

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

New Students

We look forward to welcoming the following children to our school in September:



Junior Infants: Ryan Aspin-Dermody, Cooper Byrne, James Clarke, Ruairí Corrigan, Layla Duffy, Gráinne Gorman, Annabel Jane Hynes, Jaxon Lambe, Molly Larkin, Danny Laverty, Mark Monahan, Ben Morton, Emily O'Rourke, Hannah Patton, Odhran Scilley, Lara Shevlin-Boothman, Tony Woods

Senior Infants: Naoise-Kate McGuinness

5th Class: Seán Kieran

GAA Achievements

Congratulations to our 6th class student **Fionn**

Connolly who has been chosen to play at National Level in Croke Park at the All-Ireland Football Semi-Final in August. Fionn this is a fantastic achievement, well done!

Also congratulations to **Aoife McGee** and **Brígh McEntegart** who were recently chosen to compete with Louth U12s in Portlaoise and won their division in the Leinster Blitz. Well done to both of you!

Summer Stars at the

Library

From mid June to the end of August, the Dundalk Library is once more running the successful *Summer Stars Reading Adventure*, with reading, storytelling and other fun activities for children.

We would encourage you to join this programme so that your children continue to read during the summer. There are incentives and rewards along the way. You can access more information from www.louthcoco.ie/libraries and check out the activities on www.summerstars.ie



Kilkerley Playground

Association Fundraising

This year our annual Jumble Sale organised by Ms Fahy and our 6th class students raised **€1078.82** for the Kilkerley Playground Association. Thank you for your support.



Devin Murphy from 5th class completed a cycle in Castlewellan and raised **€50** towards the playground. Well done Devin!

Many thanks to Kilkerley Playground Association, **Ken and Majella Babington, Peter and Orlaith Kelleher, Niall McEntegart** and **Bronagh McGee** for all of your hard work in securing this wonderful resource.

The playground will be open when the school closes at 12 midday on Thursday 28th June. All are welcome to come and try it out! There will be an official opening ceremony in the coming weeks.

Sports Evening

Our annual Sports Evening on June 7th was a great success. Many thanks to Adrian and Jennifer Conlon of 'The Brew Crew' who provided refreshments on the night and donated the proceeds of €286.50 which covered the cost of the medals.



A total of **€321** was raised at the HB Ice cream Down Syndrome Ireland event. Thank you to Ciara Tennyson and all who helped out!

5th Class Fun Day

5th class, using their profits raised through the sale of their 'Button Buddiez' for their Junior Entrepreneur Programme, hosted a 'Fun Day' in school on Tuesday 26th June. On this day the class organised a large inflated obstacle course and other fun outdoor activities for all of the school to enjoy. They also had a pizza delivery on the day for themselves.

Well done to Ms Conlon and 5th Class for organising this event.



Zeeko Safer Internet Use

Recent studies show that addictive online games can be as damaging for kid's brains as drugs and alcohol. The Zeeko Internet Safety Guide provides tangible and specific advice on how parents, teachers, and others can protect children online. The guide advocates an open communication between parents and children, and provides specific suggestions on how to manage this. Please download the Zeeko Internet Safety Guide from our school website <https://www.kilkerleyns.com/internet-safety-guide.html> (use the password *Kilkerley123*).



Also worth noting are these websites with great information for parents:

www.commonsemmedia.org

<http://cybersafeireland.org/>

GROW Awards

Congratulations to **Michael Kirby** from our Green Schools Committee who was nominated in Junior Environmentalist of the Year at the recent GROW Awards ceremony in Crowne Plaza.

Basketball

Congratulations to our teams who took part in Dundalk Sports Centre Basketball Blitz.

Our boys team got through to the finals and came home with silver medals.

Boys: Andrew Thornton, James O'Donnell, John Tennyson, Darragh Conlon, Andrew Thorton, Jerry McFadden, Michael Kirby, Oran McMahan, Taylor Donnelly, Fionn Connolly, Glen Hoey and Cormac Mallon.



Girls: Niamh Cawley, Aoife Clarke, Kayleigh Gray Oakes, Aoibhe Holland, Bronagh Lennon, Aoife McGee, Niamh McGee, Laura McKeivitt, Clodagh Sharkey, Jemma Turnbull and Breanna Winters.

New School Uniforms

Dunnes Stores are currently running good value deals on multipacks for new school uniforms so that you will be set up for our return to school at the end of August!

Green Flag

We will be holding our Green Flag raising ceremony on the day of the holidays (Thrsday 28th) at 11am.



Mrs. Brennan, our previous Green Schools Co-ordinator is our special guest and will raise our new flag.

There will be singing and maybe even a little treat for the children to say thank you for all their great work.

Parents are welcome to come along to watch proceedings if they wish!

Attendance Medals

Attendance medals will be awarded on the last day of term. Gold medals will be presented to those who missed no days, while those who missed 1-2 days will receive silver medals. Congratulations!



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And finally, we wish our 6th class of 2018 every joy and blessing as they head into secondary school. We will miss you all.



They are:

Niamh Cawley, Aoife Clarke, Tom Clarke, Darragh Conlon, Fionn Connolly, Padraic Donnelly, Jon Eaton, Caoimhe Fitzgerald, Kayleigh Gray Oakes, Aoibhe Holland, Bronagh Lennon, Cormac Mallon, Charlotte McAleer, Áine McEnteggart, Jerry McFadden, Aoife McGee, Niamh McGee, Emma McKenna, Laura McKeivitt, James O'Donnell, Clodagh Sharkey, John Tennyson, Andrew Thornton, Ben Tumulty, Daniel Turley, Jemma Turnbull and Breanna Winters.

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A special thank you to the families that are now leaving the school, they are the Gray-Oakes, Mallons, McAleers, McEnteggarts, McKeivitts, and the Turnbolls.

You have been a great support to us over the years. We wish your family health and happiness into the future.

Have a wonderful summer! We will see you all on 29th August!

