



SCOIL MHIURE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter October 2022

Enrolments 2023

Our Annual Admissions Notice has been published on our website, and we are now accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants 23-24.

Temple St

As usual, our school is supporting Trick or Treat for Temple Street on Friday 28th October.



PTMs

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held in school on **Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November**. The school will close at 2.45pm on these days. All appointment times have now been allocated.

Spooky Show!

Well done to our Junior and Senior Infants and their teachers Mrs Phelan & Mrs Cumiskey who worked so hard on their Halloween show, presented this week! Children, you were fantastic!



School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, with full school tracksuit on Tuesdays and Thursdays (unless otherwise directed by class teacher). A reminder to please **clearly label** your child's belongings, in particular jumpers and coats.

Message from Mrs Kirby

Halloween (All Hallows Eve) or Oíche Shamhna signals the start of winter (which is often greeted with dread by adults). Funnily enough, our children don't seem to mind. What's to dread about a night of dress up, party games, trick or treating and sweets galore? Garda Frank and Louise gave our pupils lots of good tips and advice on keeping safe this Halloween, so we look forward to celebrating the festival in style (and safety!). Happy Halloween everyone!!

Le dea-ghuí,

Donna Kirby

Sponsored Walk

A huge thank you to all who supported our Annual Sponsored Walk. We are delighted to let you know that over €7,000 was raised this year. The money raised benefits all of the pupils in our school. It contributes to general running costs of the school, as well as our book rental scheme, photocopying & art expenses. All cards returned were entered into our raffle, and the following were the lucky winners:

- €50 Omniplex Voucher: The Heffernan Family
- Harry Potter Lego: Danann Lynch
- €20 Lucky Sponsor: The Carragher Family
- Spotted Dog Voucher top collector: **April Wallace**
- Roe River Book Voucher top collectors: **Sophie & Daisy-May Murphy**

Wellbeing Corner

Our Infant Prayer Service for the beginning of the school year was held at the start of October. Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st class participated, with Fr Brian, our school chaplain, as celebrant.

Thank you to **Garda Frank** and to **Garda Louise** who visited the school this month to raise awareness on fire and road safety at Halloween.

We have a new after-school class called 'Relax Kids' starting after midterm with Andrea McGuill. All details are on the school website.

Facelift

Our G.P. Room recently enjoyed a makeover. Our pupils are looking forward to assemblies, performances, ceremonies and P.E. in the newly decorated space!



Active Schools

1st-4th Class have now completed 8 weeks of tennis lessons with coach Gary Rodriguez. 5th/6th enjoyed GAA coaching with Shane, Stephen and Tom from Louth GAA. We look forward to more football coaching after the midterm break.

Congratulations to our football teams who recently competed in the Cumann na mBunscol competition. Both boys and girls did our school proud with their performances.

Space Week Oct 3rd-7th

To mark Space Week, all classes took part in space-based activities. The children learned about the solar system, light and shadows, space flight, the ISS and much more! Rang a 5 carried out mini-projects on the planets, planned and designed moon bases and built moon buggies, while Rang a 6 created their own star sign constellations.



Maths Week Oct 17th-21st

Maths Week was also celebrated in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál this month, with lots of maths activities such as maths trails, problem solving and a times tables rockstars competition!



6th Class BFGTOEU

6th class are participating in The Big Friendly Guide to the European Union (BFGTOEU). It is an innovative 6 week teaching and learning programme. It aims to develop awareness, knowledge and critical thinking of the European Union and Ireland's role within it. Lessons have begun and possible future MEPs are in the making!

3rd Class History

3rd Class have been learning about the Stone Age and recently had a visit from **Anita McEaney**, historian from the County Museum in Dundalk. Anita brought in Stone Age artefacts such as flint and axes. The class really enjoyed the visit. Thank you very much Anita!



Kilkerley Parents Association News

It was great to see so much interest in the 'Growth Mindset' presentation by Sharon Fennelly earlier this month, with approximately 50 parents in attendance. Thank you to our Parents Association for organising this event.

Thank you to all who contributed to the PA non-uniform day on 30th September. €366 was raised in total.

The PA are currently fundraising to support the school in purchasing a new set of iPads for the Junior classes. The PA have previously purchased chrome books for use in the older classes.

The AGM of the Parents Association will be held on Thursday 10th November. All are welcome to attend.



Author Workshop

Rang a 6 recently participated in a Zoom call with author Jackie Burke, organised by Louth Libraries.

Noah's Big Break!

Look out for our very talented 5th



class student **Noah Cotter** who is taking part in SONG's production of 'Nativity the Musical!'. Break a leg Noah, we can't wait to see you in action!

Dundalk Rugby

Well done to **Kevin Reilly, Cian Cunningham** and **Thomas Mulholland**,



members of the Dundalk U-12 rugby team who had the honour of playing at half-time in the RDS at the Leinster vs Cell C Sharks match earlier this month. They were wonderful ambassadors for their club!

Dates for your Diary

The school will be closed from **Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November** for the mid-term break.

The school will be closed on **Friday 18th November** to facilitate PDST teacher training.

Our **Christmas Show** will take place on the evening of **Thursday 15th December**.

