

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter September 2024



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: Freddie, Jamie, Lily, Síomha, Vanesa, Bonnie, Max, Riain, Teodosiy, Stevie, Lucie, Penny Rose, Bernard, Cillian, Fionn, Ríain, Fiachra, Darragh, Charlotte, Odhrán, Patrick and Riggs

Rang 1: Grace & Sowrabi

School Mass

On Thursday 5th September Ranganna 3-6 and their teachers attended our “Mass for the Beginning of the New School Year”, celebrated by our school chaplain Fr Brian MacRaois.

Thank you to Mrs Cumiskey for organising the mass, and to Susan Mulholland for the beautiful music.

Fr Brian will celebrate a special blessing for the new school year with the junior classes in October.

Office Hours

Our **school office hours** are **9.30am to 3pm daily**. Telephone calls may not be answered outside of these times. You can send an email to secretary@kilkerleyns.ie (Ciara) or office@kilkerleyns.ie (Mrs Kirby) instead.

Message from Mrs Kirby

A busy September behind us and a full calendar of events for October before us—it's no wonder time goes so quickly! Our new junior infants have settled into the routine of school life very quickly, and we all enjoyed and made the most of our outdoor learning spaces during the lovely spell of weather we were blessed with this month.

As September ends, the full wonder of Autumn begins to unfold, hinting at the changes to come.

Le dea ghuí,

Donna Kirby



Enrolments and Open Day

On 1st October, our Annual Admissions Notice will be published on our website, and we can begin to accept applications for admission to Junior Infants 2025-26. This year, we will welcome potential new pupils and parents to our school for an **Open Day on Tuesday 8th October from 6-8pm**. Please see the Admissions tab on our website for more details.

Teaching Staff 2024-25

Principal—Mrs Donna Kirby

Deputy Principal—Ms Aisling Fahy

6th Class—Mrs Frankie Ryan

5th Class—Mrs Michelle Murphy

4th Class—Ms Leah Hoey

3rd Class—Mrs Catherine Donnelly (Acting DP)

2nd Class—Mr Pete Loughran

1st Class—Mrs Muireann Johnston

Senior Infants—Mrs Katrina Cumiskey (Acting APII)

Junior Infants—Mrs Rilla Kelly (APII)

SET— Ms Cróna Tansey, Mrs Clodagh Halpin & Ms Megan Conroy

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

School Chaplain: Fr Brian MacRaois

Staff members on leave until January 2025: Ms Aisling Fahy and Ms Áine O’Hanrahan

Kilkerley Parents Association News

Thank you to our PA for organising a Fun Day for the children on Friday 6th Sept. It was very well received by all!

This year the PA are fundraising for a “**Garden Room**” designed to offer a calm, nurturing space for our students in order to enhance their overall wellbeing and educational experience. We wish them every success with this project.

Active Schools

Children from 1st , 2nd, 3rd and 4th class are enjoying weekly tennis lessons with coach Gary Rodriguez. The rest of the school will have tennis lessons in the summer term. Pupils in 5th and 6th classes are enjoying soccer sessions with Siún Kirby on Wednesdays.

Congratulations to both our girls and our boys’ football teams who participated in Cumann na mBunscol this month. They played exceptionally well and we are very proud of them.

Green Schools

6th Class enjoyed a Bike Workshop with our Travel Officer this month. Our new Green Schools Committee is up and running and working on Sustainable Travel.

6th Class Bake Sale

Thank you for your support of the 6th Class Bake Sale this month. Over €600 was raised. €150 each was donated to the three staff members participating in the Quid Games, with the remainder going to the PA Garden Room.

Wellbeing: Sponsored Walk 2024

Thank you to all who joined us for our Annual Sponsored Walk on Saturday 14th September. A raffle will be held next week for all those who returned cards. Thank you to those who have already returned their sponsorship cards. We would like to remind you that all cards must be returned to school. The total raised will be published in next month’s newsletter.

After-School Classes

After-school classes have resumed as follows:

Mondays: Coding and Minecraft with Tracy Rice

Tuesdays: Relax Kids with Andrea McGuill

Wednesdays: Lego Club with Kathy McGeeney

Fridays: Art with Fergus Maguire

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.

Confirmation 2025

6th Class will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday 4th April 2025 at 11am**.



1st Communion 2025

2nd Class will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday May 10th 2025 at 11am**. 2nd class parents will be notified of an information meeting about the Do This in Memory programme of preparation for children making their First Holy Communion this year.

Student Council

Rang 6: Cormac and Moya

Rang a 5: Layla and Mark

Rang a 4: Sienna and Adam R.

Rang a 3: Luke and Grace

Cash 4 Clothes

A clothing collection will take place on Thurs 10th October in aid of school funds. Bags of clean, dry clothing can be left in the community centre foyer that week.

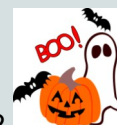
Halloween Dress Up

Children may wear

Halloween costumes to school on Friday 25th

October. Donations of €2

per child are requested for Trick or Treat for Temple Street.



Dates for your Diary

School will be closed from **Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov** for the midterm break.

School will be closed on **Mon 11th Nov** to facilitate Primary Maths Curriculum training for our teachers.

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on **Wed Nov 13th** and **Thurs Nov 14th**.

