

The school **Christmas concert** will take place on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**. This a hugely popular event and is exceptionally well attended every year. For your comfort and more importantly for your safety we have asked parents to indicate their intention to attend prior to the day. Each class group will be performing at the concert and we hope it will be an enjoyable day for all. We will be holding two concert sessions. **Session 1 will be at 9:15a.m.** and **session 2 will be held at 11:30a.m.** All classes will be performing at each session. A google form link was emailed to you in November to book your tickets for your preferred concert session time. Tickets will be limited to two per family. If you require wheelchair access, please let us know when booking your tickets. Pushchairs/buggies can be stored in front of the school by the bike sheds near the front door entrance on the day. The teachers and pupils are working hard preparing for the Christmas concert at present. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful festive occasion with you on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **6<sup>th</sup> class Christmas Play**

6<sup>th</sup> class will be performing their Nativity Play "**Straw and Order**" at **7p.m. on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> December** in the school hall. They look forward to welcoming their parents on this occasion for their last Christmas play in St. Joseph's.



### Santa Visit

A very special visitor, Santa will be visiting the school on **Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> December** accompanied by a Garda escort. Each class will be allowed visit Santa and take a class photo with him. He might even be treated to a song along the way. Thanks to the parent's council for organising this.

### Choir visit to nursing home



Well done to our school choir for putting on a wonderful performance at Mount Pleasant Lodge nursing home to-day. Lovely to see both the young and the elderly singing along together. Thanks to Ms. Shiel Nolan and Mr Hodgkinson for organising.

### Dates for your diary

- Christmas Fair: December 13<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas concert December 18<sup>th</sup> 9:15 and 11:30
- 6<sup>th</sup> class Christmas play December 17<sup>th</sup> @7p.m.
- Santa visit to school December 19<sup>th</sup>
- School closes 12p.m. December 20<sup>th</sup>
- School re-opens January 6<sup>th</sup>

Don't forget to download our [Aladdin Connect App](#) if you haven't already done so to keep up to date with news from school.

Don't forget you can also keep up with all our latest news in the blog section of the school website [www.stjosephskilcock.com](http://www.stjosephskilcock.com) and on twitter @sjnskilcock

**Success for all, a happy school-Learning and Growing together**