

# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

## NEWSLETTER OCT 2018

### **Annual Family Sponsored Walk** **5th Class Visit to Roche Castle**

Sincere thanks to you all for supporting our Annual Family Sponsored Walk held on the 6th October. It was a beautiful day, and it was lovely to see such a great turnout. We hope that you all enjoyed it. We raised a grand total of **€7,492.65**. Thanks to Eamonn McGinn of Country Fresh, for sponsoring a box of apples.

Congratulations to the following:

Hamper:	Seán & James Clarke
Lucky Sponsor:	Róise Ní Mháirtín
Top Prizes:	Saoirse Connolly
	Naoise & Bébhinn Harris
	Jack Oakes



5th class with Ms Conlon and Ms Catherine enjoyed a trip to Roche Castle recently.

Ms Conlon helped the children to explore all the different parts of the castle and to learn lots about our local history. They carried out some map work in small groups and had a role play with the O'Neills and The Normans going head to head defending their lands!! There was also time to eat lunch and enjoy some hot chocolate as a treat from Ms Conlon!



### **Halloween Concert**

Ms Tansey, Mrs Curran-Butler and the Junior and Senior Infants have invited their parents and grandparents to their annual Halloween Concert on Thursday 25th October at 1.15pm. The children are looking forward to showing off their hard work.



The Student Council will be providing refreshments after the concert.

### **School Needlework Project**

In May the community centre was beautifully decorated with borrowed bunting and tablecloths for First Communion. We would like to build up a school supply of our own for future events and celebrations. We plan on making the bunting and tablecloths with the pupils as a school project.



We welcome donations of unwanted tablecloths, light weight/cotton materials or curtains which can be used for this project. We also invite volunteer parents/grandparents with or without sewing skills and/or sewing machines to help with this project.

If you are available and interested in helping out, please give your name to Ciara in the school office. All donations of material are welcome!

### **Cumann na mBunscoile**

Both our girls and boys football teams recently competed in the Cumann na mBunscoile and put in some wonderful performances on the pitch. The boys were narrowly beaten in a tough semi-final against St Peter's NS Dromiskin.



Well done to all of our footballers and to Ms Fahy, Mr Loughran and Tommy Kirk our caretaker for all the work you put in with our teams.

### **Kilkerley Emmets U14**

Congratulations and very well done to two of our fabulous young footballers Brígh McEnteggart and Ciara Quigley who made the Kilkerley U14 ladies squad, winners of the league!



### **Care Programme Theme: Kindness**

Our care programme theme for this month is 'Kindness'. All of the children have been learning about the impact that simple acts of kindness can have in our school, at home, and in our community. They made a kindness paper chain with all of the acts of kindness they noted over the course of the month.

You are welcome to visit the Interactive Prayer Station in the church which has been set up by the Children's Liturgy team. This is a space in the church especially for children. The Prayer Station will change monthly, and ties in with the school's Care Programme.



## Halloween Disco

The Kilkenny Parents Association have organised a Halloween Disco for the children. It will take place in the Community Centre on Thursday 25th October, from 6:30-7:30pm.

Donations welcome at the door for Trick or Treat for Temple Street.



## St Vincent's Codathon

As part of Code Week EU, Ms Conlon and 5th Class were delighted to be invited to attend St Vincent's Secondary School Codathon on 18th October.



The children had the opportunity to use Scratch, code microbits, code circuits and sphero with iPads! Many thanks to St Vincent's for inviting us.

## Basketball

Our basketball teams led by Ms Tansey and Mrs Curran-Butler enjoyed an inter-schools blitz in Dundalk Sports Centre on the 15th October.



Well done to all.

Girls: *Mia Clarke, Holly Conroy, Mai Anh Crawford, Muireann Harmon, Ruby Mulligan, Brigh McEnteggart, Stephanie Ntemuse, Kate Rice, Isabelle Tracey, Ellen Tumulty, Naomi Winters*

Boys: *Taylor Donnelly, Josh Aspin-Dermody, Cillian Clarke, Christopher Conway, Odhrán Fee, Glen Hoey, Michael Kirby, Cathal Maguire, Devin Murphy, Cian McElroy, Oisín McKeown, Oran McMahon, Andrew Rosbotham*

## New After-School Class— Musical Minds

From 5th November, Lisa Knox of Musical Minds will offer after-school music lessons on Mondays to children from Junior Infants—3rd class.



Infant classes are Kinder style pre-instrumental introduction to music classes, and 1st-3rd will be offered tin whistle. *Places are strictly limited.*

After-school Guitar, Speech and Drama, and Art Classes will continue as before.

## Green Schools Committee

Green Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and award programme, working with primary and secondary schools across the country. Scoil Mhuire gan Smál is the proud holder of **6 Green Flags**. Our new Green Schools Committee members for 2018-19 have recently been elected by their classmates:

1st Class: *Cian Larkin, Bébhinn Harris*

2nd Class: *Keeley McConville, Jack Oakes*

3rd Class: *Ruairí Fee  
Kitty Coleman*

4th Class: *Siún Kirby  
Shane Deery*

5th Class: *Taylor Donnelly  
Caragh Kirk*

6th Class: *Christopher Conway, Cian McElroy,  
Ellen Tumulty, Naomi Winters*



## Bush Secondary School Maths Classes

Bush Secondary School are offering free Maths Classes to parents, commencing Tuesday 6th November 10-11am. Call 042-9376953 to book a place, or simply drop in.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Our parent teacher meetings are scheduled for the **14th and 15th of November**. You should have received your allocated time in September. Parent Teacher Meetings are an important part of our school year. They aim to:



- Let parents know how their children are progressing in school
- Inform teachers on how children are coping outside school
- Establish an on-going relationship and communication with parents
- Help teachers and parents get to know the children better as individuals
- Help children realise that home and school are working together

