

# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

## Enrolment 2022-23

We are still accepting applications for admission to **Junior Infants in September 2022**. Offers of places will be sent out early in 2022, as per our enrolment policy on the school website.

Please see the school website for details.

## Condolences

We were deeply shocked and saddened to receive news of the death of Seán Kelly, Dad of Ciarán in 4th class, earlier this month.

On behalf of our school community, we would like to express our deepest condolences to Ciarán, his mother Lisa, brothers Jack and Jamie, and to their wider family circle.

## Christmas Raffle

Thank you very much for your support of our Christmas Raffle this year. Well done to all of the winners (in alphabetical order):

- Zara Browne
- Willow Connolly
- Zoe Corrigan
- Fionn Donnelly
- Bébhinn Harris
- Adam Holland
- Oisín Lambe
- Doireann McElroy
- Juliette McEntegart
- Ben Morton
- Thomas Mulholland
- Jack Oakes
- Samuele Pasta
- Rebecca Trimble



## Christmas Message from Fr. Brian MacRaois, School Chaplain

At Christmas we give thanks to God our Father for the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus is son of God and son of Mary. The angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest." The shepherds saw the baby lying in the manger and were filled with glory and praise. The wise men came with gifts for the infant king. This Christmas may God pour out his gifts of love, joy and peace on our school – pupils, teachers, all workers and helpers. May God bless our parents and families and friends. May we remember the poor. Nollaig shona daoibh.



## Christmas Message from Mrs Kirby

Among the many critical factors of a successful school are the pupils, parents and staff. Never has there been a time more demanding and challenging for us all than during this global pandemic. The arrival of



Christmas affords us the opportunity to appreciate and value the support of family and friends during these difficult times, just as the Holy Family did many, many years ago. To our school community, I wish

"The Light of the Christmas star to you  
The warmth of home and hearth to you  
The cheer and good will of friends to you  
The love of the Son and God's peace to you."

## Christmas Concert

The children and their teachers have been working hard to put together a wonderful Christmas Concert for you all. The concert has been recorded, and will be available for viewing online. We hope that you enjoy watching it with your families. We would like to thank:

- **John McCarthy** and **Mrs Michelle Murphy** for recording and editing the show.
- **Ms Cora Ryan** for her work on the play
- **Mrs Rilla Kelly** for her work with our musical ensemble
- **Ms Aisling Fahy** and **Mrs Catherine Donnelly** for their work with our school choir
- All of our teachers and pupils for the hard work!



## Kindness Advent Calendar

To tie in with our KiVa programme re-launch, 5th class decided to devise and implement a '**Kindness Advent Calendar**' for the whole school this month.

The children displayed their calendar in a prominent position on the main school corridor. They then used the school intercom daily to ask everyone at school to carry out one simple act of kindness.



22nd December 2021

## Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...

We had a very special visitor to school yesterday— Santa himself in his very modern electric Santamobile! There was huge excitement all over the school as the children saw him arrive. They sang songs and told him some Christmas jokes. Enda from 6th class was even allowed to try out the Santamobile!

Santa left a selection box for each child. You can check out more photos and videos on our Twitter feed. Thank you to the little elves on Kilkerry PA who organised this visit.



## Festive Friday

On Friday 3rd December, we celebrated the festive season with a special Festive Friday event. We all wore Christmas-themed clothing, put up the Christmas decorations all over the school, and took part in Christmas art, music and other activities. A €2 donation to Kilkerry PA was requested, with over €320 raised on the day.

Thank you for your support.



## Kilkerry Emmets U-15 Girls

We were delighted to welcome the winning U15B Championship Girls Team from Kilkerry Emmets to our school on Wednesday 14th December. The team included many of our past pupils. We held a special outdoor assembly for the girls to celebrate their achievement.



## Outdoor Assembly

We held our last outdoor school assembly of this year on Monday December 20th. We were joined by Fr. Brian who led us in prayer, and gave us a special Christmas blessing.

## Christmas Holidays

We wish our school community of pupils, parents, and friends a safe, happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

School re-opens following the Christmas break on **Thursday 6th January 2022**.

**Bainigí taitneamh as an sos!**



## Do This In Memory

The Do This In Memory programme for children in 2nd class



continued this month, with a special Mass celebrated by Fr Brian on 14th December. Due to the current high number of Covid-19 cases, this Mass was held on a weekday in order to reduce numbers in attendance in the church.

## 2nd Class Theatre Trip



Mrs Kirby and the boys and girls in Rang a 2 recently attended a performance of 'Ig and the Imaginaries', a shadow and silhouette theatre performance, in An Táin Theatre.

## Carolan Family Fundraiser

A reminder that you can still donate,



should you wish, to the Carolan Family Fundraiser. RJ Carolan is in Ms Tansey's Junior Infants. His family are once again lighting up their house for Christmas. This year, the money raised will go to the **Rotunda** and **NICU in Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda**.

You can donate via the *gofundme* link which is on our school text messaging system, school Twitter feed, and PA Facebook page.

## Women's Aid

We donated selection boxes and Christmas annuals to Women's Aid Dundalk this year.

## School Calendar

A reminder that our school calendar for the current academic year is available on our website.