

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter June 2023

Fr Brian— Golden Jubilee



Comhghairdeas to our school chaplain Fr Brian MacRaois who celebrated his Golden Jubilee this month with a mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamonn Martin, followed by a meal, presentation and music in the Community Centre.

Comhghairdeas a Athair Brian! Gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí leat as ucht an tacaíocht a thugann tú dúinn i gcónaí.

Message from Mrs Kirby

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have reached the end of another school year and can look forward to a few weeks of no homework, ironing uniforms or packing lunches. Let us hope for a return of the lovely weather so that we can make the most of this extra freedom.

I thank you for your support of us as a staff and of your children this year and hope that many happy memories were made of curricular and extra curricular activities.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer break and look forward to the beginning of a new school year on August 30th

Le dea-ghuí,
Donna Kirby



6th Class Graduation

We said goodbye to our lovely 6th Class on 20th June at their Graduation Ceremony. Fr Brian our school chaplain was the celebrant on the night. Brian Donnelly's slideshow of photographs from their time in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál was a beautiful tribute to this class. Thank you to Áine Hoey who gave a parent's address before the presentation of awards and certificates. The children enjoyed a visit from an ice-cream van.

Thank you to Ms Kane for her work with the children this year. And a special thank you to our amazing SNA Mrs Sarah Mulligan who joined our staff as SNA when these children were in Senior Infants back in 2016. Sarah has been with this class ever since and has been a huge support to all of these boys and girls and indeed to their class teachers over the years.

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 Hoeys, the MacFarlanes, the Murtaghs, the Oakes, the Owens, the Ramsbottom-McGauleys, the Reillys, the Rices, the McBennett/Ryans, and the Sages.*

To all of the children: It has been a pleasure to have you all as part of our school community. Go n-éirí libh a pháisti!



Eleanor Byrne
Amy Griffin
Keeley McConville
Henry Mohan
Ruby Morton
Jack Oakes
Zachariah Ramsbottom McGauley
Kevin Reilly
Ella Ryan
James Sage
Rebecca Trimble

Seán Clarke
Abby Hoey
Milo McEntegart
Michael Monahan
Cain Murtagh
Cillian Owens
Liam Rice
Karly Ryder
Finn Stacey

Grace Connolly
DJ MacFarlane

Sarah Gorman
Oisín Maguire



Kilkerley Parents Association News

The final PA meeting of this school year was held on Thursday 4th May. Thank you to all who attended. The AGM of the PA will be held in September. The current officers will be stepping down at the AGM. Replacement officers will be needed if the PA is to continue.

The PA wish to thank you all most sincerely for your support throughout the year.

Seán Clarke—Intercounty Blitz

A big well done to Seán Clarke who represented our school and our county at an Intercounty Blitz in Darver this month. Seán gave it his all as always, and his team won their final!

Thank you for representing us so well Seán!

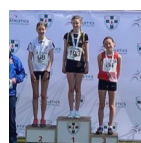


Trimble Family Champions!

Rebecca, Charlotte and Harry Trimble recently had great success at the Leinster Athletics Championships.

Harry came away with Gold in the U9 60m sprint and the Long Jump. Charlotte secured silver in the 60m sprint and Gold in the U13 relay. Rebecca placed second in Leinster u14 for Triple Jump and 3rd in Leinster in High Jump and 4th in hurdles.

They are all through to the All Ireland Outdoor Championship on 1st July. We wish them the very best of luck!



Junior Entrepreneur

Programme

5th Class were delighted with the success of their product, "Multibandz".

Their showcase day was a roaring success. With the profits, they

organised a Fun Day for the whole school, a pizza party for their own class, and an outing which will take place in September. They wish to thank all of their happy customers!

The children also took part in the nationwide Junior Entrepreneur Celebration day online this month. 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.

Thank you Mrs Murphy for all of your work with the children on this programme.



Active Schools

Tennis, swimming and rugby coaching concluded this month.

Thank you to all the coaches and instructors. The children really enjoyed these activities.



Wellbeing Corner

Our care programme theme this month was



"What Have I Learned".

KiVa surveys were carried out this month.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day took place on Friday 2nd June. This year, it was held during the school day. A great day was had by all!

Thank you to our PA who organised ice pops for the children. Your donations raised €310 which this year went towards

Cecilia Sage's recent 50km

fundraiser run for

the **Jack and Jill Foundation**.



Clothing Collection

Thank you for your support of our clothing collection which took place this month. €150 was raised.

Thank You

Thank you to all parents and guardians of children in our school. Your support throughout the year is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all of the parents who supported our recent SNA review. We are delighted to let you know that we were successful in securing a new SNA position (0.83) for the new school year.

Welcome—5th Class Teacher

We welcomed **Mr Ciarán Ward** into our school today to meet with our staff. Mr Ward will be taking up the position of **5th class teacher** for '23-24, not Ms Linden as previously advised. Ms Linden has been offered and accepted another position.

Slán

We say goodbye and thank you to **Mrs Phelan**, our Junior Infant teacher this year, and wish her the very best in her new position in St Fursey's National School.

We send our very best wishes to **Mrs Murphy** as she begins her maternity leave.

School Costs

We would like to clarify that the €50 per pupil charge for 2023-24 covers the following:

- €10 pupil personal accident insurance
- €20 art, craft and stationery (56c per pupil per week)
- €20 photocopying fee (56c per pupil per week)

The DES annual book grant would have subsidised our book rental scheme in previous years. However, this year that grant scheme has been included in the DES free book scheme.

Dates for your Diary

School Calendar 2023-24

The school calendar for next year has been ratified and is on our website. A copy is provided below.

Summer holidays

Our last day of term is **Wednesday 28th June**.

Children will return to school on **Wednesday 30th August 2023**.

We wish you all a lovely summer break!



Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Cill Choirle School Calendar 2023-24

2023-24	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T						
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Key:



Weekends = Orange



Bank Holidays = Red



School Closures = Blue