

Dear Science Teacher

Welcome to this year's first E-Newsletter. We are looking forward to supporting and meeting you online over the weeks and months ahead. We recognise the effort teachers went to engage with us in a very different world over the last year and we hope to build on these new digital skills as we move towards our new normal.

Science Team

There have been some changes to the team over the summer. We would like to wish Aine Woods all the best in her new role in JCT and welcome Niall Kelly as Team Leader.

New Resources



Following the feedback from you regarding the use of Thinglink as a platform to guide student learning, the JCT science team have developed a 'How to Thinglink'. This is presented through a teacher pathway and supported by a corresponding student pathway.

It supports you in developing a unit of learning for your students on the Thinglink platform. It also provides an example of one way of engaging students with a contextual learning outcome which is complimented by the Nature of Science. You can access the sample by clicking on the link '[Thinglink – Do Micro-Organisms deserve their bad reputation?](#)'

To access resources to support teachers in engaging with Junior Cycle science please click on the link to our [resources section](#) of the JCT website.

Future CPD Opportunities



Starting the **13th of September**, we are delighted to be catching up with schools who had to reschedule their science cluster day last year. Through this link you can access all the [resources from cluster 2021](#).

Back by popular demand we are **rerunning** the ESERO and JCT, ‘Supporting Earth & Space Teaching and Learning’ from November 2020. We are bringing you “flipped CPD”. In partnership with ESERO Ireland, we are delighted to offer CPD with a difference. On registration, we will send you a pack of materials and classroom resources to engage with prior to the online experience. You will then join other teachers for a live online discussion on your learning and observations (**21st September @7.00pm**). Click on the link for [registration](#) and further details.



On **Saturday 2nd of October**, JCT Science is delighted to partner with ESERO Ireland and CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory to present the 4th edition of the ESERO Ireland Space Education Conference as a live online event.

Running as part of [Space Week](#) (4th – 10th of October), with the support of Science Foundation Ireland, this conference aims to support the teaching and learning of the Junior Cycle Earth and Space strand with inspiring and practical approaches to teaching science. More details to follow.

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- You might like to follow us on twitter - [@JctScience](#)
- We will also continue to keep in touch by email for those on our [mailing list](#)
- Check in with the [News section](#) of our website
- Contact us by [email](#) with questions or suggestions

Wishing you an exciting year ahead with Junior Cycle science.

Kind Regards

The JCT Science Team