

St Josephs' Spanish Point

February Newsletter 2020

Catholic Schools Week

This year we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with activities each day, beginning with a junior and senior prayer service on Monday 26th of January led by Fr Donagh. Each morning a student from each year group read a reflection to the school via the intercom and on Wednesday first year students received a talk on our responsibility towards the earth from Sr Angela from the convent next door to our school. We ended the week with our first year students being mentored by both staff and senior students on how to make a St. Brigid's Cross. A huge thank you to everyone involved in helping convey the themes of Catholic Schools Week this year to our whole school community.





Sr. Angela informing first years on how to care for our earth.

French Exchange Tour

On the 22nd of January, twenty six 2nd Year students and three teachers, Caitriona Flanagan, Katrina Behan and Paul Hickey travelled to France for an exchange with College Jeanne d'Arc in Albertville in the Savoie Region of France. Each student was linked with a correspondent before leaving and stayed with a French family for the week when they arrived. Throughout the week they took part in many different activities from touring the 1992 Winter Olympics Stadium, the purest lake in France in Annecy, the medieval town of Conflans, fun in the snow in the Alps, as well as some classes with their French correspondents. Overall a great week was had by both students and teachers, and we look forward to the returning visit from our hosts in May.



Geography Trip

Our 5th year Geography class went caving in the Burren to experience first hand the Karst underground features. A huge thank you to Ms O'Doherty for organising the trip. All the students had a great day out and enjoyed the experience immensely.



The Marty Party Arrived in St. Joseph's on Valentines Day!

Great fun was the order of the day when Marty Morrissey and Bernard O'Shea visited our school with an RTÉ camera crew filming for their new show. We were delighted to have Marty come visit as he explained to Bernard about his time in St. Joseph's as a member of the teaching staff. Ms Gammell was even able to locate one of Marty's old log tables! Both Marty and Bernard were also highlighting the important service of the RNLi in our coastal region.



Bernard O'Shea with Pamela Maloney (Secretary) and Marty Morrissey



Bernard signed autographs and took selfies with many students!
Bernard O'Shea and Ross Shannon (2nd Yr)

Highlight of February

Jack Healy 7years old from Liscannor paid our first year RE class a visit to present his savings jar to Fr Donagh who has travelled to Missionvale in South Africa with some of our students. Jack shared to the class how he was inspired to help the poor children in Africa after watching a programme on tv. Jack left an indelible impression on our students as they sat in awe listening to him talk about how he wanted to make a difference in the world. Jack asked not to be given birthday or Christmas presents but a donation of €5 instead. With his donations he was able to present to Fr Donagh a jar worth €506.61. Jack's mum Karen is a classroom assistant in our school and a huge thank you to both Karen and of course Jack for this fantastic donation that will certainly make a difference in Missionvale.



Fr. Donagh O'Meara with Jack Healy.

Random Acts of Kindness

Well done to our TY Young SVP Team who surprised the Leaving Cert and the Junior Cert students with chocolate chip cookies on the final day of their mock exams. A huge thank you to Ms Comber and the team for such a kind and thoughtful gesture which was appreciated by all!



TY SVP Team



Grateful Leaving Certs with Cookies!!

Missionvale

We look forward to hearing from our students and Fr Donagh who will be travelling to Capetown during the midterm to carry out missionary work in Missionvale. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to hearing about their experience on their return.



Diarmuid O'Sullivan (TY), Liam Lenihan (6th Yr), Ciara Burke & Alison O'Loughlin (5th Yr) and Rachael O'Halloran Teacher ready to depart from Shannon Airport to Capetown.