

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter February 2024

First Penance

The boys and girls in Rang a 2 are working hard to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which they will celebrate on 14th March.



Do This In Memory

The children in 2nd class attended another Do This In Memory Mass on 11th February. Fr Brian was the celebrant.



The next Do This In Memory Mass will take place on 3rd March.

Molly—Science Quiz winner!

Molly Larkin from Rang a 4 recently entered the ESB Science Blast competition on Today FM and won a Today FM goodie bag for herself and €500 for science equipment for our school!



Eggs!

Thank you to Owen McElroy, Sophie and Jamie's Grandad, for gifting us 12 eggs which we hope will produce some beautiful baby chicks!



Message from Mrs Kirby

February has been called a border between winter and spring. Spring is definitely in the air in Junior Infants, where we have 12 eggs in an incubator, watched eagerly by our younger pupils who regularly check their progress.

Spring is known as "the season of hope" because it symbolises the resurgence of life after the inevitable challenges of winter. In this season of Lent, we look forward to Easter, to new life and hope.

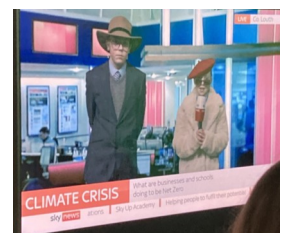
Le dea-ghuí,
Donna Kirby

6th Class Sky Up Academy Trip

On 2nd February 6th Class attended a SkyUp Academy workshop in Sky Ireland Headquarters in Dublin.

The children were given a tour of the building and worked together in teams to produce a televised report on climate change. They were even treated to a spread from the Sky canteen as a reward for all of their hard work. They had a brilliant day out!

Míle buíochas to **Orlaith Ryan-Kelleher** who nominated our school for this experience.



Cruinniú na nÓg

Earlier this month, Infants, 1st and 2nd classes had the privilege of a visit from author and illustrator Tatyana Feeney, as part of Cruinniú na nÓg.

The children enjoyed listening to Tatyana read from one of her own books, "Eva and the Perfect Rain", and as a follow-up activity, completed some beautiful illustrations of their own.



Thank you to Melissa Hayes for facilitating this visit.

Wellbeing Corner

To celebrate World Thinking Day on 22nd February, Kilkerry Ladybirds, Brownies and Girl Guides came to school in their uniforms. One of their leaders Geraldine Kirk, joined us to promote this day.



Kilkerley Parents Association News

Thank you to all who attended the PA Meeting on 8th February this month. The following events were discussed:

Table Quiz and Raffle 8th March

The PA will hold a Table Quiz in Kennedy's Bar on the Carrick Road on Friday March 8th. A raffle will be held on the night. Raffle tickets are being sold through the school office and cost €2 each or 3 for €5. Raffle tickets will also be sold on the night.

There are some amazing prizes, including €100 Callan's Voucher, €100 Emerald Park Voucher, €50 O'Callaghan Travel Voucher, €50 Shop Local Voucher, Signed Neven Maguire Cookbook, F€50 Dunnes Voucher, Family Omniplex Voucher, Art Print from Claire Reilly Fine Art and Design, Easter Hamper, Mother's Day Hamper, Family Game Hamper, wine, chocolates and lots more! There is still time to get your tickets!

Confirmation Refreshments 19th April

The PA will provide refreshments in the Community Centre for 6th class and their families following Confirmation on Friday 19th April. If you are available to help, please let us know.

DKIT STEM Quiz

Our 6th Class quiz team of Bébhinn Harris, Liam Kelleher, Cian Larkin and Charlotte Trimble recently competed in the DKIT Engineers Ireland NE STEM Table Quiz in Dundalk Library. They represented our school very well, achieving full marks in both maths rounds.



Active Schools

Junior Infants—2nd Class completed a 5 week block of Fit Kids classes with Niall Teather just before the midterm break. The children really enjoyed these classes.



FAI Soccer

On 22nd February, 18 boys from Rang a 5 and Rang a 6 travelled to DKIT to participate in the FAI Primary School 5s Programme, accompanied by Mr Loughran and Mr Murphy. They competed against local schools and represented our school very well.



Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our Quiz teams who took part in the Dundalk Credit Union Inter-Primary Schools Quiz, held in the Fairways Hotel on 20th February. They were: Tom Coleman, Caitlin Cumiskey, Jack Fitzgerald, Enya Green, Bébhinn Harris, Liam Kelleher, Cian Larkin, Juliette McEntegart, Sorcha McKenna, Moya McMahan, Éinín Stacey and Charlotte Trimble



New Arrival

Congratulations to Ms O'Hanrahan who welcomed beautiful baby Noah to her family earlier this month!



Admissions 2024-25

Offers of places for our incoming Junior Infants have been sent to applicants. We are in the process of confirming our enrolment for 2024-25.

Attendance

Attendance for February was 95%.

Dates for your Diary

3rd & 4th Class DKIT Trip:

3rd & 4th Class will travel to DKIT for an Engineers' Week Roadshow on **Thursday 7th March**.

6th Class St Vincent's Trip:

6th Class will travel to St Vincent's to view the TY Musical "Rock of Ages" on **Thursday 7th March**.

Referendum—School Closed:

The school will be closed on **Friday 8th March** as it has been requisitioned as a polling station for the upcoming referendum.

5th Class St Louis Trip:

5th Class will be heading to St Louis on **Tuesday 12th March** to see their TY Musical "Oliver!".

St Patrick's Day:

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



Easter Holidays:

The school will be closed for the Easter Holidays on **Friday 22nd March**, and will re-open on **Monday 8th April**.

