



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

Christmas Shoebox Appeal:

“Team Hope” say a huge thank you to Scoil Mhuire gan Smál for donating 113 gift filled shoeboxes to the needy for Christmas. The shoeboxes will be going to children in Belarus and the Ukraine.

Christmas Concert:

Rehearsals are under way for our upcoming Christmas Concert, which will be taking place on Wednesday, the 20th of December at 6.30 pm in the Community Centre. A lovely evening of festive entertainment is guaranteed, in the form of a lively Christmas Play, “*A Midwife Crisis*”, which every class in the school will have a part in, whether they be singing, miming, narrating or playing music. The children are working very hard for this and are looking forward to seeing the proud faces of their families and friends .

Donation:

We will be asking for a donation at the door on the night rather than charging per seat. This money will hopefully cover the cost of putting on this show.

Raffle:

There will be a raffle at the interval with a really special first prize. The McEvoy family have donated a beautiful white ladies bicycle which is an exact copy of the bicycle used in the famous movie ‘*The Intern*’. It even has the “The Intern” emblazoned on the shaft. An iconic piece of memorabilia for any Intern fans out there!

Begging for Baubles!

If you have any old or unwanted Christmas Baubles, please send them into the school. We hope to recycle them to spruce up our outside trees!

Ceremony of Light:

Sixth class will take part in the Ceremony of Light on Thursday 14th of December at 7.30pm. The Ceremony of Light is a pre-Confirmation ceremony. The key part of the service is when parents/guardians hand the lighted Baptism candle to their child. They are agreeing together with their child, to keep the light of faith burning in all of their lives.

Pop up Shop:

Due to the success of last year’s pop up shop the Parents Association are running it again this year from 30th November—2nd December in the Long Walk Shopping Centre. They need donations of children’s toys, books, new clothes, handbags, bric a brac, household ornaments, small items of furniture, DVDs, and more.

All items can be left in the Community Centre.

They will also be raffling Christmas Hampers on the 2nd December and need items for the hampers.

Cumann na mBunscol:

Well done to *Team A: Charlie McAleer, Tom Clarke, Darragh Conlon, Aoife Clarke, John Tennyson. Team B: James O’Donnell, Michael Kirby, Oran McMahon, Brígh McEntegart, Cathal Maguire* who represented the school in the Cumann na mBunscol quiz. Both teams achieved very high scores with Team B being beaten in a final play off, scoring 75 out of a possible 80!

Parent Teacher Meetings:

We had excellent attendance at our PT meetings which took place over two evenings. It is vital that we support each other in the education of our children.

Fís Film Festival:

A huge congratulations to the children in fourth class who won an award for 'Outstanding Achievement in Acting', at the Fís Film Festival on the 16th of November. Their film 'Say Something', was one of twenty four schools shortlisted from around the country. The competition, which has been running for thirteen years, explores film as a medium of expression in relation to the arts and introduces children to the aspects of the film making process. The pupils were involved in every step from initial story boarding, to filming, directing, acting and even editing. Their movie tackled the subject of bullying and the importance of speaking up for others. It clearly impressed the judges and we may have budding Oscar nominees on our hands! A huge thank you to Ms. Condrón our executive producer!

The film can be viewed on the school website www.kilkerleyens.com or on the Fís Film Project website www.fisfilmproject.ie



Science Week:

Science week was the 13th-17th November. On Tuesday, 15th November the pupils of 5th and 6th class travelled to Dundalk Institute of Technology to attend an exciting show W5 to mark National Science Week 2017.

Football:

Congratulations to our Boys' Football Team who competed in the Cumann na mBunscol Sciath Mhic Raoise final in Castlebellingham at the start of November. The boys have played exceptionally well throughout this season and should be very proud of their achievements. A big thank you to our caretaker Tommy Kirk for his help coaching the team and to Mr. Loughran and Ms. Conlon also. Well done boys, keep up the good work!

Team:

*Fionn Connolly Captain,
Cormac Mallon Vice Captain,
Jerry McFadden, Tom Clarke, Darragh Conlon,
Andrew Thornton, Taylor Donnelly,
Cian McElroy, Odhrán Fee,
Christopher Conway Michael Kirby,
Cathal Maguire, Glen Hoey, Oran McMahon,
Cillian Clarke*

Book Fair:

Thank you to all families that supported our recent book fair. We raised €2192.22 which means that the school will receive €1315.00 worth of books to supplement our class libraries.



Bike Workshop:

A number of children from 3rd—6th class took part in a Bike Workshop as part of our Green Schools Initiative. They enjoyed learning bike manoeuvres, signalling and games, despite the cold!



Christmas Food Appeal:

We are now collecting non-perishable food items in the lead up to Christmas. We will then take our donations to the Soup Kitchen in St. Patrick's where hampers will be made up for families that may be in crisis over Christmas. See school Facebook page for more details.