

# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter June 2022

## Corpus Christi

The boys and girls from 2nd Class took part in the traditional Corpus Christi procession at Sunday Mass on 19th June.



## 6th Class Retreat

Mrs Murphy's 6th class recently participated in a retreat organised by Fr Gerry, and led by facilitators Sharon Dunne and Janice Forbes in Stephenstown Pond Conference Centre. Fr Gerry celebrated Mass after lunch.



## Poet, Children's Writer & Illustrator Lucinda Jacob Visit

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June Lucinda Jacob visited our school through an initiative called *Writers in Schools* run by Poetry Ireland. She facilitated two creative writing and illustration workshops with the children in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class.



The children had lots of fun and learned all about writing their own poetry, creating illustrations and making books through simple paper folding. They created some lovely poetry on the day and got lots of tips that they will be able to carry forward in their own writing in the future.

## Message from Mrs Kirby

Our school year has come to an end and it is time to say goodbye to our Rang 6. We've made some cherished memories along the way and I've no doubt that the years ahead will bring many more for this wonderful group of young people.

This year, as a staff, we have lived, studied, learned, laughed, sang and grown together. Now it is time for our summer break, an opportunity to refresh and return in the new term with great hope and expectation for what the next school year holds in store.

Le dea-ghuí,

Donna Kirby



## Sports Evening

Our first sports evening since 2019 took place this month. All children in the school were split into five teams and took part in lots of sporting activities.

There was also excellent participation for our parent activities and our pre-schooler race. It was great to see the competitive spirit! Every child received a medal on the night.

Thank you the parents who volunteered at the ice-cream stand. The proceeds of €450 were donated to Down Syndrome Ireland. Thank you to the Brew Crew who served refreshments on the night, and donated €240 which contributed to the cost of the Sports Day medals.



## School Tours

More school tours took place this month, with 6th class heading to Carlingford Adventure Centre for their very last primary school tour! Junior & Senior Infants, as well as 1st and 2nd class enjoyed a day out at Sliabh Gullion.



## Wellbeing Corner

This month, we officially opened our new wellbeing wall and dedicated it to Seán Kelly, father of Ciarán in 4th Class, who passed away late last year. We held a memorial service for Seán as part of the official opening, with Fr Brian leading us in prayer. Seán's wife Lisa attended with Ciarán's older brother Jack. Lisa's music students played beautifully and Rang a Ceathar sang "You've Got a Friend".

Our well-being wall has two colourful buddy benches (donated by Kilkerry PA) and a host of positive affirmations to inspire our children.



## STEM Award

We were delighted to once again receive a Primary Science Award from the Science Foundation of Ireland for this academic year. Thank you to Mrs Rilla Kelly our STEM Coordinator, and of course all of the children and teachers for their hard work throughout the year. Here is the feedback from the judging panel:



*Congratulations to all the pupils, teachers and parents of Kilkierley NS. You have been awarded a Plaque of STEM. It is well merited for a very good years work. You have shown a great range and variety of activities - enough for a number of plaques! The enthusiasm of the children for their STEM activities is clear from your photographs. you have very good design and make activities such as the wind powered cars and the bridges. Plenty of budding engineers. There is great activity and excitement evident at your Showcase Day. Once again, well done to all involved and keep up the good work!*

## 5th Class JEP

5<sup>th</sup> Class would like to say huge thank you to our school community for their support with their Junior Entrepreneur Programme. Through the sale of their school bobble hats they made a profit of €550, and also with a donation of €250 from Gary Valentine of Blue Sky Property, this month they have been able to organize a school fun day.



Our school Fun Day was held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and the whole school get to enjoy an 'Extreme Obstacle Course' and a 'Play Trailer' as well outdoor Jenga and giant Connect 4.

5<sup>th</sup> class also had enough money to treat themselves to pizza and a field trip to Gosford Park. They also took part in the nationwide Junior Entrepreneur Celebration day online on 14<sup>th</sup> June which was held through a live zoom link, they got to see lots of other products that were designed by children all over Ireland. They really enjoyed the programme and learned lots of entrepreneurial skills from it!

## Kilkierley Parents Association News

Fionnuala Cunningham, Chair of the PA, recently presented Mrs Kirby with a cheque for €3,500. The PA would like to sincerely thank all those who helped with fundraising efforts throughout the year.

A big thank you to **Garreth** and **Blainaid Crawley** who loaned us an ice cream machine and a slushie machine last week, and to our past pupils Finnán Crawley, Conall Cunningham, Tadhg Fitzgerald and Jerry McFadden who worked all day at the machines. The children all really enjoyed this lovely surprise treat!



Thanks to all who supported the recent church gate collection in aid of the annual maintenance costs of the Emergency Defibrillator located at the back of the school. Thank you to Fr Gerry, P.P., for facilitating this collection in aid of this community resource. €510 was raised. The last PA meeting of the school year was held this month. Thank you to all who attended.

## Credit Union Poster Competition

Congratulations to Emily McEntegart in 4th class who came 2nd in the Credit Union Poster Competition this year! Her fabulous poster is pictured here!



## New School Tracksuit

A reminder that our new school tracksuit (pictured) will be available in both Michael Lynch's and McEvoy's from July. Children can continue to wear the existing tracksuit if they wish to do so.



## Active Schools

3rd and 4th class enjoyed football training with Craig Lynch from Louth GAA over the last couple of weeks.

Junior and Senior Infants, along with 5th and 6th class completed the last of their 8 weeks of tennis coaching

3rd-6th Class completed 6 weeks of swimming lessons in Aura Leisure Centre Dundalk.

## Dates for your Diary

The school calendar 2022/23 has been published on our website and is also on the last page of this newsletter.

**Summer Holidays:** School closes at 12pm on **Tuesday 28th June** for summer holidays. We will reopen on **Tuesday 30th August**.



## Car Park Procedures

Thank you to the Community Centre for allowing the school bus to continue to use the community centre car park next year. This greatly eases congestion in the church car park.



Please remember to follow the one way system that operates in the church car park. See map for guidance.

## Green Schools

Jodie Allen, artist and mother of TJ in Junior Infants, has been busy working on a sculpture for our Green Schools theme of Marine Environment. The sculpture is being made from recycled materials and will be ready for unveiling in the new school year!

## Staffing 2022-23

Our teaching staff have been allocated classes for the upcoming academic year, and will be as follows:

- **Junior Infants:** Mrs Rilla Kelly
- **Senior Infants:** Mrs Katrina Cumiskey
- **1st Class:** Mrs Muireann Johnston
- **2nd Class:** Mr Pete Loughran
- **3rd Class:** Mrs Catherine Donnelly
- **4th Class:** Ms Áine O’Hanrahan
- **5th Class:** Mrs Michelle Murphy
- **6th Class:** TBA **SET:** Ms Cróna Tansey, Ms Fahy & Mrs Halpin
- **SNAs:** Mrs Catherine Turnbull and Mrs Sarah Mulligan

## 6th Class Graduation



We said goodbye to our current 6th Class children at a beautiful Graduation Ceremony held on 21st June. Fr Brian our school chaplain was the celebrant on the night.

Lorraine Quigley gave a parent’s address before the presentation of awards and certificates. Parents enjoyed tea, coffee and home baking, and the children were treated to a visit from an ice-cream van.

We would like to say goodbye to the families who are now leaving the school, and thank them for their support over the years. They are: *the Clarkes, the Conroys, the Corrigan, the Donnellys, the Georgievas, the Gordons, the Harmons, the Hollands, the Lennons, the Lynchs, the Mulligans, the McGees, the Quigleys and the Sharkeys.*

We bid a fond farewell to our Class of 2022. Go n-éirí libh a pháisti!

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Lily Clarke</b>        | <b>Mark Clarke</b>       |
| <b>Kitty Coleman</b>      | <b>Ollie Conroy</b>      |
| <b>Zoë Corrigan</b>       | <b>Emma Donnelly</b>     |
| <b>Erin Fegan</b>         | <b>Ruairí Fee</b>        |
| <b>Ellie Mai Finnegan</b> | <b>Bozhana Georgieva</b> |
| <b>Ivelina Georgieva</b>  | <b>Seán Gordon</b>       |
| <b>Conall Harmon</b>      | <b>Kate Holland</b>      |
| <b>Mark Holland</b>       | <b>Senan Kelleher</b>    |
| <b>Noel Kirk</b>          | <b>Sadhbh Lennon</b>     |
| <b>Sophie Lynch</b>       | <b>Maeve Mulholland</b>  |
| <b>Charlie Mulligan</b>   | <b>Caio Murphy</b>       |
| <b>Aoibhe McEaney</b>     | <b>Oisín McGee</b>       |
| <b>Tom O’Connor</b>       | <b>Alana Quigley</b>     |



# Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Cill Choirle School Calendar 2022-23



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August 2022						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
32	8	9	10	11	12	13
33	15	16	17	18	19	20
34	22	23	24	25	26	27
35	29	30	31			

Back to school: Tuesday 30th August

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December 2022						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
48				1	2	3
49	5	6	7	8	9	10
50	12	13	14	15	16	17
51	19	20	21	22	23	24
52	26	27	28	29	30	31

School Closed: Thurs 8th Dec  
Christmas Holidays: 22nd Dec- 4th Jan

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April 2023						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
13						1
14	5	6	7	8	9	
15	12	13	14	15	16	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
17	24	25	26	27	28	29

Easter Holidays: 3rd-14th April

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September 2022						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
35				1	2	3
36	5	6	7	8	9	10
37	12	13	14	15	16	17
38	19	20	21	22	23	24
39	26	27	28	29	30	

Back to school: Thurs 5th Jan

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January 2023						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
52						1
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	30	31				

Back to school: Thurs 5th Jan

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May 2023						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
18	1	2	3	4	5	6
19	8	9	10	11	12	13
20	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
22	29	30	31			

Bank Holiday: Mon 1st May

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October 2022						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
39						1
40	3	4	5	6	7	8
41	10	11	12	13	14	15
42	17	18	19	20	21	22
43	24	25	26	27	28	29
44	31					

Mid-Term Break: 31st Oct-4th Nov

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February 2023						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5			1	2	3	4
6	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	12	13	14	15	16	17
8	19	20	21	22	23	24
9	26	27	28			

New Bank Hol: Monday 6th Feb  
Mid-Term Break: 13th-17th Feb

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June 2023						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
22				1	2	3
23	5	6	7	8	9	10
24	12	13	14	15	16	17
25	19	20	21	22	23	24
26	26	27	28	29	30	

Bank Holiday: Mon 5th June  
Last Day of Term: Wed 28th June

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November 2022						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
44						5
45	7	8	9	10	11	12
46	14	15	16	17	18	19
47	21	22	23	24	25	26
48	28	29	30			

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March 2023						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
9			1	2	3	4
10	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	13	14	15	16	17	18
12	20	21	22	23	24	25
13	27	28	29	30	31	

School Closed: 17th Mar

182 days total

Key: 1 = school day  
 = school closed