

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Nuachtlitir Márta 2024



Conradh
na Gaeilge

Seachtain

na Gaeilge

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Message from Mrs Kirby

The very noticeable stretch in the evenings and bright mornings is very welcome after an Irish winter. New life is evident in the countryside around us (and in the Junior Infant Classroom!). Our pupils are looking forward to a break from the classrooms and the opportunity to enjoy the freedom of our great outdoors, weather permitting, before we begin our final term. As Lent draws nearer to an end, I wish you and your families an abundance of peace and love this Easter.

Le dea-ghuí,

Donna Kirby

Seachtain na Gaeilge/Wellbeing

Ritheann Seachtain na Gaeilge ón 1ú go dtí an 17ú de Mhárta gach bliain. Mar is gnách dúinn, bhí ár bhféilire lán le gníomhaíochtaí suimiúla agus spráíúla do na pháistí!

Bhain na Naíonáin an-sult as ‘Tór na Leipreacháin’ sa chlós. Thug Rang a 1 cuairt ar larsmalann Chontae an Lú le haghaidh scéal idirghníomhach a fheiceáil—“Fionn MacCumhaill and the Scottish Giant”. Ghlac ranganna 3-6 páirt i dTráth na gCeist agus an-sásta a bhí na buaiteoirí le duaiseanna seacláide! Ar an 15ú Márta, bhí Lá Glas againn chun Lá Fhéile Pádraig a cheiliúradh. Thug na daltaí inár grúpa cheoil taispeántais ceol traidisiúnta iontach dúinn. Buíochas le Bean Uí Cheallaigh a rinne sár-obair lena páistí agus a bhí ina stiúrthóir dóibh. Bhí Céilí Mór againn don scoil uilig.

Lean @KilkerleySchool ar Twitter chun bhlaiseadh beag a fháil d’imeachtaí scoile a bhí ar siúl i rith na seachtaine. Féach ar www.snag.ie le haghaidh comórtais, cluichí agus tuile eolas a fháil. Bain triail aisti!

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs from 1st-17th March each year. As usual, our calendar was filled with fun and interesting activities for the children!

The infant classes really enjoyed their Leprechaun Hunt in the school yard. 1st class visited the Louth County Museum for an interactive story, “Fionn MacCumhaill and the Scottish Giant”. 3rd-6th classes took part in a table quiz in Irish and the winners were delighted with their prizes. On 15th March, we held a Lá Glas to celebrate St Patrick’s Day. Mrs Kelly led our music group in performing some lovely traditional music. Thank you to Mrs Kelly who worked with the children and led them in this. We had a Céilí Mór with Irish dancing for the whole school.

Follow @KilkerleySchool on Twitter to get a little taste of the school activities from the week. Have a look at www.snag.ie where you will find competitions, games and lots



Kilkerley Parents Association News

New Maths Equipment

Thanks to funding from our hard-working PA, each class teacher in our school has chosen €300 of age-appropriate teaching aids to support the new Primary Maths Curriculum. We were delighted to take delivery of the new equipment this month and it is already being put to great use in our lessons.

More information on the new curriculum can be accessed here:

<https://ncca.ie/en/primary/primary-developments/stem-education/primarymaths/>



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 8th March. An incredible €1,400 was raised!

Prize winners from school were: Liam Kelleher won €150 Voucher for Emerald Park, Aoibhe Cumiskey won the Easter Hamper, Florence Carolan won the Pamper Hamper, Doireann McElroy won the Family Games Hamper, Oscar Sheridan won the Playr-Fit bundle, TJ and Freddie Allen won a Claire Reilly Fine Art Print, Adam Ryan won a Conta Kids 6 week course, Abi Kirk won a signed Nevin Maguire book, and Georgia Mohan and Donncha McKenna won biscuits. Congratulations to all!

Refreshments after Sacraments

The PA will be providing refreshments in the Community Centre after Communion and Confirmation ceremonies on Fri 19th April and Sat 25th May respectively. If you are able to help out please let us know.

Flag Day

The annual flag day will be held on Friday 17th May this year. Please note this date in your diary and volunteer if possible.

DKIT Engineering Visit —Sinéad Kelly

Sinéad Kelly, DKIT Engineering Department, held workshops with Senior Infants, 1st Class and 5th Class during Engineers Week. Here is Sinéad pictured with her daughter Aoife who is in Senior Infants. Thank you Sinéad for sharing your time and your expertise with us.

Engineers Week
2nd – 8th March 2024



DKIT Engineering Roadshow

3rd and 4th class were invited by Gareth Kelly of DKIT Engineering Department, to a "Scientific Sue" roadshow at DKIT this month. The children had a great time. Thank you to Gareth for inviting us.

Science Fair

Our annual Science Fair took place on the 20th March. All classes participated throughout the day. Every child had their turn presenting their experiment to the rest of the school. From refraction and depth perception to electricity, chemical reactions, and the life cycle of a chicken, we covered a lot of topics!

Thank you so much to Owen and Dolores McElroy, grandparents of Jamie and Sophie, who gifted us 5 newborn baby chicks, welcome company for Darcy the chick who we hatched in Junior Infants. Darcy is delighted with her new siblings!



TY Musicals St Louis and St Vincent's

This month 5th Class visited St Louis for a performance of "Oliver!", while 6th Class went to An Táin to watch St Vincent's production of "Rock of Ages". Both shows were excellent and the children really enjoyed themselves.

Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol competitions kicked off this month. Both boys and girls teams represented our school very well and we are extremely proud of them.



Our boys gave a great account of themselves in matches against Kilcurry, Tallanstown and Knockbridge and narrowly missed getting through to the next round.

The girls played against Kilcurry and Knockbridge, winning one match, and losing the other. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to our staff Mr Murphy, Ms Hoey, Mr Ward and Mr Loughran for their involvement with our teams. We look forward to competing in more competitions and challenges next term.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme



In March the JEP journey continued as 5th class met the co-founder and CEO of the award-winning social enterprise FoodCloud. Iseult Ward helped establish FoodCloud in 2012 and the business connects other businesses that have surplus food with charities and communities that need it most. Mr. Ward's 5th class started rolling out their "Stop, Wash 'n' Go" car washing service on Thursday, March 21st when they handed out surveys to 6th, 5th and 4th class parents and got some practice in by washing the cars from Dundalk based pub and restaurant "Mo Chara". The car wash will be available to all parents from April 29th to May 3rd.

Morning Procedures

A reminder that our yard supervision in the mornings commences at **9:10am-9.20am** for assembly of our pupils.



Our yard supervisors are easily identifiable by their hi-vis jackets. Our SNA staff have a particular awareness of an identified group of pupils who are their responsibility during the day.

On wet mornings, the school building is open for pupils from **9.10am**. The pupils proceed directly to their classrooms on these mornings.



First Penance



The children in 2nd class celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 14th March. Thank you to Fr Brian who was celebrant on the night, and to Eugene Callan, our parish sacristan, for his assistance. Thank you to Mr Loughran for preparing the pupils for this special sacrament.

Lenten Penitential

Our school Lenten Penitential Service took place on 21st March and was celebrated by Fr Brian, assisted by Fr Gerry and Fr Pat McEnroe.



Confirmation

We look forward to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 6th class children and their families on 19th April.

Enrolment 2024

The closing date for enrolment for Junior Infants 2023/24 was on 22nd March 2024. Please contact the school office on 042-9337187 or email admissions@kilerleyns.ie with any queries.

Dates for your Diary

Easter Holidays: The school will be closed from **25th March-5th April** inclusive for the Easter Holidays.

Confirmation: Friday 19th April

First Holy Communion: Saturday 25th May

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

