



SCOIL MHIURE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter October 2023

Do This In Memory

The Enrolment Ceremony for our Do This In Memory programme took place during Sunday Mass on 22nd October. We wish the children every blessing as they prepare to celebrate First Holy Communion next May.



Thank you to our Do This In Memory team of Mary McCreesh, Mark Stacey, Gillian Rice, Karen McArdle, Paula Mulholland and Trisha O'Hanlon who will help our 2nd class children prepare for the sacrament of First Communion.

Rosary

As October is the Month of the Rosary, our student council members led us in saying a decade of the Rosary on the intercom at 12 noon.



3rd Class History

Thank you to Anita Barrett, historian with the Louth County Museum, who recently visited 3rd class. Anita brought some Stone Age artefacts for the children to examine.

Enrolments 2024

Our Annual Admissions Notice has been published on our website, and we are now accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants 24-25.

Message from Mrs Kirby

Excitement among our young pupils for Halloween seems to grow with each year that passes.

As mid term approaches, our pupils can look forward to a break from the routine of school life and hopefully have the opportunity to enjoy some outdoor activities during the remaining days of Autumn. Fingers crossed for a dry night on October 31st when our cute little monsters will be on the hunt for sweet treats!

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. All cards returned were entered into our raffle, and the following were the lucky winners:

- €50 Omniplex Voucher: Florence Carolan
- €50 Smyths Voucher Top Collector: April Wallace
- €20 Lucky Sponsor: Patricia McDonald

Farming through the Seasons

6th class will be exploring a new initiative (Farming Through the Seasons) by Agri Aware. They will learn the value of modern agriculture and farming, the stewardship of the rural environment, animal welfare and the benefits of nutritious Irish food. This initiative correlates with the 6 week programme they have already started called 'My big Friendly Guide to the European Union.'

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** who visited the school this month to raise awareness on fire and road safety at Halloween.

6th Class enjoyed a bowling trip on Friday October 20th, accompanied by their teachers Mrs Ryan and Ms Ryan. This trip came about as the result of their hard work and earnings on their Junior Entrepreneur product, Multibandz.



Kilkerley Parents Association News

The AGM of Kilkerley Parents Association was held on 23rd October. Following a successful year, the PA is donating €5,300 to school funds.

The members of the new committee were elected and are: Jennie Short (Chairperson), Jodie Allen (Treasurer) and Emma Callaghan (Secretary). We wish the new committee every success this year.

Active Schools

1st/2nd and 5th/6th Class have almost completed 8 weeks of tennis lessons with coach Gary Rodriguez.

3rd and 4th class enjoyed hurling lessons with Paddy Lynch, Louth GAA.

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.

5th and 6th class boys attended a soccer blitz in Oriel Park this month also. They have reached the next round and so we look forward to more competitive soccer after Halloween. Comhghairdeas libh! Thank you to their coaches Mr Murphy and Mr Loughran.

Congratulations to Thomas Mulholland, who has been chosen to represent our school in Oriel Park at half-time at the Dundalk v Bohemians match on Friday 27th October.

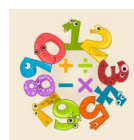
Swimming lessons commence in November for 3rd,4th, 5th and 6th classes and run for a 4 week block in November.

Space Week Oct 3rd-7th

This month saw the school celebrate Space Week. Lots of the classes took part in Space themed lessons with lots of research about our solar system, the planets, NASA, astronauts and rockets. 1st and 4th class took part in the ESERO Space Goes to School event which brings real Space Industry professionals to your classroom via videoconference. They spoke with Aoife Murphy, Spacecraft Operations Engineer, and got to ask lots of questions. 6th class created a scale model of the Moon in relation to Earth and created their own constellations while 3rd class held their own solar system classroom quiz.

Maths Week Oct 16th-20th

To kick off Maths Week all of the school gathered on the perimeter of the yard while 5th class measured the distance using their trundle wheels. Each class had great fun estimating the distance with 4th class being the winners. 6th class created a display of maths questions for each class to answer, all classes enjoyed going to the hall to complete the questions. Lots of maths trails and maths station work was completed in every class. The junior classes created maths questions for their classmates for homework and the children enjoyed answering them together. We enjoyed having our 'Maths Eyes' on for the week and engaging in lots of Maths talk!



Temple St

As always, our school is supporting Trick or Treat for Temple Street this year. The children had a dress-up party day on Friday 27th October. €360 was raised for this great cause. You can still donate online on our Just Giving page (search for Kilkerley National School) or use this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/kilkerleyns-1695898470686>

Spooky Show!



Well done to our Junior and Senior Infants and their teachers Mrs Kelly & Mrs Cumiskey who worked so hard on their

Halloween show, presented this week! Boys and girls, you were fantastic!

Dates for your Diary

The school will be closed from **Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November** for the mid-term break.

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held in school on **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November**. The school will close at 2.45pm on these days. All appointment times have now been allocated.

School will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday 13th December** due to Primary Maths Curriculum training for our teachers.

Our **Christmas Show** will take place on the evening of **Thursday 14th December**.

