



# NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



## **Christmas Concert:**

We are looking forward to welcoming all of you to our annual Christmas Concert. Hopefully you will be able to take an hour out of your busy schedule to relax and enjoy seeing all of our wonderful pupils perform.

## **Silver Moon:**

Sixth class enjoyed their trip to the Town Hall to see Silver Moon. It told the story of an adventure between two small children from two very different worlds under the silver moon. It was performed by a French Company, Compagnie Animation using puppetry, mask work and music.

## **Design a Mascot:**

Our school entry has won a prize in the County Council Design a Mascot Competition. Well done to Andrew Rosbotham, Brigh McEnteggart, Aibhilin Scille, Abbi Cormican and Sophie Gordon.

## **Greener Christmas Poetry Competition:**

Congratulations to Michael Kirby whose poem won joint 2nd prize in the Greener Christmas Poetry Competition.

LMFM will be playing a recording of his poem "I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas" over the holidays.

## **BHK Credit Union:**

Congratulation to the following children who won the poster competition with the BHK Credit Union.:

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| 1st Prize | Jemma Turnbull     |
| 2nd Prize | Christopher Conway |
| 3rd Prize | Charlotte McAleer  |

## **Penitential Service:**

A Penitential service for children from Third to Sixth class will take place on Thursday 21st at 10am.

## **Service of Light:**

A Ceremony of Light was held on Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm for our Sixth Class pupils preparing for Confirmation. They were absolutely wonderful. We are very proud of them.

## **A Message from the Parents Association:**

A huge thanks to everyone who helped out and donated to the Pop up shop that the parents association ran in the Longwalk SC. We managed to raise €3000.

We hope to purchase a defibrillator for the school with the money raised.

We would like to thank you for your tremendous support in 2017 and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

## **Up-date on Kilkerley Playground:**

Fundraising is going well, with several local councillors pledging support. We are planning fundraising activities in the new year- a table quiz and raffle, race/night/80's disco etc.

Don't forget to like our page- KilkerleyPlayground and you can donate via a link on the page. We are hoping to start tendering for work early in the new year.



### **You'd better watch out!**

Santa Claus is coming to Kilkenny!



Rumour has it that **Santa** may be calling to see all the wonderful children in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál.

### **Batteries for Barretstown:**

We are now collecting batteries as part of a battery recycling initiative to raise funds for children and families affected by serious illness. Batteries are made from important resources and chemicals, including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury. If batteries are thrown into the rubbish bin they will be taken to landfill sites and the resources lost. Each battery placed in the European Recycling Platform (ERP) recycling box will be taken apart and many of the materials will be recovered and used to make new batteries or other products.

### **School Holidays:**

School will close at **12pm** on Friday 22nd December and re-open on Monday 8th January 2018.

### **CyberSafe Ireland:**

CyberSafe Ireland helps children to be stronger, smarter and safer online. They produce a quarterly newsletter which is worth reading. Go to [www.cybersafeireland](http://www.cybersafeireland)

Internet Safety Guide– Please go to [www.kilkerleyns.com](http://www.kilkerleyns.com) to access our Internet Safety Guide. Password: Kilkenny123 to find out more.

### **Fire Officers Visit:**

The fire officers visited third class to discuss fire safety. The children learned a lot about how to stay safe in the event of a fire at home and at school. The most important thing being “Get Out and Stay Out. Never play with matches or lighters. Check smoke alarms weekly”. The children really enjoyed learning all about fire safety.

A special thank you to Abbi Cormican's dad, Kevin, one of the fire officers!

### **Junior Entrepreneur Programme:**

Our Junior Entrepreneur Programme has started again in 5th class. We invited local business man Alan McGorrian in to speak to the class about starting and running your own business. The children learned a lot and are now working in groups to come up with some business ideas. They will present their ideas to a panel of Dragons next term!

*Scoil Mhuire gan Smál  
wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*

