

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

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Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will take place on **Wednesday, the 19th of December at 6.30pm** in the Community Centre.

Our play this year is called "**Straw and Order**" and every class in the school will take part in the production, whether they be acting, singing, or miming. Our school choir and musical ensemble will deliver a very special Christmas performance after the play.

The children are working very hard and are looking forward to seeing the proud faces of their families and friends there on the evening.

Raffle

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

There will also be a **raffle** at the interval with a very special 1st Prize of an **Amazon Fire HD8 Kids Edition Tablet!** Many thanks to Nortech IT Ltd for sponsoring this wonderful prize.



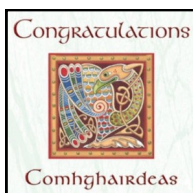
Cumann na mBunscol Winners!

Our 6th class quiz team were the overall winners in the Regional Final of the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol quiz on Tuesday 20th November.

The children put in a huge amount of work for the quiz, as shown by their fantastic score of 76 out of a possible 80 points.

Comhghairdeas le foireann Scoil Mhuire gan Smál: **Michael Kirby, Cathal Maguire, Brigh McEntegart, Oran McMahon agus Andrew Rosbotham.** All your hard work paid off!

And thank you to **Mrs Donnelly** for all of your work with the team.



Fís Film Festival Winners!

A huge congratulations to **Ms Condon** and the wonderful children in **5th class** who received the '**Outstanding Achievement Award for Drama**' at the Fís Film Festival. They were very excited to receive their prize at the Awards Ceremony in the Helix Theatre, Dublin on 14th November.

The Fís Film competition, which has been running for fifteen years, explores film as a medium of expression in relation to the arts, and introduces children to the film making process.

5th Class made a short film called '**Spartan Switch Up**', which tells the story of a Spartan soldier who unexpectedly found himself teaching at Scoil Mhuire gan Smál! The pupils were involved in every aspect of the making of their film, from initial story boarding, to filming, directing, acting and even editing. We are delighted that their creativity, imagination and talent was recognised by the judges with this award.

The film can be viewed on the school website www.kilkerleyns.com or on the Fís Film Project website www.fisfilmproject.ie under '2018 Winners'. Please check it out! Special thanks go to **Ms Condon** for all of the hard work you put in with the children on this project.

Global Citizenship– Energy

Our school, led by our Green Schools Committee and Ms Fahy, is currently working towards our 7th Green Flag, for Global Citizenship—Energy.

Aidan from SEAI visited our school on 28th November and carried out workshops with the children from 1st and 6th Class.



Ceremony of Light

Our 6th class pupils will take part in a special *Ceremony of Light* on Wednesday 5th of December at 7.30pm.



The Ceremony of Light is a pre-Confirmation ceremony. During the ceremony, parents and guardians are invited to pass 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.

A penitential service for adults will take place immediately after the ceremony.

Advent Penitential Service



The annual advent penitential service for 3rd-6th class will take place on Monday 17th December at 11am in the church. All are welcome.

Care Programme Theme: Empathy

Our care programme theme for this month is 'Empathy'. The children have been learning about how we can better understand and share the feelings of others.

The Children's Interactive Prayer Station in the church ties in with the school care programme and is open for all families to visit.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

"Team Hope" say a huge thank you to Scoil Mhuire gan Smál for donating 98 gift filled shoeboxes to the needy for Christmas. The shoeboxes will be going to children in Belarus and the Ukraine.



Pop-Up Shop



Kilkerley Parents Association are once again running a Pop-Up Shop in the Long Walk Shopping Centre from 6th-8th December. You will have received a letter asking for donations of items for the shop and for a raffle, and for volunteers to set up and work in the shop. Donations may be left in the Community Centre.

This fundraiser takes a huge amount of effort, so please help in any way you can.

Thank you.

Science Week

Science Week took place from 12th-16th November. As you may have seen on our Twitter

feed, the teachers and children from Junior Infants right through to 6th Class had lots of fun working on scientific experiments and projects during the week.

Mrs Donnelly brought a team from our school to a VEX Robotics workshop in DKIT during Science week. They were **Alana Quigley, Nancy Coleman, Oisín Donnelly, Naoise Harris, Eoin Larkin, and Sadhbh McElroy.**



AED Defibrillator

Our AED defibrillator has been installed on the back exterior wall of our school, between the two back doors. As such, it is available for the whole community to use in an emergency. The code for opening the box is 9999.



Thank you to our Parents Association and to everyone involved in fundraising to secure this wonderful community resource.

Birthday Parties

Birthdays are an important part of a child's life and are celebrated at school with our special birthday hat and a birthday song from Mrs Lambert.



In order to avoid feelings of exclusion and unnecessary upsets, we would ask that party invitations be given out at school only if all of the boys or all of the girls in a class are being invited. Otherwise, please distribute invitations after school to the parents, or contact them privately.

Christmas Food Appeal

We are now collecting non-perishable food to donate to the Soup Kitchen in St Patricks. They will be used for hampers for needy families at Christmas time.

Thank you for supporting this cause.



Parent Teacher Meetings



Thank you for your attendance at our annual parent teacher meetings held earlier this month.

As always, your support and cooperation is appreciated.