

# NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

## Confirmation:

Congratulations to our 6th Class children who were confirmed on Friday, 17th February, by Archbishop Eamon Martin, DD. It was a really beautiful ceremony. Well done to all involved.

A special thank you to Ms Fahy for all her hard work. Thank you to the parents of the children who presented Mrs Lambert, Ms Fahy, Kathleen Byrne and Fidelma Bellew with beautiful flowers. Your gesture is very much appreciated. Thank you also to the parents of children in 2nd class and the Parents Association for organising the refreshments in the

## St. Brigid's Crosses:

Thank you to Michael & Jacinta Kelly and Katie Holland who helped 3rd-6th class make St. Brigid Crosses, in the Community Centre on Tuesday 31st January.



## Altar Serving Training:

Children from 4th Class will begin altar serving training this week.

## Care Programme:

Anti Bullying Initiative-Care Programme. Our module for February is Happiness. The recommended reading for parents and Teachers is: Should happiness be part of the school curriculum. Childhood Happiness: More Than Just Child's Play. The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness.

## Safer Internet Use:

Webwise have launched a new online Parenting Hub: Webwise Parents and Parenting Handbook which will provide you with easy access to practical advice and information to help address your concerns about the various issues facing our children online.

Safer Internet Day 2017.

"Be the change: Unite for a better Internet" was this year's theme in helping children to manage the internet. #UP2US Internet Safety Guide- Please go to [www.kilkerleyns.com](http://www.kilkerleyns.com) to access our Internet Safety Guide. Password: Kilkerley123

## Entrance Exams

Well done to our 6th Class pupils who sat their Entrance Exams for secondary school on Saturday the 11th February.

## Catholic Schools Week:

The theme was: "*Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Common Home*".

As part of Catholic Schools week our First class invited their Grandparents to the school to celebrate on Wednesday the 1st February.

They entertained their families with songs and poetry! Our Lunchtime Ensemble and Choir also entertained our grandparents.

## Head Chef:

A big thanks to our Head Chef Mrs Irene Smith who baked with the children on Tuesday 31st January in preparation for Grandparents Day.

## Ash Wednesday:

Lent begins this Wednesday 1st March. Fr Gerry will be visiting all classes to distribute ashes.

### **Bienvenue!**

We would like to welcome our two French students who will be working with our children over the next few weeks. Their names are Cindi and Amelie



### **Quiz Team:**

We wish our quiz team:

*Charlie McAleer*

*Cathal Maguire*

*Michael Kirby and Oran McMahon*

the best of luck for this Sunday the 5th March. They will be competing in Round Two of the Credit Union Quiz. They have been putting in a big effort and we are very proud of them.

### **World Book Day:**

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 2nd March. World Book Day has become firmly established as Ireland's biggest annual event promoting the enjoyment of books and reading.

On the day, many children dress up as their favourite character and the pupils will participate in a variety of fun activities such as shared reading between the older classes and the younger classes.

All children will receive a World Book Day Token.



### **Greenschools:**

Our WOW will commence tomorrow Wednesday March 1st weather permitting.

### **Local Historians/Storytellers:**

We would be delighted to welcome any locals who would be willing to tell the children about Kilkenny, its history, geography, folklore.

We have a wonderful resource for teaching history and geography in

“Kilkenny in the Past and Present” by Willie Quigley

and know from this book that there are lots of locals out there with great stories to tell.

### **Bake Sale for Syria:**

A huge thank you to all for your wonderful support of this Valentine's event!

There are lots of photos on our school website and Twitter. Thank you to Ms. Condon for constantly updating both.

Well done to Ms. Fahy and Sixth Class!

They organised it very well amidst their preparation for Confirmation.

We raised €952.66 which will be sent to help with the Syrian Refugee Crisis.



### **Junior Entrepreneur Programme:**

5<sup>th</sup> Class had a business visitor, Dermot McElroy, owner of 'Heat Pumps Ireland', in to visit them as part of their Junior Entrepreneur Programme.

During Mr. McElroy's visit, 5<sup>th</sup> class learned lots of interesting things about business and he gave the class lots of useful tips and advice on setting up their own class business.

5<sup>th</sup> class will host a showcase afternoon for their *Balloon Bandz* on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. The showcase will give the children an opportunity to explain how they set up their business, and of course they will be selling their *Balloon Bandz* on the day!

We look forward to seeing you all there.

A huge thank you to Mr. McElroy for visiting us!

### **First Penance:**

The children from 2nd class will have the sacrament of First Penance on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm.