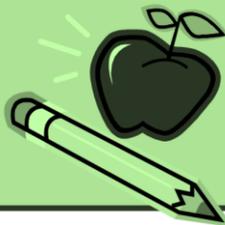




Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter



Nursery/Infants 1 trip to Discover, Children's Story Center

On Tuesday, we visited Discover for an imaginative exhibition of 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. Firstly, we saw the story being acted out and then we explored the interactive world of the famous Judith Kerr's many wonderful books. The girls loved re-enacting these stories using the many resources which really brought them to life. It was a magical experience.

'I liked eating cake with the tiger!' **Kamah**

'I was pretending to be Mog the Cat' **Anna**

'I was driving the pretend bus' **Rosie**

'I dressed up as a flying crocodile' **Aila**

Attendance Figures

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| Nursery | 100% | Prep 1 | 98% |
| Infants 1 | 100% | Prep 2 | 99 % |
| Infants 2 | 99% | Prep 3 | 96% |
| Infants 3 | 94% | Prep 4 | 92% |



Prep 4 have been reading, "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan. The book tackles issues relating to migration and refugees. Early in the book the main character leaves his family home and says an emotional goodbye at the train station. Neomi wrote a beautifully emotive recount of the scene...

Sunlight shone through the ancient, dilapidated, moth-eaten curtains, I awoke. Yawning, I released my teddy from my firm grip, to get dressed. I traipsed down the wooden creaking stairs, to see a bowl of cereal, beside it was a glass of milk. However my parents were not in vision, the room seemed empty. As soon as I perched myself on the chair, I noticed an immense, grimy black suitcase. The family photo had gone.

Mother entered the room, white and shaking alongside her was Father who had a hat, shoes and traveller's coat on. In his right hand there was a ticket. Only one. A bitter tear rolled down my pale cheek. Was this the end?

I ran to embrace him, as we left the house, for him, maybe the last time. I held his hand, gazing at him, devouring every last moment. I hear the trains, clacking along the tracks. It was almost time. Mother and I sobbed as Father said "Remember me, be good Anastasia." He stepped onto the vast train; the doors slammed shut. His strained smiling face appeared in the foggy window. The train slithered away until it became a speck in the distance. I heard the repeating echoes of "Be good Anastasia". Mother and I meandered home. Alone.



Congratulations to the Queen and Prince Phillip

This week, we acknowledged the significant event of the Queen and Prince Phillip celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary. What a remarkable milestone.

Online Dinner & Club Bookings

You are now able to make your dinner and club bookings until the end of term, via your SchoolMoney account.

On **Wednesday 11th December**, all children will have a special Christmas Dinner. Please remember to book this, particularly if your daughter usually has packed lunches.



Dates for your diaries

A reminder of the events coming up over the next few weeks

Thursday 28th November - final swimming lesson

Monday 2nd December - final week of extra-curricular clubs (before/afterschool club continues)

Tuesday 3rd December - Prep girls to OLOL church for Reconciliation Service.

Thursday 5th December - Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 5th December Scholastic Book Fair arrives. Available in the Nursery afterschool. Please come and support us.

Friday 6th December - Infant Nativity at 2pm. All parents invited in at 1.30pm for refreshments

Monday 9th December - Sleeping Beauty pantomime in school

Tuesday 10th December - Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner for all children

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas singing for old people's home

Thursday 12th December - 2pm Prep Carol Service/Orchestra - All parents invited for refreshments at 1.30pm. **Term ends 3.15pm**

Please note that the Preps will not be singing in church on **Sunday 15th December** as previously advised, as many families will be away for the Christmas Holidays. Thank you.

Important Reminders

For the safety of your daughter/s, all children must either be taken to before- school club or supervised in the school playground until the black gate is opened. Thank you.

All girls MUST wear their school felt hat to school EVERY day.

Girls should also be wearing gloves in the extremely cold weather. I am happy for all girls to have a bottle green woolly hat/beanie for PE and outdoor play, which can stay in school. Thank you.

Some girls still do not have plimsolls for indoor sports and trainers for outdoor sports. Please also check that your daughter's plimsolls do still fit.

Hockey Club - due to the extreme cold weather, all girls must now play in 'skins' (thermal wear) under their PE kit and tracksuits. These can be purchased from all good sports shops. Despite previous requests, some girls are still arriving for training without shin pads, long sports socks, gum shields and sturdy training shoes. In order to avoid injury, please provide the correct items.

NHS Nasal Flu Immunisations

All forms must be returned by 29th November please!