

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter May 2023

Fr Brian— Golden Jubilee



To celebrate Fr Brian Mac Raois' Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination, a mass will be held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkenny, on Friday June 16th at 6.30pm.

This will be followed by a meal, presentation and entertainment in the Community Centre following mass.

Tickets are priced at €35 and are on sale from the school office. This is an adult only event. All are welcome to attend.

6th Class Armagh Trip

Fr Gerry has arranged a 6th class trip to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on 12th June.



They will be able to view the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, attend mass and join in prayers with a large gathering of young people from across the archdiocese.

Message from Mrs Kirby

"It's a cruel season that makes you get ready for bed while it's light out" (Bill Watterson) is particularly apt for parents of young children when it comes to the bedtime routine at this time of year. The lovely long days of June are welcome following the splendid finale of May. With summer season in full swing we are enjoying our beautiful outdoor setting for learning opportunities and enhancing our wellbeing. We can look forward to sports day, school tours, Junior Entrepreneur Fun Day, welcoming our new entrants and saying fond farewell to our graduating 6th class. June will be a busy month!

Le dea-ghuí,
Donna Kirby



Staffing 2023-24

Members of 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 Clodagh Halpin
- **4th Class:** Ms Áine O'Hanrahan
- **5th Class:** Ms Éilis Linden
- **6th Class:** Ms Frankie Kane
- **SET:** Ms Aisling Fahy, Ms Cróna Tansey, Mr James Murphy & Mrs Catherine Donnelly
- **SNAs:** Mrs Catherine Turnbull and Mrs Sarah Mulligan

Wellbeing Corner

Our care programme theme this month was "My Decisions".

Sports Day

We are planning to hold our Sports Day this Friday, 2nd June. As it will take place during school hours this year, parents are not required to attend. Please ensure that your child has applied sunscreen before school and has plenty to drink.

We look forward to a great day in the sunshine!

Our Parents Association will be providing ice pops for all of the children. A donation of €2 is requested, with proceeds to go towards **Cecilia Sage's** recent 50km fundraiser run for the **Jack and Jill Foundation**. Cecilia's son James is in 6th class.



Kilkerley Parents Association News

Flag Day

The annual Kilkerley PA flag day was held on 19th May. The fantastic sum of €3,500 was raised. A big thank you to all who volunteered.

PA Changes

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. Replacements will be needed if the PA is to continue.

Sports Day Ice Pops

Ice pops will be provided by the PA on Sports Day. Donations of €2 will be requested, with proceeds to go to Cecilia Sage's 50km fundraiser run for the Jack and Jill Foundation.

Green Schools

Mrs Fahy accompanied Green School Committee members Ruby, Liam and Willow to collect our 8th Green Flag for **Global Citizenship Marine Environment** at the City North Hotel this month.

Well done to our wonderful Green Schools Committee and a big thank you to all the staff and students of Scoil Mhuire gan Smál as well as the many parents and members of our wider community who supported us throughout this process.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme

After a very successful pre-sales day before the Louth Leinster final match, Rang a 5 are now busy gearing up for the big showcase day for their product "Multibandz". All of their teams are working hard to ensure the success of the business. The children are already planning a JEP Fun Day for the whole school, to take place on 20th June.



Junior Infants 2023/24

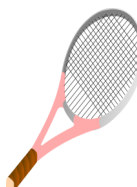
We welcomed the parents/guardians of our incoming Junior Infant class to an information evening on Tuesday 30th May. We thank our Parents Association, Fr Brian and our school staff for sharing their school experience with our new parents.



Active Schools

Tennis lessons with Coach Gary from Dundalk Tennis Club are ongoing for Junior and Senior Infants and 5th & 6th Class. The children are really enjoying these lessons. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes continue to attend swimming lessons in Aura Leisure Centre Dundalk.

Tiernan Gonnolly from Dundalk Rugby Club is providing weekly coaching sessions to 5th and 6th class.



Credit Union Winner

Congratulations to Kai Crawley in Rang a 2 who won 3rd prize in the Dundalk Credit Union Art competition. The theme this year was 'Save our World for a Brighter Tomorrow'.



Standardised Testing

Standardised testing in English has been completed with classes 1st-6th. Maths will be completed over the next number of weeks.

Clothing Collection

A clothing collection will take place on **Tuesday 20th June**. You can leave bags of clean clothing in the community centre before that date.

Dates for your Diary

Bank Holiday:

The school will be closed on **Monday 5th June** for the bank holiday.

School Closure:

The school will be closed on **Monday 19th June** for teacher training.

6th Class Graduation:

Our 6th Class Graduation ceremony will be held on **Tuesday 20th June at 7pm**.

Summer holidays

The last day of term will be **Wednesday 28th June**.



School Calendar 2023-24

The school calendar for next year has been ratified and is on the next page of this newsletter.



Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Cill Choirle

School Calendar 2023-24

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