

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter April 2024

Confirmation



Congratulations to the boys and girls in 6th class who were confirmed by Archbishop Eamon Martin on 19th April.

We are very grateful to their class teacher Mrs Ryan and the NET team who prepared the children so well for the ceremony. Our school choir, led by Mrs Kelly and Fidelma Bellew sang beautifully.

Thank you to concelebrants Fr Gerry Campbell and Deacon Martin Cunningham and to our school chaplain Fr Brian MacRaois.

Thank you to Kilkenny Brownies and Guides and to their leaders, who decorated the community centre so beautifully to welcome our families and their guests. Thank you as always to Kilkenny PA, and all who volunteered to help provide refreshments in the Community Centre following the ceremony.

6th Class Retreat

6th Class went on a retreat which took place on 11th April in Stephenstown Pond. The retreat was facilitated by the NET team.

First

Communion

The children in 2nd class continued their "Do This in Memory" programme this month, in preparation for First Holy Communion on 25th May.

Thank you to Fr Brian for all of his work with the children.



Message from Mrs Kirby

It is thought that the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire" which means "to open". All around us in nature, buds are opening. Cherry blossoms are at their finest and would do your heart good to look at them. Longer days and warmer weather are the promises we hope nature will keep. Instead of April showers, let's hope that May will be filled with only showers of blessings.

Le dea-ghuí,
Donna Kirby

Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee are very excited to have met with their Travel Officer recently. They will be carrying out a Walkability Audit very soon which will help us focus on how we can learn more about the theme for our next Green Flag, Global Citizenship and Travel.



Our classes have taken part in the Annual Spring Clean, and Ms Catherine has planted window boxes and vegetables with some classes. The committee is looking forward to some lovely events for Bike Week.

Parents were recently sent an email with details of two competitions—one for Bike Week and one for our new Green School Slogan.

New Whiteboards

We have recently installed 2 brand new interactive whiteboards in our Junior and Senior Infant classrooms.

Wellbeing Corner

School Tours

School Tours will take place as follows:

1st & 2nd Class: Causey Farm, Tuesday 21st May
Junior & Senior Infants: Sliabh Gullion, Thursday 13th June

3rd, 4th & 5th Class: Causey Farm, Thursday 13th June

6th Class: Carlingford Adventure Centre, Thursday 20th June

Details of the tours will be sent out soon.



Kilkerley Parents Association News

Post-Confirmation Refreshments

The PA would like to thank all of those who volunteered to help out with serving refreshments after confirmation.

Flag Day

The annual flag day will be held on Friday 17th May this year. Please note this date in your diary and volunteer if possible.

Refreshments after 1st Communion

First Communion will be held on Saturday 25th April. The PA are once again organising refreshments in the Community Centre following the ceremony. If you are available to help out, please let us know.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme



5th class started their JEP adventure with a staff car wash on Friday, April 26th as a trial run before the big event next week. The children have been putting in a great effort organising posters and sourcing resources for the best car washing service in the northeast! Slots can still be booked between 1:30 and 2:40 up until Friday, May 3rd.

INTO GAA Skills Competition

Congratulations to Cian Larkin and Emily McEntegart who won the opportunity to represent our school in the INTO GAA Skills Competition in Darver this month.

Morning Procedures

A reminder that our yard supervision in the mornings commences at **9:10am-9.20am** for assembly of our pupils.

Our yard supervisors are easily identifiable by their hi-vis jackets.

Our SNA staff have a particular awareness of an identified group of pupils who are their responsibility during the day.

On wet mornings, the school building is open for pupils from **9.10am**.

The pupils proceed directly to their classrooms on these mornings.

Good Luck

Best of luck to Ellie Clifford from Rang a 6 who will be representing our school/county in an Inter-County football Blitz in Trim next month.

Labelling Items

With the warm weather approaching, please remember to clearly label items belonging to your child (especially jumpers!).

Active Schools

Tennis lessons with Coach Gary from Dundalk Tennis Club are ongoing for Infants and 3rd & 4th Class.

Sports Day will take place on an evening in June this year, with the date yet to be decided.



Charlotte's Medal!

Charlotte Trimble is the proud holder of the U13 hurdles bronze medal at the National Indoor Championships. Well done Charlotte, all the hard work has paid off!



Credit Union Winner!

Congratulations to Lucy Cluskey in 3rd Class who won Dundalk Credit Union poster competition for St Patrick's Day.



Don Keating Prize!

Congratulations to April Wallace in 1st Class who won the Don Keating Easter art competition.



Attendance

Attendance for April was 94%.

Dates for your Diary

Week of May Bank Holiday:

The school will be closed from **Monday 6th May—Friday 10th May**.

The PA Flag Day will be held on **Friday 17th May**.

June Bank Holiday: The school will be closed on **Monday 3rd June** for the June bank holiday.

Clothing Collection in aid of school funds will take place on 18th June.

6th Class Graduation

6th Class Graduation will take place at 7pm on Tues 25th June.

Summer holidays

The last day of our summer term will be **Friday 28th June**.

First Day of 2024-25

School will re-open for pupils for the school year 2024-25 on **Wednesday 28th August**.