

# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE NEWSLETTER MAY 2018

#### **Green Schools Awards**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of May, Ms.
Fahy and representatives from
the Green Schools Committee
travelled to the City North Hotel to collect our
Green Flag for the theme *Global Citizenship:*Litter and Waste. Well done everyone and
keep up the good work!

### School Garden



Tommy and the children have been busy planting in the school vegetable garden. We are looking forward to a great crop of tomatoes, cucumber

carrots, lettuce, scallions, red and green peppers, potatoes and cabbage.

Tommy and his son Shane have also planted a wildflower meadow at the front of the school.

Thank you Tommy for your hard work.

# **Eason Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Ellen
Tumulty from 5th Class who
did a wonderful job
representing our school at the
Easons Spelling Bee recently.
Well done Ellen!



# **School Tours**

All of the children are looking forward to their school tours on **Friday 8th June**.



Junior/Senior Infants— Newgrange Farm 1st/2nd Class—Newbri

1st/2nd Class—Newbridge House and Farm

3rd/4th/5th—Crystal Maze

6th—Carlingford Adventure Centre

## <u> Aiken Barracks Trip</u>

Senior Infants and 2nd class recently attended a ceremony in Aiken Barracks attended by the Minister for Defence to mark Irish peacekeepers departure for a tour of duty in Lebanon. Thank you to Commandant Peter Kelleher, father of Senan and Liam for inviting us!

#### New School Video



A big thank you to **Paul and Eva Harmon** for creating a fabulous new video of our school, filmed using a drone. The film highlights all of the wonderful facilities and activities within our school. Our

school website has a short version of the video on the home page, and a longer version on the Videos page.

# Rainbow English Programme

Our Senior Infants have begun using the brand new Rainbow English programme books written by our own **Mrs Aoife Curran-Butler**.

As the books have an Irish setting, the children can see their own world reflected in the stories and events. This includes the local GAA club, St Patrick's Day adventures and trips to the farm.

Senior Infants are really enjoying these beautiful books.

# <u>Outdoor Classroom</u>

The Argus and Democrat newspapers visited our school on Thursday 17th May as we celebrated Global Outdoor Classroom Day in our spectacular grounds. Being outdoors has been shown to help children focus, to boost creativity and imagination, and enhance problem-solving.

Be sure to keep an eye on both papers over the coming days.

#### **6th Class Sister Act**

6th class attended St Vincents Secondary School Transition Year production of 'Sister Act' on Tuesday 15th May. Our students really enjoyed this show.



Junior Infants 2018-19 An information evening for parents/guardians of incoming Junior Infants will take place on 29th May.

### Swimming and Tennis

Swimming continues for 3rd-6th class this month, while Junior Infants-2nd class are enjoying tennis lessons on Tuesdays.



### Dundalk Schoolboys Soccer

Congratulations to **Cormac Mallon** in 6th class, member of the U13 Dundalk School Boys Development Squad who won the TAB cup.

Congratulations also to Michael Kirby in 5th class who has been selected for the U12 Dundalk School Boys Squad.

### Secret Garden Theatre



Students from 1st-6th class attended a dramatisation of the classic novel "The Secret Garden" recently. This was a fantastic interactive show.

staged by M&M Theatre.

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children of 2nd class who celebrated their First Holy Communion at a beautiful ceremony on Saturday, 19th May.



Many thanks to

- Fr Gerry
- Mrs Donnelly
- Ms Catherine
- The 'Do This In Memory' team led by chairperson Fiona Coleman
- Fidelma Bellew and the choir
- Ms Conlon, Ms Fahy, Mr Loughran and the ensemble

for all of your hard work in preparing the children for this special day.

Thank you to our **Parents Association** who provided refreshments in the Community Centre after the ceremony. It was great to see so many parents helping out. Thank you also for our beautiful presentations on the day.

Flag Day Our Parents Association raised a fantastic sum of over €3200 at this year's flag day. A huge thank you goes to all who volunteered to raise vital funds for our school.

# Care Programme

The theme for this month is "My Decisions". Reading suggestions for teachers and parents: "Raising Good Decision Makers".

# Newsletter Email List

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter by email? If so just let us know with an email to secretary@kilkerleyns.ie

### Reminders:

Friday 1st June- No school Monday 4th June—Bank Holiday



Tuesday 5th June—Book Rental Letter will be issued. Payment of €80 per pupil will be due by Friday 15th June.

