

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter June 2021

Sacraments in July

Mrs Murphy's 6th Class will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Tuesday 6th July at 11am**, while Mrs Cumiskey's 2nd Class children will celebrate their **First Holy Communion** on **Friday 9th July at 11am**.

We wish the children in 6th and 2nd Classes and their families every blessing on these important days in their lives.



Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of another school year is upon us and time to say goodbye for now. We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion and Confirmation with the parents, teachers and pupils of 2nd and 6th classes in July.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer break. Hopefully we will be blessed with some lovely weather so that our children can enjoy lots of outdoor activities and return to school in the Autumn refreshed and eager to begin a new school year once again.

Le dea-ghuí,

Mrs Kirby



6th Class Graduation

We said goodbye to our current 6th Class children at a beautiful Graduation Ceremony held on 23rd June. Fr Brian our school chaplain was the chief celebrant, with Fr Gerry our parish priest as concelebrant. Music was provided by Mrs Rilla Kelly and the children from 6th class. Jennifer Conlon gave a parent's address before the presentation of awards and certificates. The children enjoyed a barbecue to celebrate their last week in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál.

We would like to say goodbye to the families who are now leaving the school, and thank them for their invaluable support over the years. They are: *the Clarkes, the Conlons, the Deerys, the Eatons, the Foleys, the Kirbys, the Lennons, the Mulhollands, the Murphys, the McElroys, the McGuinnesses, the Rosbothams and the Turleys.*

We bid a fond farewell to our Class of 2021 and wish them every success in the future:

Matthew Clarke	Naney Colzman	Adrian Conlon	Séanón Connolly
Alanna Conway	Lana Cunningham	Shane Deery	Oisín Donnelly
Megan Eaton	Dáire Foley	Naoise Harris	Siún Kirby
Eoin Larkin	Rian Lennon		
Ciarán Maguire	Abbig McElroy		
Oisín McElroy	Sadhbh McElroy		
Ratá McEneaney	Aaron McEntegart		
Patrick McGown	Isibéal McGuinness		
Anna Mulholland	Luke Mulholland		
Eoghan Murphy	Ryan Murtagh		
Lucey Rosbotham	Mazdbh Thornton		
Gillian Turley			



Junior Entrepreneur Programme



5th Class completed the Junior Entrepreneur Programme this month. The Sales Day for their product 'Bangle Jangles' was a roaring success. The children were able to use the profits to treat themselves to a day out to Slieve Gullion, including a celebratory meal. They have decided as a class to donate the rest of the profits to Down Syndrome Ireland.

Do This in Memory

A special 'Do This In Memory' mass, celebrated by Fr Gerry, was held on Sunday 6th June 2021 in Knockbridge. The children of 2nd class watched online. Well done to **Grace Griffin, Tom McElroy** and **Ferdia Maguire** who read Prayers of the Faithful.



First Penance

Mrs Cumiskey's 2nd Class celebrated the Sacrament of Penance with Fr Brian and Fr Gerry at a beautiful ceremony on Tuesday 8th June.



STEM Award

We were delighted to once again receive our STEM Award for this year. A big thank you to Mrs Rilla Kelly our STEM Coordinator, for her work in submitting our application. The judges were very impressed with our book of evidence. Here are some of their comments:



"Well done to everybody in Kilkerry NS. You have done a mighty year's work under very challenging conditions. Your participation and activities during Space Week are very impressive. The pupils obviously got a lot from it. Your investigation with the shadows and mapping the position of the sun is excellent. Congrats to all the pupils, teachers and parents on your Plaque award. Keep up the good work."

Sports Day

Sports Day 2021 was held on 16th June 2021. Junior Infants-2nd Class competed in the morning, while 3rd-6th Classes took the afternoon. The children remained in their class groupings and great fun was had by all. The medals, which were generously sponsored by our PA, were awarded as follows:



MORNING	AFTERNOON
1st place—Blue Team	1st place—Red Team
2nd Place—Yellow Team	2nd Place—Blue Team
Joint 3rd Place—Orange/Green/Red Team	Joint 3rd Place—Orange/Green/Yellow Team

Thank you to our hard working PA who served ice creams to all of our athletes. Monies collected will be donated to Down Syndrome Ireland.

Summer Holidays

School will reopen following the summer holidays on Thursday 26th August. We wish you all a lovely summer break!

Care Programme : What Have I Learned?

The Care Programme theme this month is "My Decisions".

The children have been exploring decision-making—how we can go about making decisions and how the decisions we make affect ourselves and others.

Twitter Tidy Up!

Our Twitter followers will be audited this month to ensure that only parents and guardians of current pupils can view our private Twitter feed.



Any future follow requests should be sent to Ciara secretary@kilkerry.ns.ie Thank you for your co-operation.

School Tours

We were blessed with some great weather this month and all of our school tours were enjoyed to the full!



Junior and Senior Infants went to Stephenstown Pond, 1st,2nd,3rd, and 4th Classes travelled to Slive Gullion Forest Park, 5th Class enjoyed a day out at Kilbroney Forest Park, and 6th Class enjoyed their traditional last school tour to Carlingford Adventure Centre.

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the prize winners in our raffle in aid of Kilkerry Summer Project. Thank you for your support.

The winners were:
 Summer Hamper: Brendan Short
 Harry Potter Hamper: Dylan McElroy
 €25 Smyths Voucher: Oisín McGee