

# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

NEWSLETTER MAY 2020

## Keep in touch!

As always, we are keeping in touch through:

- ♦ **School website** - Notices to Parents and School Blog
- ♦ **Individual Class Blogs** - <https://www.kilkerleyns.com/school-life.html>
- ♦ **Text messages** via the school's text-a-parent system (if you are not receiving texts please check with Ciara)
- ♦ **Twitter** - on our private Twitter feed @KilkerleyNS (including information on home learning and the all-important birthday tweets!)
- ♦ **Kilkerley PA Facebook Group** (private)
- ♦ **Monthly Newsletter** - continuing as normal

Don't forget, you can *contact us* if you need to query anything, or just to say hello! You can:

- ♦ email your child's **class teacher** or **SET teacher** directly
- ♦ **Mrs Kirby** either phone 042-9337187 and leave a brief message with your name, child's name and class and Mrs Kirby will phone you back **OR** email [office@kilkerleyns.ie](mailto:office@kilkerleyns.ie)
- ♦ email **Ciara** secretary@kilkerleyns.ie

## Have a look at some of the fabulous work being carried out at home!



Hello everyone! We hope you are enjoying the fabulous sunshine.

We have enjoyed receiving your emails showing us what you have been getting up to at home. Here is just a small selection of photos we were sent during May - showing learning through school work, artwork, baking, farm safety, construction, gardening and lots, lots more.

Please keep in touch. Your teachers are here to help if you need it.

## Care Programme Theme:

Our Care Programme theme for this month is '**My Decisions**'. You could use the topic to discuss with your child how we go about decision-making and how decisions we make affect ourselves and others.

## PA Donation

Our PA recently donated leftover food items from Confirmation and those that would have been served at Communion to Drogheda Services for Older People. We know that this gesture was greatly appreciated by staff and patients alike.

## Clothing Collection

The PA are in the process of organising a clothing collection. Further details will be communicated over the coming days.

## End of Year Reports/ Book Return

This year, our end of year school reports will be distributed from the school in June (date to be confirmed). Children's artwork and any personal belongings left at school in March will also be returned on this date. You will be asked to return Book Rental books to the school when collecting your child's report. We thank you for your cooperation and will be in touch with further details.

## RTÉ Home School Hub featuring Rang 6!

Very exciting times for our Rang 6 who were featured on RTÉ Home School Hub on Thursday 21st May. 'Say Something', their short film made with Ms Condron for the 2017 Fís Festival was shown during film-making week.



## Virtual Sports/Tour

Next week (2nd-5th June), we are holding Virtual Sports and Virtual Tour week. Your teachers are planning some special lessons so keep an eye on the blogs!. Here is the link to the site for Virtual Sports Day! <https://sites.google.com/holyangelsns.ie/virtualsportsday/home> This site has suggested events for you and your family to take part in, to host your own sports day or sports week at home.

The activities are as follows:

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| <i>Running</i>                   | <i>Kicking</i>   |
| <i>Throwing</i>                  | <i>Landing</i>   |
| <i>Traditional School Sports</i> | <i>Balancing</i> |

Under each of these headings there are three activities. Activity 1 is for Junior Infants to 1st class approx, Activity 2 for 2nd to 4th class and Activity 3 for 5th and 6th. You can choose what activities and what level suits you best and there are videos there to show you how it is performed. Under the DOWNLOADS button you will find a planning template for your events. We would love to see pictures and videos of what you get up to! The staff of Scoil Mhuire gan Smál have been busy practising for sports day too...you'll be able to see them in action very soon!!

## Seesaw App Trial

A successful trial of the Seesaw App has been run in 1st class. Seesaw is an app for student engagement and home/school communication. It can be used on any internet-enabled device. It effectively enables teachers to set tasks or assignments and include instructions or templates for students to use at home. The trial will now be extended to Junior Infants, 5th and 6th classes.



## Birthday Wishes!

♦ Our birthday tweets are still going out on our Twitter feed, but for those of you not on Twitter, we wish a very happy birthday to all the children who celebrated birthdays during May.

They are:

- ♦ Seán Fegan
- ♦ Eoghan Murphy
- ♦ Ciara Quigley
- ♦ Jason Lambe
- ♦ James Madden
- ♦ Michael Monahan
- ♦ Lily Clarke
- ♦ Lucy Cluskey
- ♦ Ava Rose Rafferty
- ♦ Cillian Turley
- ♦ Molly Larkin
- ♦ Finnán Crawley
- ♦ Cain Murtagh
- ♦ Tom Coleman
- ♦ James Cawley
- ♦ Shane Deery
- ♦ Isibéal McGuinness
- ♦ Jack Fitzgerald
- ♦ Zachary Connolly
- ♦ Lara Shevlin-Boothman
- ♦ Eve McEneaney

## First Communion Mass

Thank you to Fr Brian who celebrated a special Mass via webcam on Saturday 23rd May for our children in Rang 2 who were due to have their First Holy Communion ceremony on that date.

Mrs Kirby did the readings and Mrs Cumiskey read out the names of the children. Music was provided by Susan Mulholland, Ms Mulholland, and the Kirby family.

We look forward to celebrating with the children when our new date for First Communion is announced.



## 6th Class Hoodies



We are in the process of ordering Scoil Mhuire gan Smál 'Class of 2020' Hoodies for our 6th class children. If you would like to purchase a hoody for your child please respond to Ciara's email sent earlier this week.

## Forest Area

Ms Catherine and Tommy have been continuing their great work in the school grounds.

Check out our forest area which has grown so much since the school closed. Thanks to Conor and Sinéad McElroy for donating tree stumps which we will be using for seating!

