



# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter December 2022

## Do This In Memory



Children in 2nd class celebrated a special Advent Do This in Memory Mass on 11th December, also known as Gaudete Sunday. Well done to the boys and girls and their families and thank you to Fr Brian our school chaplain for all of his work with the children.

## Congratulations on the Double!

Congratulations to **Ms Tansy** who got married this month. We send love and best wishes to her and her new husband Brendan!



More lovely news followed and we send our love and congratulations also to **Mrs Kelly** who gave birth to baby Lucy this month!



## Infants Theatre Trip

Junior and Senior Infants recently enjoyed a trip to An Táin Theatre in Dundalk for 'Old Mother Hubbard's Crazy Christmas Show'. They were accompanied by their teachers Mrs Phelan and Mrs Cumiskey. The children had a great time at their first theatre trip together!



## Message from Mrs Kirby

Not too many sleeps left now, the boys and girls here are very excited and the countdown is finally in single digits! It's a great time of year to be a child, but of course we are very aware that this is not the case for all children, as you have shown by your generous donations to the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal.

This Christmas I wish that your companions are many, your worries few and your joy endless.

Le dea-ghuí,  
Donna Kirby

## Christmas Show

We had a wonderful attendance at our Christmas show, held in the Community Centre on 15th December. The children, right from Junior Infants all the way to 6th class, came together to give a fantastic presentation of our show 'A Midwife Crisis'. The show has been recorded, and will be available for viewing online. Keep an eye out over the coming days!



Thank you to **John McCarthy** for recording and editing the show, **Mrs Halpin and Ms O'Hanrahan** for their work on the play, to **Mrs Murphy and Mrs Johnston** for their assistance on sound, **Noah Cotter** for his wonderful solo, **Lisa Knox-Kelly** for her work on the tin whistle recital, and to all of our staff and pupils for bringing together such a lovely evening.

Thank you all for your donations at the door, and for your support of our raffle. Thanks also to our sponsors for the raffle, **Nortech IT, Callan's Bar & Restaurant & Kilkerry Emmets**. Congratulations to our lucky raffle winners!

## Wellbeing Corner

### Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Reverse Advent Calendar. We were overwhelmed with the response to this appeal. Mrs Madonna Lambert attended our Christmas show on behalf of Dundalk Soup Kitchen to thank the children for their donations. Your donations will make a big difference to so many people this Christmas.



## Kilkerley Parents Association News

### Ditch the Dark Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for your support of the Ditch the Dark non-uniform day on 16th. Over €200 was raised.

### Cake Sale & Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent PA Cake Sale and Raffle. It was a great team effort! We are delighted to let you know that over €1,800 was raised.



The raffle winners were: Sophie Murphy (5th class), Éabha Donnelly (1st class), Zoe Griffin (Senior Infants) and Maeve Mulholland.

### iPads Fundraising Update

The PA would like to thank everyone for their support in the fundraising initiatives so far this year. They are delighted to let you know that over half of the money needed has already been raised for the new iPads to be purchased for the junior classes.

### Green Schools

The Greenschools Committee recently ran a competition to find names for our Mother Seal and Baby Seal, designed and created for us by Jodie Allen. We are delighted to announce that the Mammy seal has been named "Melody" and the baby seal has been named "Bubbles. Congratulations to the children who suggested the winging names: Karly Ryder, Logan Scales, Bébhinn Harris, Emma Madden and Oisín Maguire.



### Garda Visit

Thank you to Garda Frank and Garda Louise who gave a talk last week to rang 3,4,5 & 6 on the topic of cyberbullying and gave tips on how to stay safe online (which is very important, especially at this time of year when many children will receive phones, ipads etc. as gifts).

### Jingle Bells....

The children were so excited to see Santa himself visit our school yesterday!

They sang songs and told him some Christmas jokes. Santa left a selection box for each child.

Thank you to the little elves on Kilkerley PA who helped Santa to organise the selection boxes!

### Active Schools

Thank you to the Transition Year football mentors



from De La Salle who have been coaching 1st and 2nd class this term, and to their teachers and coordinator Mr Kieran Carey.

Thanks also to Barry, Tom and Stephen from DKIT & Louth GAA who have been coaching 3rd and 4th classes this term.

### Dates for your Diary

- The school will close at midday on **Wednesday 21st December** for the Christmas Holidays, and will reopen on **Thursday 5th January**.



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na Nollag  
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