

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter September 2023



Fáilte romhaibh ar ais!

A big welcome back to all of our pupils! This year we welcome the following new pupils to our school:

Junior Infants: Sadie, Ivory, Darcy, Thomas, Saoirse, Tiernan, Finn, Liam, Seán, Isabelle, Evie, Pippa, Jamie

Turlough, Alex, Annie, Gavin, Chloe, Harry, Kaito, Jade

Senior Infants: Eoin & Ellie

Rang 1: Daniel

Rang 3: Adam & Lara

Rang 5: Ava

Rang 6: Ethan

On Thursday 28th September Ranganna 2-6 attended a "Mass for the Beginning of the New School Year", celebrated by our school chaplain Fr Brian MacRaois.



Fr Brian will celebrate a special blessing for the new school year with Junior and Senior Infants and 1st class on Tuesday 3rd October in the GP Room.

Message from Mrs Kirby

De réir an seanfhocal; 'Tús maith leath na hoibre' and our staff and pupils have got the school year off to a great start. Our new junior infants have settled in really well to the routine of school life, it is as if they have always been here! We look forward to our school community coming together on Saturday for our annual sponsored walk. Let's hope for a calmer day after the wrath of Storm Agnes!

Le dea ghuí,

Donna Kirby



Enrolments

On 2nd October, our Annual Admissions Notice will be published on our website, and we can accept applications for admission to Junior Infants 2024-25. Please see the enrolment tab on our website for further details.

Teaching Staff 2023-24

Principal—Mrs Donna Kirby

Deputy Principal—Ms Aisling Fahy

6th Class—Mrs Frankie Ryan

5th Class—Mr Ciarán Ward

4th Class—Ms Áine O'Hanrahan

3rd Class—Mrs Clodagh Halpin

2nd Class—Mr Pete Loughran

1st Class—Mrs Muireann Johnston

Senior Infants—Mrs Katrina Cumiskey

Junior Infants—Mrs Rilla Kelly

SET— Ms Aisling Fahy, Ms Cróna Tansey & Mr James Murphy

Special Needs Assistants —Mrs Cath Turnbull, Mrs Sarah Mulligan, Ms Elizabeth Babington, Mrs Maria Farrell

School Chaplain: Fr Brian MacRaois

Staff members currently on leave: Mrs Michelle Murphy, Mrs Catherine Donnelly, Mrs Aoife Curran-Butler

Welcome Méabh Murphy!

Congratulations to Mrs Michelle Murphy and her husband Seán on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Méabh, in July.



Active Schools

Children from 1st , 2nd, 5th and 6th class are enjoying tennis lessons with coach Gary Rodriguez. Junior and Senior Infants and 3rd/4th class will have tennis lessons in the summer term.



5th and 6th class attended a tag rugby blitz for local schools at Dundalk Rugby Club recently. They were well prepared and even learnt the Haka as Gaeilge for it. Thank you to Dundalk Rugby Club and Tiernan Gonnely for organising this event. The children had a great time.

Paddy Lynch from Louth GAA is coaching 3rd and 4th in hurling.

Congratulations to both our girls and our boys' football teams who each progress to the next round of Cumann na mBunscol. The boys played St Mochtas NS and St Mary's NS, Knockbridge. The girls played Scoil Phádraig Naofa, Kilcurry and were narrowly beaten by St Mary's NS, Knockbridge.

Wellbeing: Sponsored Walk 2023

Our Annual Sponsored Walk will take place at 10am on Saturday 30th September. A raffle will be held in October with prizes of a hamper, a Shop Local Voucher, €20 for one 'lucky sponsor'. Thank you to those who have already returned their sponsorship cards. We remind you that all cards must be returned to school.

Student Council 2023-24

Our Student Council for this year have been elected. They are:



- Rang 3: Caolán and Amelia
- Rang 4: Molly and James
- Rang 5: Tom Mc and Éinín
- Rang 6: Juliette and Tommy

Charlotte and Harry All-Ireland Success

Congratulations to Charlotte and Harry Trimble who won individual All Ireland Medals over the summer. They both won bronze medals in the Long Jump competitions and gold medals in the 80m sprint in their age group competitions.

Well done to Charlotte and Harry!



After-School Classes

After-school classes have resumed as follows:

- Tuesdays: Musical Minds with Lisa Knox-Kelly
- Thursdays: Relax Kids with Andrea McGuill
- Fridays: Art with Fergus Maguire



Morning Procedures

A reminder that our school yard is supervised from **9:10-9:20am** each morning before school. On wet days, children may assemble in their classrooms from **9.10am**.

Confirmation 2024

6th Class will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday 19th April 2024 at 11am.**

1st Communion 2024

2nd Class will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday May 25th 2024 at 11am.**



NOTE: A **Do This in Memory** programme meeting for parents of 2nd class children will take place on **Monday 2nd Oct at 7.30pm** in the school.

Cash 4 Clothes

Thank you for your support of our recent Cash4Clothes collection in aid of school funds. €150 was raised in total.

Halloween Dress Up

Children may wear Halloween costumes to school on Friday 27th October. The infant classes will perform their annual Halloween show on Fri 27th at 1.15pm.



Dates for your Diary

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on **Wednesday Nov 15th** and **Thursday Nov 16th**. Time slots will be allocated over the coming weeks.

School will be closed from **Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November** for the midterm break. We will re-open on **Monday 6th November**.

