

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017

Catholic Schools Week:

Catholic Schools Week January 29th—February 5th 2017. The theme is: "*Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Common Home*".

As part of Catholic Schools week our First class have invited their Grandparents to the school to celebrate on Wednesday the 1st February. They will be baking on Tuesday in preparation for the big day!

Friends For Life Programme:

As part of the SPHE Programme (Social, Personal and Health Education) 5th class will be participating in a Friends For Life, ten week, programme.

This is a programme which promotes social emotional wellbeing, teaching important coping and problem solving skills to children that they can apply to their daily lives. In combination, these skills can build emotional resilience, which protects individuals against stress and enables them to meet the challenge of difficult situations.

The programme will be delivered by Mrs Curran-Butler and Mrs Halpin.

Stay Safe Programme:

Our Stay Safe Programme will be implemented next month from Junior Infants

Care Programme:

The theme for December was 'Belonging'. This month's theme is 'Friendship'.

Reading suggestions for teachers and parents:

'The Meaning of Friendship' and 'Children need friends'.

BHK Credit Union Quiz

We wish the best of luck to our two quiz teams who will compete this Friday, at 8pm in Blackrock National School.

Team A:

Charlotte Mc Aleer
Cathal Maguire
Oran Mc Mahon
Michael Kirby

Team B:

Ben Mc Gorrian
Niall Donnelly
Sophie Stitt
Oran Mc Elroy

Dates for your diary:

Friday 3rd February— Staff training day school will be closed.

Confirmation Friday 17th February at 11.00am

First Penance Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm.

Return to school after summer break—Tuesday 29th August 2017.

Retirement of Our Caretaker:

We would like to wish Colm Murphy, our Caretaker, every happiness in his retirement. Photos on www.kilkerleyns.com



New Caretaker:

Thomas Kirk, our newly appointed Caretaker will begin work on Monday the 30th January.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme:

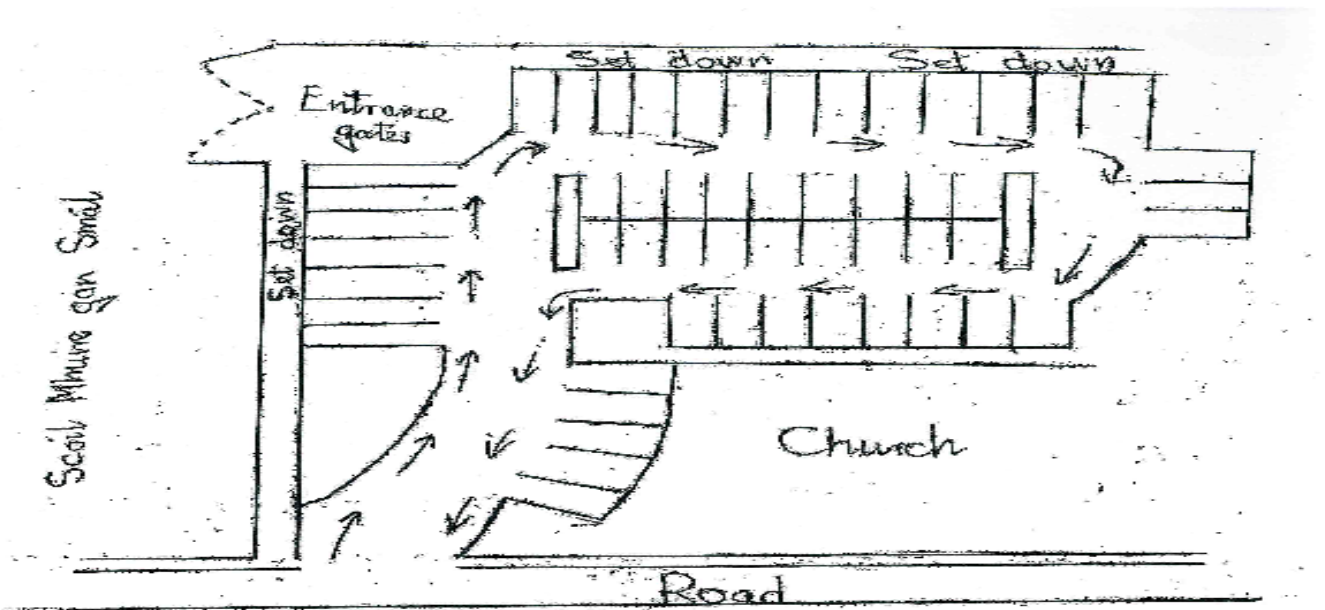
Our 5th class are currently taking part in The Junior Entrepreneur Programme. The programme helps pupils to develop skills in literacy, writing, presentation, drawing, technology, research skills, numeracy, financial consumer awareness, listening skills, creative thinking, problem solving and team building. 5th class have been working very hard over the past few weeks brainstorming ideas and creating products. This week they presented four potential ideas to the dragons, with Balloon Bandz being the chosen product. They will be busy producing, financing, marketing and advertising their product in the next few weeks. A special thanks to our dragons Richard Mackin, Phil Quigley and Mrs. Johnston for all of their help. Best of luck to 5th Class!

Basketball:

The Dundalk Mini Basketball League is up and running for our 6th class boys and girls. The children are enjoying their training sessions every Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Curran-Butler and Ms. Tansey. The teams have played one game so far against Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan. Both teams played extremely well and we are so proud of them! Final score for the boys' game was 2-10 to Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan and the final score for the girls' game was 2-8 to Kilkerley. Our next match is against Knockbridge School.

Greenschools:

Our WOW is taking a rest until Wednesday 1st March. All classes are doing great work in reducing the amount of litter in their classroom bins. Well done! We need to continue this so we can reduce our bin load by 25% this year.



Safety in Car Park

A reminder to all drivers – when entering, parking and leaving the carpark please use the one-way system.

We have spoken to the Garda Síochána regarding the matter of speed in the carpark. The recommended limit is **10KM** per hour.

Please inform other family members that may be picking up your child/ children of these arrangements. We all need to drive very slowly, adhere to the speed limit and be vigilant in this matter.