

# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Nuachtlitir Márta 2023



Conradh  
na Gaeilge

Seachtain

na Gaeilge

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## Message from Mrs Kirby

“March brings breezes loud and shrill, Stirs the dancing daffodil” according to the poem learned by many in school and certainly the inclement weather this month has tested us. Thankfully our pupils were able to enjoy lots of active learning indoors this month, as you can see from our newsletter. Now that we are officially in Summer Time, we can look forward to longer (and hopefully drier) evenings with the promise of summer in the not too distant future. The spirit of Easter is all about hope, love and joyful living. Best wishes for a lovely Easter to you all.

Le dea-ghuí,  
Donna Kirby

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge, an ceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais. Mar is gnách dúinn, bhí ár bhféilire lán le gníomhaíochtaí suimiúla agus spráíúla do na pháistí!

*Seachtain na Gaeilge is an international festival, the biggest celebration of our national language and culture. As usual, our calendar was filled with fun and interesting activities for the children!*

Bhain na Naíonáin an-sult as ‘Tór na Leipreacháin’ sa chlós. Bhí dráma darbh ainm ‘Seachtopus’ ó High Rock Productions do Rang a 1, 2, agus 3, agus ghlac ranganna 3-6 páirt i dTráth na gCeist. Bhí Céilí Mór againn don scoil uilig. Ar an 16ú Márta, bhí Lá Glas againn chun Lá Fhéile Pádraig a cheiliúradh. Chuireamar fáilte roimh Daithí Kearney ó DKIT, a thug ceardlann ceol traidisiúnta iontach dúinn.

*The infant classes really enjoyed their Leprechaun Hunt in the school yard. 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes had a drama, “Seachtopus” by High Rock Productions, and 3rd-6th classes took part in a table quiz in Irish. We had a Céilí Mór with Irish dancing for the whole school. On 16th March, we held a Lá Glas to celebrate St Patrick’s Day. We welcomed Daithí Kearney from DKIT who gave us a wonderful traditional music workshop.*

Lean @KilkerleySchool ar Twitter chun bhlaiseadh beag a fháil d’imeachtaí scoile a bhí ar siúl i rith na seachtaine. Agus tapaigh an deis do chuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh—mar a deirtear, is leatsa í!

*Follow @KilkerleySchool on Twitter to get a little taste of the school activities from the week. And take the opportunity to practice your own Irish!*



## Kilkerley Parents Association News

### New iPads

Our new set of 16 iPads complete with cases and charging trolley have arrived and are being put to great use already. Pictured are members of the PA presenting them to Mrs Kirby and the children.



### Table Quiz

The PA would like to thank everyone for all of the donations and support for the PA Table Quiz and Raffle held in Kennedys Bar on 26th March. An incredible €2,125 was raised!

Congratulations to our lucky prize winners. Noah Cotter from Rang a 5 was the winner of the signed Louth Jersey, while Claire Richardson won the signed Dundalk FC Jersey. Aoife Kelly from Junior Infants won the cookery set, and vouchers were won by Tim Callaghan (Senior Infants), Cooper Byrne and Mark Monahan (3rd class), Moya McMahon (4th class), Dylan McElroy and Emily McEntegart (5th class)

### Swimming Lessons—Subsidy

The PA will subsidise the cost of the swimming lessons scheduled for 3rd-6th class after Easter, therefore reducing fees payable by parents.

### Refreshments after Sacraments

The PA will be providing refreshments in the Community Centre after Communion and Confirmation ceremonies on Sat 22nd and Fri 28th April respectively. If you are in a position to help out please let us know.

### Flag Day

The annual flag day will be held on Friday 19th May this year. Please note this date in your diary and volunteer if possible.

### DKIT Engineering Visit —Gareth Kelly

Gareth Kelly from DKIT Engineering visited 1st & 4th classes this month. Gareth worked with the children on creating strong bridges. They worked so well in their teams and had great fun testing the strength of their creations!



### Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Mrs Murphy's 5th Class are participating in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme this year. The children use their creativity to come up with individual business ideas, and then come together as a class to choose one idea, and work to turn this idea into reality! They are learning how to research what customers really want, how to work out their costs, and how much to charge for their idea. The boys and girls will soon identify their product and start working in different teams with specific areas of expertise – finance, marketing, design & production, sales and storytelling.



### St Louis Visit—Water Conservation

Thank you to the team from St Louis (Amy, Mia, our past pupils Eve Gilmore and Caragh Kirk along with teachers Mrs Gilmore and Ms Flynn) who visited our school recently and gave a presentation to 6th Class on Water Conservation.



## First Penance



The children in 2nd class celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation this month.

## Lenten Penitential

### Service

Our school Lenten Penitential Service took place on 14th March and was celebrated by Fr Brian and Fr Sijo.



## First Communion & Confirmation

We look forward to the celebration of two sacraments in April.

The boys and girls in 2nd class will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 22nd April, and the children in 6th class will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 28th April. Bishop Michael Router will lead the Sacrament of Confirmation.



## Green Schools



The Green Schools judges visited our school this month and were very impressed with our school and with our committee. The committee did a great job showing them all of the work we have done towards our Global Citizenship: Marine Environment Flag.

The judges left some goodies for us including wildflower seeds, insect hotels, a window bird feeder, a bat house, some litter pickers made from recycled fishing nets, gloves and hi vis jackets. We hope for good news from them after all of our hard work!

## Active Schools

Thank you to Shane Lennon and team for working with 5th & 6th class at weekly **football** coaching.

**Tennis lessons** will resume after Easter with coach Gary. Junior and Senior Infants and 5th and 6th class will participate.

**Swimming lessons** in Aura Leisure Centre will also take place after Easter for 3rd-6th class.



## Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol competitions kicked off this month. Both boys and girls teams have competed well.

Our girls were narrowly beaten on a very wet day in Darver and were disappointed not to make it through to the next round. They represented our school very well and we are very proud of them.

Our 5th/6th class boys 7-a-side football team have reached "Finals Day". This is quite an achievement as approximately 50 teams have taken part and we have reached the last 4.

Finals Day will be played after Easter. Go néirí an t-ádh libh a bhuachaillí!

We look forward to competing in more competitions and challenges next term.

## FAI Schools Blitz

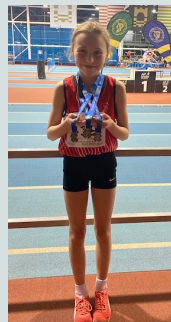


Mrs Kirby and Ms Caroline travelled with 17 boys from Rang 4,5 agus 6 to DKIT Sport to take part in the FAI Primary Schools 5s Competition.

Competition at the event was tough but our teams competed and well and thoroughly enjoyed the event. We are looking forward to next year already!

## All-Ireland and Leinster Champion!

Huge congratulations to **Charlotte Trimble** from Rang a 5 who is the new Leinster Long Jump Champion. Charlotte also achieved silver in 60m hurdles and bronze in the 60m sprint. She is also the proud owner of an All-Ireland silver medal in the 4x200m relay. Well done Charlotte and best of luck in the National Championships in April! Charlotte is a member of St. Gerard's AC.



## U14 Freestyle Medal!

Pictured here is **Zach Ramsbottom McGauley** after his silver medal win in the Monaghan Community Games. Zach will go on to compete in Mayo in May.



Congratulations Zach and best of luck in May!

## Enrolment 2023

The closing date for enrolment for Junior Infants 2023/24 was on 29th March 2023. Please contact the school office on 042-9337187 with any queries.

## Dates for your Diary

**Easter Holidays:** The school will be closed from **3rd-14th April** inclusive for the Easter Holidays.

**First Holy Communion:**  
Saturday 22nd April

**Confirmation:** Friday 28th April

**PA Flag Day:** The Annual Fundraising Flag Day will take place on **19th May**.

