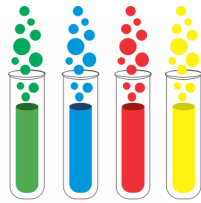


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Science Fair

Our annual Science Fair took place in the GP Room on Thursday 11th April. The children took turns presenting their experiments and viewing experiments conducted by other classes. Thank you to all the parents who came to visit on the day.



KiVa Anti-Bullying Initiative



All members of staff have now completed training in the KiVa Anti-Bullying Initiative. We look forward to launching the programme in the next school year.

PA Table Quiz 17th May

Our Parents Association are holding a Table Quiz in Kennedys Bar on Friday 17th May. We hope to raise money for new chromebooks.

KILKERLEY NATIONAL SCHOOL
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

17.05.2019

TABLE QUIZ & SOCIAL NIGHT

AT KENNEDYS BAR, CARRICK RD

Prizes for the winning table plus loads of Raffle prizes to be won!

TICKETS €10 pp | STARTS AT 8PM | NIBBLES & DRINKS

Tickets available from school

In aid of school fund and new chromebooks

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Kelly (Ms Conlon) who was married during the Easter Holidays!



Care Programme Theme: My Health

Education about wellbeing is an integral part of our school curriculum. The children have been learning of the importance of promoting their own physical health.



Waltons Schools Music Competition

Ms Conlon and our choir and ensemble were delighted to receive a "Highly Commended" award in the Waltons Schools Music Competition 2019. This was our first year to enter this competition, and we are so proud of this award. Our entry is available to view on our website, under the Videos section.



Gardening Club

Ms Catherine has started up a new Gardening Club with children from 5th Class. Together they have been busy planting, weeding, sowing seeds, and planting vegetables. They have even made a scarecrow! The club also researched flowers to attract bees and butterflies, and are recording all their work on the chrome books and in their gardening folder.

The gardening club members are:

Saoirse Connolly, Taylor Donnelly, Eve Gilmore, Seán Kieran, Keiana McEvoy, and Riane McEvoy. Well done boys and girls!

Newry Feis

Congratulations to the musical Mulholland family, MaryKate, Anna and Thomas who competed in Newry Feis recently. Anna came 1st in both her violin solo and duet!



Online Payments System

As per our letter dated 26th March, we have introduced an optional online payments system. If you have supplied the school with your email address, you will receive an email when a new charge has been applied. If you prefer to continue sending cash/cheques to school, please send in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, the amount enclosed and the purpose of the payment. Cash payments are recorded on the Databiz system, meaning that you can check online that your cash payment has been received.

If you have any problems accessing or using the system, please contact Ciara in the office either via email secretary@kilkerleyns.ie or by phone 042-9337187.

Autism Awareness Month



April is the national Autism Awareness Month, and Tuesday 2nd April was Autism Awareness Day.

A sensory awareness survey was carried out with the children.

Each class in our school has signed a pledge to be kind, respectful and accepting of everyone and to celebrate the unique individuals we are.

Asthma Ambassadors

Our wonderful team of Asthma Ambassadors, led by Ms Tansey, are working towards their Gold Award from the Asthma Society of Ireland.

They set up some experiments on air pollution and lungs which they displayed at the Science Fair.

Our Asthma Ambassadors are: **Andrew Rosbotham, Muireann Harmon, Naomi Winters, Poppy Tennyson, Matthew Clarke, Ruairi Fee, Conall Harmon, Séan Clarke, Ronan Burgess, Calvin Heffernan, Tom Coleman, Rebecca Mulligan, and Caitlin Cumiskey**

Knitting

Knitting lessons for 5th and 6th class begin this month with the help of volunteer parents and grandparents. A huge thank you to our volunteers.



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National Parents Council

Our Parents Association is affiliated to the National Parents Council. The NPC exists to ensure that all parents are supported and empowered to become effective partners in their children's education. NPC will work to increase the capacity and capability of the primary education sector, to achieve true partnership and deliver better outcomes for all children.

The NPC website, www.npc.ie is a fantastic resource for parents, with information leaflets on supporting your child's learning, homework, healthy eating, transition to secondary school and lots more.

First Holy Communion



Ms Mulholland and the children in 2nd class are working hard to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 25th May.

Our Parents Association will be looking for volunteers to help provide refreshments in the Community Centre after the ceremony. If you can help out, please let us know.

Easons Spelling Bee

Congratulations to **Aibhilin Scilley** in 5th Class who represented our school in the Easons Spelling Bee in April. Aibhilin came 3rd in the county. Well done Aibhilin!



Tennis



Tennis commences in May for Junior and Senior Infants and for 5th and 6th Class.

This will run for 8 weeks.

Swimming

Swimming lessons begin this week for classes from 3rd-6th. It will run for 8 weeks. 5th and 6th class will have their lessons on Wednesdays and 3rd and 4th will have their lessons on Thursdays. Please remember to send swimming kit to school on swim days!



Summer Term

We hope that the Easter break was enjoyed by all, and that everyone feels rested and ready for our busy summer term!

