8. Nuachtlitir 19/01/2023

### Catholic Schools Week Jan 22rd - 29th

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2023 is "Walking Together in Faith & Love".

The daily themes are:

Monday: Walking Together in Faith
Tuesday: Walking Together in Love

**Wednesday:** Walking Together to Celebrate - Grandparents' Day (Celebrating those who help us on the journey of faith, themes of inclusion of the elderly in society – Pope Francis' Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022)

**Thursday:** Walking Together to Transform our World (Themes of environment)

**Friday:** Walking Together in Hope

#### **Grandparents' Day**

Grandparents' Day takes place next Wednesday, January 25th and in class the children will be completing special activities for their grandparents. We understand some children may not have grandparents to share their activities with and so children will have the option to complete their activity for someone special to them instead. The children will bring their activities home with them so that they can share them with their grandparents/special person. Please let your child's class teacher know if Grandparents Day will be a sensitive time for your child.

Due to the large numbers of pupils in our school it is unfortunately no longer possible to invite all grandparents to visit our school on Grandparents Day. Instead, we will be inviting grandparents of our 3rd Class pupils to visit our school for Grandparents Day. We look forward to welcoming them to our school at 1.30pm for a visit to the 3rd Class classrooms as well as a short performance by the 3rd Class children and some light refreshments.

We hope to make this a special event for the grandparents of all children when they reach 3rd class going forward.

#### **Battery Recycling**

Did you know that the average household has 12 used batteries hiding in their homes that could be recycled? They could be in old toys, toothbrushes or games console controllers. We have registered for WEEE Ireland's Battery Recycling Challenge and have become a battery recycling point for students and staff. It's an easy way to do our part to help tackle climate change and protect the environment and will be an important part of our Green Schools programme this year. Additionally, every battery recycled by WEEE Ireland goes towards a donation fund to LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice. Please send in any used batteries you have at home. We will collect batteries from now until the Easter holidays (March 31st).

## **Enrolment Forms for Junior Infants 2023/2024**

Please return enrolment forms before January 30th.

# **Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)**

We will be commencing our RSE lessons in February. Next week you will receive an email about the content of the programme.

Mise le meas,

Mairéad Ui Íomhair.