

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter March 2022

First Penance

Children in 2nd class celebrated their First Penance on Tuesday 29th March in the church. Thank you to Fr Brian and Mr Loughran for preparing the children so well. Congratulations to all of the children and their families.



Ceremony of Light

6th Class children will celebrate the Ceremony of Light on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm in the church. We wish the children well as they continue their faith journey.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 8th April

The school will be closed on this date to facilitate teacher training in the Primary Language Curriculum.



A further half day closure for teacher training will be scheduled during our last term. Details to follow.

Easter Holidays: The school will be closed from **11th-22nd April** inclusive for the Easter Holidays.

May Bank Holiday: School will be closed on Monday May 2nd **AND** Tuesday May 3rd.

Message from Mrs Kirby

Covid brought about many changes to our daily school routine. Here in Kilkerry, we were very fortunate to have use of the extra accommodation that the community centre offered us and the very spacious outdoor facilities we are blessed with. It's now time to come together again as a school community and we welcome this.

I wish you all a very happy Easter. May the glory and promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and to those you hold most dear.

Le dea-ghuí,
Donna Kirby



School Grounds

We would like to remind parents that no children should remain on school premises after school finishes for the day without permission of their teacher, principal or Board of Management. Sometimes groups do use school premises after hours. An example of this would include Kilkerry Ladybirds, Brownies and Guides, GAA or Junior Einstein. This is always done with the prior approval of the Board of Management. We thank you for your continued cooperation in this regard.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí a lán gníomhachtaí éagsula ar siúl ar fud na scoile le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana.

Chríochnaíomar le Lá Glas ar an 16ú Marta chun Lá Fhéile Pádraig a cheiliúradh. Bhí na páistí agus na múinteoirí (agus fiú an fear bréige sa chlós!) gléasta suas in eadaí glasa. Bhain na Naíonáin an-sult as Tór na Leipreacháin. Bhí cluichí biongó ag Rang a 1 agus a 2, agus ghlac ranganna 3-6 páirt i dTráth na gCeist. Bhí ceolchoirm againn freisin don scoil uilig. Is breá linn ár dteanga agus an cultúr a bhaineann léi a cheiliúradh!

We had lots of activities all over the school for Seachtain na Gaeilge this year. We finished the week with a "Lá Glas" on 16th March to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The children and teachers and even the scarecrow were dressed in their finest green clothing. Infants enjoyed a Leprechaun Hunt, 1st and 2nd classes held Bingo games, and 3rd-6th classes took part table quizzes. We had a concert for the whole school, the first in 2 years!

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Active Schools

Thank you to Holly and Aisling, students from DKIT, who have completed the movement classes with Junior and Senior Infants Tennis coaching with Gary Rodriguez from Dundalk Tennis Club is ongoing for Infants and 5th/6th classes.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th will begin 6 weeks of swimming lessons in Aura Leisure Centre in Dundalk in May.

Cumann na mBunscol

The Cumann na mBunscol All-County Blitzes resumed this year following the lifting of covid restrictions.

Thank you to Louth, Dromiskin and Kilsaran schools for joining us on 8th March when we hosted the blitz for the boys, and again on 23rd March when we hosted the girls.

Well done to everyone who participated and thank you to Mr Coleman and Mr Loughran for training our pupils. We look forward to participating in the Shield Competition after Easter.

The teams were:

Boys: Seán Clarke, Ollie Conroy, Ruairí Fee, Mark Holland, Senan Kelleher, Oisín McGee, Charlie Mulligan, Cain Murtagh, Tom O'Connor, James Rice, Enda Sharkey

Girls: Lily Clarke, Kitty Coleman, Zoë Corrigan, Emma Donnelly, Erin Fegan, Ellie Mai Finnegan, Kate Holland, Sadhbh Lennon, Sophie Lynch, Aoibhe McEaney, Maeve Mulholland



Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Gary Valentine came to visit Rang a Cúig at the start of the month. Mr. Valentine owns an estate agency business called 'Blue Sky Property' in Dundalk, Co. Louth.



During his visit to their class the children learned lots of interesting things about him and his businesses. He gave them lots of tips and advice to help them with selling their own product. Gary explained to 5th class about the importance of having a product that was designed to be fit for purpose. He gave the children some tips on marketing their product also.

Rang a Cúig had a great afternoon and got lots of helpful tips from Gary. He was really generous and gave the class a 250euro investment towards their Bobble hats, along with sweets and keyrings! They even got to test out an auctioneer's gavel!

This month the children also completed some market research by surveying a number of adults and children in our school. They are currently gathering orders for their bobble hats. They will hold their Sales Day later this month.

Table Quiz

Kilkerley PA would like to thank all who



supported the recent Table Quiz hosted in Kennedys Bar. Thanks to those who donated and sponsored raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets, and attended on the night.

Over €2,000 was raised for PA funds.

Grandparents Day

We look forward to hosting grandparents of children in 2nd class on Tuesday 26th April for our annual Grandparents Day celebration. This was postponed from Catholic Schools Week in January so that we could host the event as a whole class.

Theatre Trip

First Class visited the Táin to see "Wunderground", a beautiful musical experience from Ceol Connected and the National Concert Hall in association with Pavilion Theatre. Their teacher Mrs Johnston and Mrs Kirby accompanied them to the show. They thoroughly enjoyed their outing!



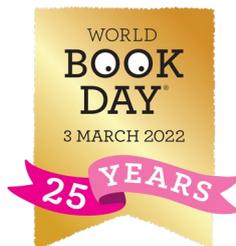
Junior Einsteins

During Science Week, 3rd class and 6th class both enjoyed a Science show full of hands on experiments with Maureen Hoey from Junior Einsteins.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day, on **Friday 4th March**, with lots of activities including Guess the Reader, Buddy Reading, a webinar with authors Ben Bailey-Smith, Sharna Jackson, Sophie McKenzie and Rashmi Sírdeshpand. To finish the week, the pupils and staff came to school dressed as a popular book character.



Fire Safety Programme

Ms Ryan's 3rd Class received a visit this week from Dundalk Fire Brigade as part of the National Primary School Fire Safety Programme. The children learned lots about fire safety awareness and fire safety in the home and in the community. They really enjoyed the visit.



New Look & Welcome Back !

We have new flooring laid in preparation for Rang a 3 moving classrooms. We welcome Rang 5 & Rang 6 back to the main school building.



We thank the staff and committee of the Community Centre for accommodating us so well over the past 2 years. We look forward to saying goodbye to the staggered break system and coming together as a school community once again.

Clothing Collection

Thank you for your support of the Cash4Clothes clothing collection on 3rd March. €106.75 was raised in total.



Birthday Parties

We would like to remind parents and guardians that **we ask that party invitations be given out at school only if all of the boys or all of the girls in a class are being invited.**



Otherwise, please distribute invitations after school to parents, or contact them privately. This avoids any feelings of exclusion and unnecessary upsets. Thank you for your cooperation.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh

