

# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter February 2022

## Table Quiz

Kilkerley Parents Association will hold a Table Quiz



on Friday 25th March in Kennedy's Bar at 8pm. This is an important fundraiser to support the school and will be a fun night including a raffle with lots of prizes!

## First Penance

First Penance for children in 2nd class will take place on **Tuesday 29th March at 7pm.**

## Grandparents Day

We have decided to hold our Grandparents Day celebration in April for grandparents of children in 2nd class.

Further details will be sent to 2nd class soon.

## Clothing Collection

A reminder that we are running another clothing recycling drive in order to raise funds for the school. As before, you can leave bags of clean, dry, re-wearable items of clothing, towels, and bed linen (no pillows or duvets please) in the Community Centre foyer before **Thursday 3rd March, 9:30am.**



## Message from Mrs Kirby

With restrictions lifting across society we are eagerly looking forward to saying goodbye (forever?) to Covid-19, and eagerly embracing the rest of this school year. I hope that you all have a lovely midterm and that the weather will be favourable to lots of outdoor activities for the children to enjoy.

Le dea-ghuí,

Donna Kirby



## Junior Entrepreneur Programme



Rang a Cúig had a great time in school when we held our 'Meet the Dragons' morning. Our dragons were **Caroline Mulligan** and **Cillian Mulligan**, both of whom are local entrepreneurs. The dragons were really helpful and friendly!

The children presented four products to them, Plushies, Movie Box, Cookie Bags and School Crested Bobble Hats. They found it very difficult to decide as they thought each product was so good, but they chose the **School Crested Bobble Hats.**

The Dragons gave the class lots of feedback on their products and useful tips on moving forward with their School Hat idea. The Dragons were so kind and gave all of the children a bag of crisps each for their superb efforts!

5th Class had so much fun meeting the dragons. They are looking forward to moving forward to the next phase of their Junior Entrepreneur Programme!

## Fire Safety Programme

In March, 3rd Class will have a visit from firefighters from Dundalk Fire Brigade as part of the National Primary School Fire Safety Programme. The programme aims to enhance the level of awareness of fire safety in the home through schoolchildren, and to raise the level of awareness of fire safety in the community.

## Science Magic

Mr Coleman and Ms Sarah accompanied 4th Class to An Táin Theatre in Dundalk recently to see a show called 'Science Magic'. The show brought science experiments to life for the children and was enjoyed by all, particularly as Mr Coleman was invited on stage to participate in the experiments!



## Active Schools

1st and 2nd class are currently enjoying football training with Craig Lynch from Louth GAA, and Daire Hoey is providing hurling coaching for 3rd and 4th class.

Holly and Aisling, students from DKIT are running movement classes for Infants.

Tennis coaching with Gary Rodriguez from Dundalk Tennis Club commences on 1st March and will run for 8 weeks. These sessions will be delivered to Junior and Senior Infants, and 5th and 6th Class.

It is hoped that school swimming lessons can resume in May this year for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes.

## Kilkerley Brownies & Ladybirds

In recognition of World Thinking Day, pupils of Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Kilkerley who attend the local Ladybird, Brownie and Girl Guide Units, wore their guiding uniforms to school. They informed their peers and teachers about their activities in guiding which include building self-esteem, giving girls confidence, life skills, friendships, respect for others and much more.



## Covid-19

A reminder that the Covid-19 page on our school website is updated regularly the latest guidance from the HSE. Your child should stay at home if they:

- have symptoms of Covid-19, and/or a positive PCR or antigen test result
- live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 and is waiting for a PCR test result or doing repeat antigen tests - if all 3 of their antigen tests or their PCR test is negative, your child can return to school
- are a household close contact (live with someone who has Covid-19)

**We thank you for your continued cooperation.**



## Theatre Trip



1st class will attend a show called 'Wunderground' in An Táin theatre in March

## Jersey Day



Thank you for your support of the Kilkerley PA Jersey Day on 18th February. The children enjoyed showing their support for their favourite teams. €344 was raised for PA funds.

## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we encourage our pupils to dress up as their favourite book character on **Friday 4th March**. World Book Day is Ireland's biggest annual event promoting the enjoyment of books and reading for children and young people. The main aim is to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading. Each child will receive a €1.50 book token from the World Book Day charity.



## Dates for your Diary

**St Patrick's Day:** The school will be closed on **17th and 18th March** for St Patrick's Day.

**Easter Holidays:** The school will be closed from **11th-22nd April** inclusive for the Easter Holidays.

