



NEWSLETTER FEB/MARCH 2018

Green Schools Visit

We had our visit from the Green Schools Judge on Wednesday 14th of March. She chatted to the Green Schools committee about the work that they had done towards our *Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste* theme.

They then took her on a tour of our school grounds and around the hallways to show off the numerous projects and beautiful artwork based around the theme that classes have on display. She was incredibly impressed with how environmentally-conscious the children in our school are, and how hard they had worked to reduce litter and waste over the two years.



We are excited to receive our Green Flag in the summer term. Well done everyone!

Science Fair:

As part of our STEM Award (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) the children will be hosting a science fair on **Thursday 22nd March** which will run from 10am-2:30pm approximately.

The science fair gives each class an opportunity to present their investigations and ideas on different topics that they have been learning about. It was a great success last year, and we are hoping that this year will be equally as exciting! All are welcome.

World Book Day:

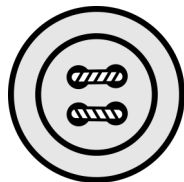
This will be celebrated on Friday 20th April.

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 Monday 29th January.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme



5th class have been working hard on their Junior Entrepreneur Programme. They are currently working in five teams: Finance, Sales, Marketing, Production and Storytelling.

They will host a showcase morning for their *Button Buddiez* on **Tuesday 10th April**. The showcase will give the children an opportunity to explain how they set up their business, and of course they will be selling their *Button Buddiez* on the day!

Entrance Exams

Well done to our 6th Class pupils who sat their Entrance Exams for secondary school on Saturday the 3rd of February.

Catholic Schools Week:

The theme this year was "Called to be a Family of Families" Catholic Schools: Families of Faith. Each day members of the student council used the intercom to read a thought for the day and lead the children in praying the "Our Father". The high point of the week was Grandparents Day which was celebrated in 1st class. A big thank you to Mrs Cumiskey for hosting this.

A Holy Family Walk:

Fr Gerry and Fr Paddy are planning a family walk taking in the Stations of the Cross, on Palm Sunday 25th March. The walk will commence in Knockbridge at 3pm and finish at Kilterley Church. Map and more details to follow.

Care Programme:

The theme for February was 'Happiness'. This month's theme is 'My Wellbeing'

Reading Suggestions for parents:

Why Parental self-care is essential for Children's emotional wellbeing.

Scratch:

Well done to 5th class who took part in the National Scratch Computer Programme Course and have received certificates for their efforts. We had great fun creating games and animations. Some of the class have put forward entries for the National Scratch Competition run by the Irish Computer Society. Best of luck boys and girls!

After School Activities

Art classes are being held in the Community Centre after school on Fridays.

Speech & Drama classes are being held after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The children are also enjoying piano, guitar and tin whistle lessons after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Easter Egg Hunt

Kilkerley Foroige Group are running a Family Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, 2nd April in the Community Centre. All proceeds will go towards Kilkerley Playground Association. All are welcome to attend.



First Penance

Congratulations to the children in 2nd class who celebrated their First Penance earlier this month.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We had great fun at our Céilí Mór held in the Community Centre, and at our Tráth na gCeist for Seachtain na Gaeilge!

Bake Sale

Thank you to all involved in the Bake Sale held on 8th February. We were delighted to raise €1,023 towards the Kilkerley Playground Association.



Special thanks to Ms Fahy and the children of 6th class.

Confirmation:

Congratulations to the children of 6th Class who were confirmed on 16th March at a wonderful ceremony with Canon Eugene Sweeney, Fr Gerry Campbell, Fr Paddy Rushe, Fr Paddy Coyle and Deacon Martin Cunningham .

Thank you to Ms Fahy for her hard work in preparing the children for the sacrament, to Mr Loughran, Mr Fontaine, Ms Conlon, Ms Condon and Susan Mulholland for the beautiful music, and our PA for refreshments afterwards.



Irish League of Credit Union Quiz:

We are very proud of our quiz team,

Ellie Bourton

Mai Anh Crawford

Sophie Gordon

Aibhilin Scilley

who represented our school in the Regional Finals, held in the Nuremore Hotel on Sunday 11th March. Well done children!

French Students

We were delighted to welcome French students Julien and Laurence to our school.

Easter Holidays

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh!

School will close at 12 midday on Friday 23rd March, and will reopen on Monday 9th April. Enjoy the holidays!

