

St Joseph's National School

Boyerstown

Newsletter 8th April 2019

1. Congratulations to the victorious Mini-7's camogie team and their coach Miss O'Brien on their impressive victory in the Meath Finals in Dunganny last Wednesday. The girls defeated Kildalkey, Trim and Dunboyne on their way to the Meath title. This is a great achievement to follow up on their runners-up performance in the Mini-7's camogie Finals in 2018. The ten girls involved were Libby Clynych, Caitlin Ratty, Kate Kearney, Clodagh Fitzsimons, Sarah McHugh, Orlaith Reilly, Niamh Rattigan, Chloe White, Chloe Rogers and Aoibhinn Ratty.
2. Hard luck to our Boys 5-a-side soccer teams who competed with great determination and skill last Monday in the 2019 FAI Meath Schools competition in the MDL Pitches, Trim Road, Navan. The emerging talent team led by Alfie Kellett, and Nathan Casserly played three games winning one 4-2 and losing two games 4-3 and 7-2. Others to star on this team were Kyle Fitzpatrick, Alvin Barry, Eoghan Darcy, Aran Bray, Andrew Treacy and Alejo Rogers-Suarez. Our first team led by Ian McKeever and Conor Finnegan won their first five games conceding only two goals and scoring over forty goals. However they came up against a very skilful and speedy Curraha team in their final game who deservedly clinched the spot in the Meath Finals on April 10th. Other players to stand out in this team were Diarmuid ÓBric, Oisín Dunne-Christie, Michael Carr, Tom Brennan, Evan Moyles and Matthew Martin.
3. Congratulations to Libby Clynych who reached the Final ten competitors in this years Meath Spelling Bee Finals held in St. Mary N. S., Trim last Wednesday. There were 36 competitors in total, each chosen as the best spellers in their primary schools. Libby displayed great spelling ability and calmness to negotiate her way to the third last round of the competition.
4. The Boys Hurling Team play Gaelscoil na Ríthe, Dunshaughlin in the First round of the Division 3 Meath Cumann na mBunscol competition for 2019 in Boyerstown tomorrow (Tuesday) @ 1pm.
5. The Girls Camogie Team play Boardsmill N.S. on Thursday in the Meath Cumann na mBunscol Division 2 Camogie Schools Championship in Boyerstown - time to be confirmed.
6. Hard luck to our Girls 5-a-side soccer team who were most unfortunate to exit the Meath FAI Schools Soccer competition losing to Rathbeggan N.S. by a single goal. The team had won it's qualifying group comfortably showing great teamwork and drive winning all three games. However the girls met a resolute Rathbeggan outfit in their last eight game and despite creating many chances, they couldn't manage to beat a strong defence and in-form goalie. The team was led by Toyah Hennessey and Orlaith Reilly and had star performers in Sophia Reilly, Rebecca Reilly, Caitlin Ratty, Sarah McHugh, Cayla Becton and Sophie Smyth. The emerging talent team won two of their three qualifying games but were beaten by St. Anne's N.S., Navan, who progressed from the group to qualify for the Meath Finals on April 10th. This team was powered on by Emily O'Regan,

Sarah-Jane Barry and Kate Kearney ably assisted by the talents of Chloe White, Veronica Rogers, Chloe Rogers, Libby Clynch, Aoibhinn Ratty and Eabha Darcy.

7. A reminder to all parents/guardians that school finishes @ 12 noon this Friday April 12th for the Easter Holidays. School will re-open on Monday 29th April @ 9.15am.

8. Other dates for the Diary are as follows =

May Bank Holiday - School closed on Monday 6th May

First Holy Communion - Saturday 11th May

Local & European Election Day - School Closed Fri 24th May

June Bank Holiday - School closed on Fri 31st May and Mon 3rd June

Summer Holidays - School closes @ 12noon on Wed 26th June.

9. A sincere thank you to all the pupils and their parents/guardians for the very encouraging positive response to our punctuality strategy. In the months of February and March there has been a most significant improvement in the punctuality of pupils arriving to school in the morning. The pupils arriving to school on time received class treats organised by their teachers at the end of February and March to celebrate their success. Thanks again to pupils, parents/guardians for their continued support in this initiative.
10. 3rd & 4th enjoyed a special visit from Adrian McNally the local climber who summited Mount Everest in 2018. He explained to the pupils about his preparation and the difficulties and highlights of his eight week journey to the top of the highest mountain in the world.
11. The whole school was honoured to receive a visit from Francis Power, Special Olympian, who recently won a silver medal for table tennis in the Special Olympics in March in Abu Dhabi. He was accompanied by Philomena, who was a scorekeeper for the Basketball competition in the Special Olympics and Megan Garry who was an athlete's assistant at the games. The pupils gave Francis and Philomena a wonderful reception in the school hall and Francis proudly displayed his silver Olympic medal for all.

Cathal ÓBric

Principal