

# NEWSLETTER AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2017

## **Welcome Back/Fáilte Ar Ais**

We are delighted to welcome you all back! We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. There are a few school routines that we are refreshing for you, in this, our first, newsletter of the school year 2017/2018. It is important that you keep us informed should there be any change in family circumstances eg illness or one of you away due to work etc, as this may impact on your child's mood or performance.

## **Annual Family Sponsored Walk**

Please join us on **Saturday the 30th of September at 11am**, in the Emmets Pitch for our annual family walk. It is vital that all families support this fundraiser as well as coming together as a school community.

Please leave your pets at home!

## **Trading Cards:**

All trading cards to be left at home (Pokémon, Football etc). Children swap them, change their minds, want them back, lose them etc!

## **Welcome-Fáilte:**

We would like to welcome the Winters, Ntemuse and Heffernan families to our school.

Adam and Calvin joined Senior Infants, Naomi and Stephanie joined 5th and Breanna joined 6th class.

## **Tennis:**

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Class are enjoying their tennis coaching this term.



***School Uniforms and all personal belongings should be clearly marked.***

## **Learning Support:**

The provision of learning support and resource teaching has been revised and new guidelines have been issued effective from September 2017. As part of these changes we are moving more of the learning support and resource teaching into the classroom. It is felt that this will benefit all the children in all classes. Some of this support will take place in the classrooms while some of it will occur in the learning support rooms. We are very grateful to the Parents Association for providing funds to purchase resources to help us implement this model of support. We are looking forward to an educational and fun year ahead.

## **Enrolment Ceremony:**

Mrs. Donnelly's second class are preparing for their Enrolment Ceremony which will take place on Sunday 1st October, at 10am, as part of Sunday Mass. All are welcome.

## **Reading Aloud:**

We would really encourage you to get your child to read aloud every evening. Reading aloud gives children and adults something to talk about. Talking supports the development of reading and writing skills. Reading aloud is widely recognised as the single most important activity leading to language development. Happy Reading Aloud !



## **Twitter/School Website:**

Follow us on Twitter @ kilkerleyschool or visit our school website : [www.kilkerleyns.com](http://www.kilkerleyns.com) to keep up to date with life in school.

Our Twitter account is a closed account so you will have to request to follow us if you so wish.

## **Nut Free Zone**

Nuts and peanut butter are not allowed in school due to the number of children with nut allergies.

### **Student Council:**

We welcome our new Student Council who have been elected by their classmates to represent them.

3rd Class: *Sénón Connolly*  
*Nancy Coleman*

4th Class: *Ryan Holland*  
*Rachel Gorman*

5th Class: *Andrew Rosbotham*  
*Brígh McEnteggart*

6th Class: *Daniel Turley*  
*Áine McEnteggart*

### **Jam & Chutney:**

A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help to make jars of pear jam an apple and onion chutney all from our school fruit trees! Various classes are working on labels, covers, marketing etc.

We will let you know when they go on sale!



### **Absences:**

All absences need to be noted in the school diary from 1st-6th and a via a note to teacher in Infants.

### **Leaving School during the day:**

Please come to the front door and sign your child out if he/she has to leave the school during the school day. It is also important that you sign them back in.

### **Roll Call:**

Children arriving at school after 10.30am will be marked absent on our system but will still be counted for attendance when giving out medals in June.

No days missed merits a gold medal, 1-2 days missed merits a silver medal.

### **Credit Union –BHK**

We encourage all children to develop the habit of saving. Many children bring in one or two euro weekly and it slowly mounts up. They can withdraw money at various times over the year, for example for swimming or tours. All money to be sent in a sealed envelope with amount on front every Tuesday.



### **Staff 2017-2018:**

6th Class:	Ms Fahy
5th Class:	Ms Conlon
4th Class:	Ms Condron
3rd Class:	Ms O'Hanrahan
2nd Class:	Mrs Donnelly
1st Class:	Mrs Cumiskey
Senior Infants:	Ms Mulholland
Junior Infants:	Ms Tansey
SET:	Mrs Johnston
	Mrs Halpin
	Mr Loughran
Principal:	Mrs Lambert
Deputy Principal:	Ms Fahy
Assistant Principal II :	Mrs Donnelly

### **World Meeting of Families:**

The World Meeting of Families 2018 is the largest international gathering of families in the world. Ireland will be hosting this event on behalf of Pope Francis from 21st –26th August 2018. We had our parish launch on Sunday when Fr Gerry blessed the schoolbags of the children receiving the Sacraments during this school year.

### **Boys' Football Team**

The boys' football team are currently taking part in the Sciath Mhic Raoise, Peil na mBuachaillí. They have been showing lots of great skill on the field and have enjoyed lots of wins! They have a few more games to play in the coming weeks.

Best of luck boys!

### **Girls' Football Team:**

Our girls are taking part in the Corn Sheán Mac Cába this term. They have played two matches and have three more to play in October.

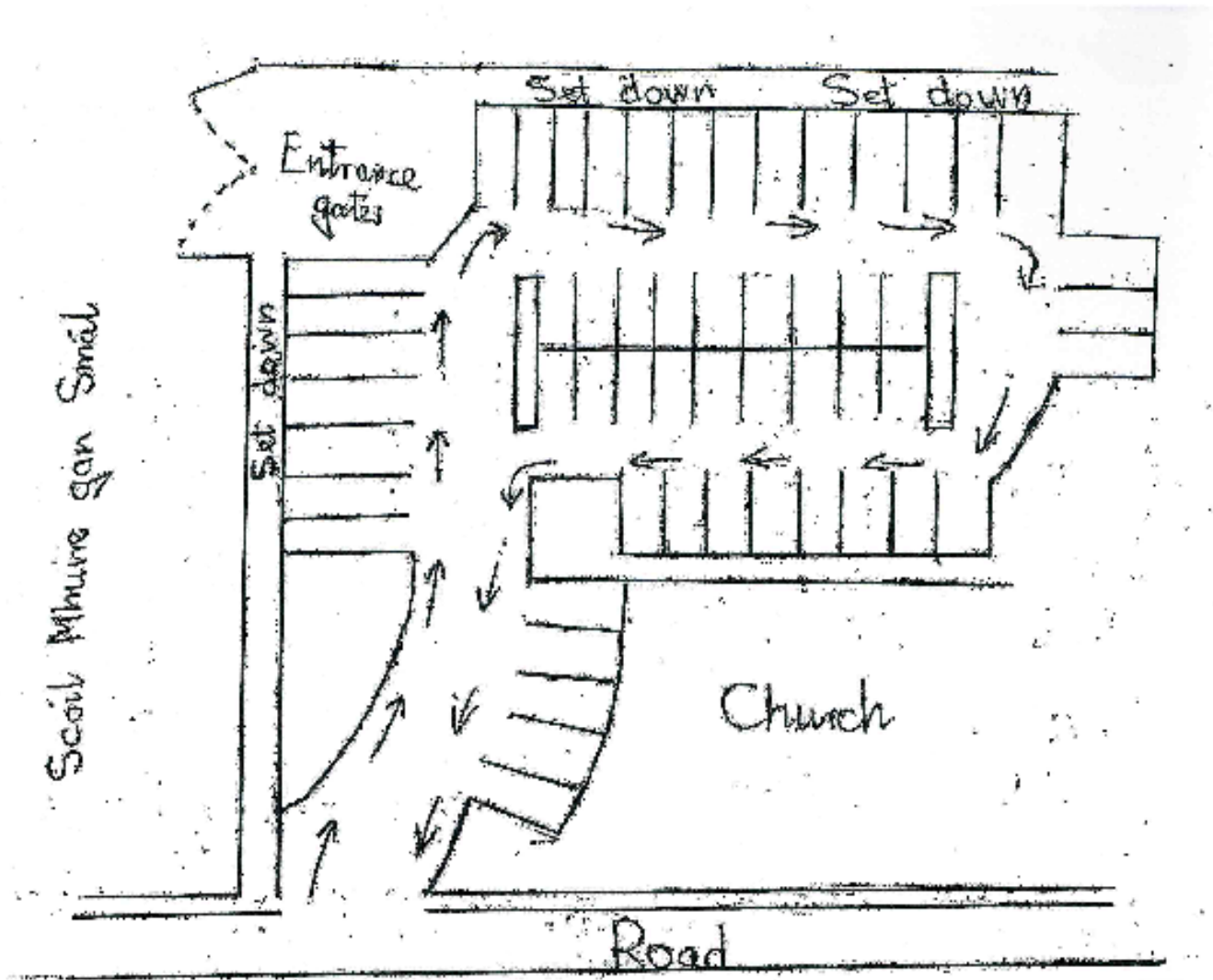
They are very enthusiastic and sporting on the pitch!



### **GAA:**

GAA coaching in hurling has commenced for 1st class, while 2nd class are learning new gaelic football skills. This will continue up until the middle of





### **Safety in Car Park:**

A reminder to all drivers – when entering, parking and leaving the carpark please use the one-way system.

We have spoken to the Garda Síochána regarding the matter of speed in the carpark.

The recommended limit is **10KM** per hour.

Please inform other family members that may be picking up your child/children of these arrangements. We all need to drive very slowly, adhere to the speed limit and be vigilant in this matter.