

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

NEWSLETTER AUG-SEP 2018

Fáilte Romhaibh Ar Ais

Beannachtaí oraibh don bhliain scoile nua! We look forward to a wonderful year ahead.



We are delighted to welcome the following students to our school:

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

Senior Infants: Róise Ní Mháirtín, Naoise-Kate McGuinness

5th Class: Seán Kieran

Teaching Staff 2018-19

Principal—Mrs Lambert

Deputy Principal—Ms Fahy

Assistant Principal II—Mrs Donnelly

6th Class/Deputy Principal—Ms Fahy

5th Class—Ms Conlon

4th Class—Ms Condon

3rd Class—Mr Loughran

2nd Class—Ms Mulholland

1st Class—Ms O'Hanrahan

Senior Infants—Mrs Curran-Butler

Junior Infants—Ms Tansey

SET—Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Halpin, Mrs Jonston

Inclusion Support Assistants —Mrs Cath Turnbull, Mrs Sarah Mulligan

Comhghairdeas

Congratulations and very best wishes from all of us to **Mrs Cumiskey** on the birth of her new baby girl, Saoirse, in August!



Annual Family Sponsored Walk and Official Opening of Kilkерley Playground

Our annual family walk this year will take place on **Saturday 6th October**, and will be combined with the official opening of Kilkерley Playground. Please join us at **10:45am** in the **Community Centre car park**, where **Fionn Donnelly** from Senior Infants will cut the ribbon at the short opening ceremony. The sponsored walk will then proceed from the Community Centre to Milltown Bridge and back.

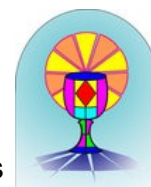


It is **vital** that all families support this fundraiser as well as coming together as a school community. All children need to be accompanied by an adult, and should be supervised accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

2nd Class Enrolment Ceremony

Ms Mulholland's 2nd class are preparing for their enrolment ceremony on **Sunday 30th September** which will be incorporated into 10am Sunday Mass.



Please make an effort to attend this mass to wish the children well in preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion on 25th May next year.

Text a Parent app **texta parent.ie**

We are now using the 'Text a Parent' app to enhance communication with parents.

In addition to the messaging system, the calendar within the app contains school holidays and other significant dates. We will be updating the calendar regularly to keep you informed of day-to-day activities at school, such as sports, field trips and special events at school.

If you have not already done so, we invite you to download the app here:

<https://app.textaparent.ie/get/app>

Please note that the school calendar (containing holidays and significant dates) is also on our website.

Reminder of School

Procedures:

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of school procedures.



- **Absences**

All absences need to be noted in your child's homework 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 s/he has to leave school during the day. It is also important to sign your child back in.

- **Roll Call**

Children arriving at school later than 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, and 1-2 days missed merits a silver medal.

- **Nut Free Zone**

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



Sports

This term, 1st-4th Class are enjoying 8 weeks of tennis coaching, while 5th and 6th classes have 6 weeks of basketball coaching.



Our girls and boys football teams already have a few wins under their belts in the inter-schools competitions. Well done to all of the children and to Ms Fahy, Mr Loughran and Tommy Kirk our caretaker.

Music

Our school choir and musical ensemble recommenced weekly practice this month. All students from 3rd-6th class take part in either the choir or the ensemble and are looking forward to performing at our Christmas Concert in December.



Clothing Donation

The Kilkerry Playground Association are collecting used or unwanted clothing in the Community Centre in an effort to raise the rest of the money for the playground. Clothes can be dropped into the Community Centre, and the final date is Saturday 29th September.

Student Council

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

3rd Class: *Seán Gordon*
Sadhbh Lennon

4th Class: *Luke Mulholland*
Abbie McElroy

5th Class: *Seán Kieran*
Aibhilin Scille

6th Class: *Stephanie Ntemuse*
Glen Hoey



Parents Association

The Parents Association AGM was held on 12th September.

We welcome our new PA Treasurer, Deirdre McBennett, mother of Ella Ryan in 2nd class. Thank you to Ciara Harris who steps down as Treasurer after her three year tenure. Gillian McEntegart remains on as Chairperson and Vicky McGauley as Secretary for another term.

The next PA Event is the Halloween Disco on Thursday 25th October.

Please make an effort to attend the PA meetings. We fully appreciate all those who lend a hand with our Parents Association activities throughout the year. Míle buíochas.

After School Activities

Tuesdays—**Guitar** offered to 2nd-6th class students with Ms Conlon (3-4pm)

Thursdays—**Speech & Drama** with Caoimhe Duffy in the GP Room (2-3pm for Infants and 3-4pm for older children)

Fridays—**Art** with Fergus Maguire in the Community Centre (2-3pm for Infants and 3-4pm for older children)

Children's Choir

Susan and Hannah Mulholland who run the Children's Church Choir are looking for new members. They would love to welcome children from 3rd-6th Class to join the choir.



Please consider joining this beautiful choir which adds so much to 10am Sunday Mass throughout the school year.

Jam and Chutney Making

Many thanks to all who came and helped to make our jam and chutney this year. We used apples and pears from the school fruit trees. The children have been busy decorating and labelling the jars in preparation for their sale .



St Louis Open Day

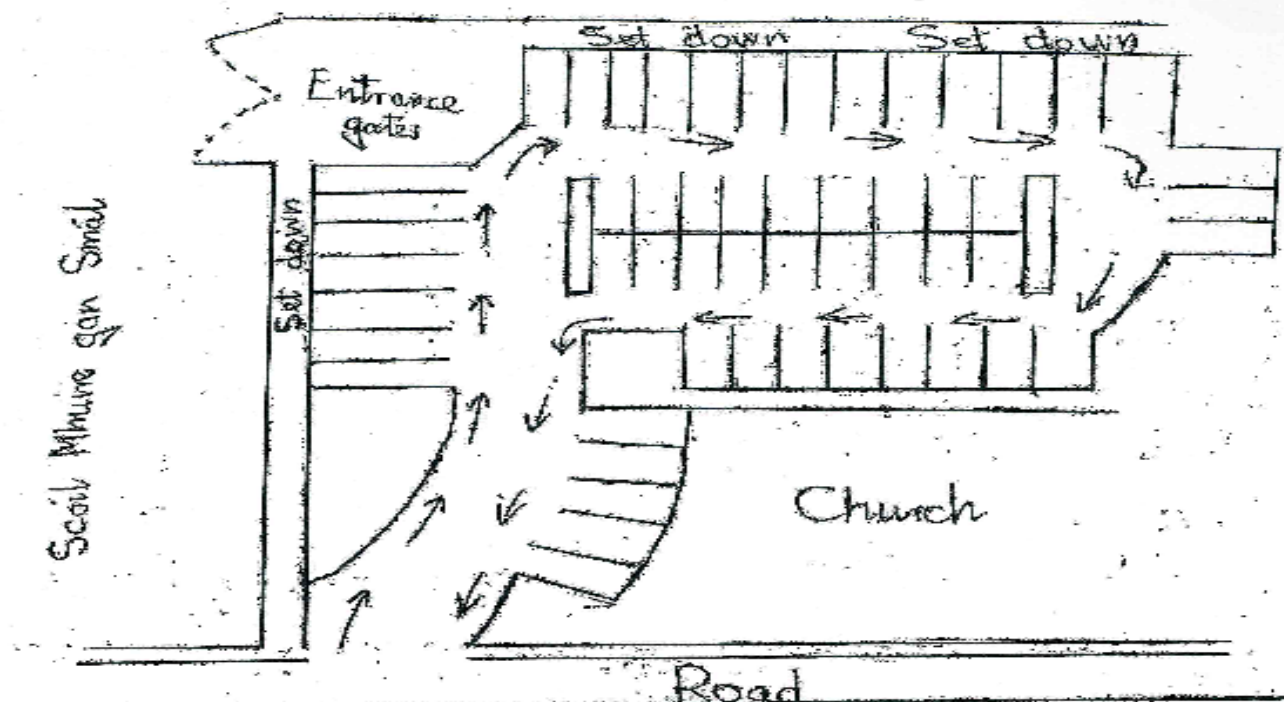
St Louis Secondary School is holding an Open Afternoon on Sunday 21st October from 2:30-5:30. Students of 4th, 5th and 6th classes are invited to visit the school along with their parents and guardians.

Useful Websites

The website www.parenting24seven.ie set up by Túsla, the Child and family Agency, contains insightful tips on what works best for children and families at different stages of childhood, including primary and secondary school age children.



We would also recommend www.irishforparents.ie a website that offers an online chat service between 4-6pm every day to assist parents in helping their Irish homework.



Safety in Car Park

In order to ensure safety and ease in the car park, please familiarise yourself and family members that may be using the car park with the following:

- Use the **one-way** system as shown on the diagram above
- Observe the speed limit which is **10km** per hour
- Park in designated spaces **only**
- Do not block the one-way system by stopping at the entrance gates when dropping children to school in the morning – use the spaces provided
- Be vigilant at all times