

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 6 (Newsletter)

Samhain 2022

School Roll No: 19608V

Principal: Rónán Mac Namara

Deputy Principal: Breeda Kenny.

Closures: We have some upcoming early closures to facilitate staff training for the new Primary Language Curriculum. They are as follows, Friday 2nd December at 12 noon, Wednesday 15th February at 12 noon and Friday 2nd June at 12 noon.

Dates for the Celebration of the Sacraments: **Confirmation** Fri 3rd March at 6pm in St. Kilian's Church.
First Holy Communion, Saturday 22nd April at 11.00am in St. Kilian's Church.

A special ceremony to mark the end of November the **Month of the Holy Souls** will be celebrated in St. Kilian's Church on Tuesday 29th of November at 10am. All classes will attend.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Parent teacher meetings for 1st to 6th Class will continue next week. Details are on Aladdin.

School Rules. Help Us to Manage Our School. Last year we identified 4 school rules which we wanted to target and improve. These rules focused on behaviour on the stairs, healthy lunches, punctuality and uniforms. All areas have seen a marked improvement due in no small part to the buy-in from parents. We are continuing to work on these areas.

Over the next 4 weeks to Christmas we will be focusing on **Good Manners**.

Next week we will focus on how to greet an adult in the school. We are working on treating all adults with respect in school and of course by extension at home and in the wider community. We will work on appropriate body language, making eye contact and addressing the adult for example:

Dia duit a mhúinteoir, Good morning teacher, Slán leat a príomh oide, Good bye principal. Feicfidh mé thú amárach!

Pupils who fail to reach the standard we seek will receive a **Reminder Card**. This needs to be signed by parents and returned to school immediately. More importantly however, if your child receives a card we need you to work with him or her on the aspect that needs improvement.

Mobile/Smart Phone and Personal Electric Device Policy. The Board of Management of St Kilian's wishes to state, that following consultation with the Parents' Assoc, the possession of personal mobile/smart phones, and other personal electrical devices, while on the school premises or involved in

school activities such as tours, trips or extra-curricular activities is banned. Electronic devices include phones, iPods, Gameboys, PSPs, MP3s, Nintendos, Smart Watches, Fitbits etc. along with any device with the capacity to take photographs, make video or sound recordings.

School Procedures

- The use of personal mobile/smart phones and other personal devices by children is not allowed while the children are in the care of the school staff, while at school, on trips from the school or involved in extra-curricular activities. Therefore, children should not bring mobile phones and other personal devices to school or when engaging in school-related activities.
- Any child found bringing a personal mobile/smart phone or other personal electronic device to school will have the item confiscated by the teacher in question or principal.
- The item may be collected from the principal's office by the parent/guardian.
- The parent/guardian will be informed in writing that the item has been confiscated.
- Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary.
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office is the first point of contact and can ensure that your child is reached quickly and a message passed onto them.

This policy was revised in November 2021 by staff in order to keep it up to date and was approved by B.O.M.

[We will carry out a smart device check on Wednesday next 23rd Nov.](#)

Board of Management Summary Report Nov.

SSE Review + Curriculum (School Self Evaluation)	<p>i) Maths Week is ongoing this week with lots of activities for home and school. We will do a SSE on Numeracy later in the year. We have a lot of information gathered.</p> <p>ii) SSE on the impact Covid and related closures have had on pupils is ongoing Homework is an issue and we are currently reviewing practice and policy in this area</p> <p>iii) Music and recorder are progressing well.</p> <p>iv) Basketball, tennis and tag rugby were all done in recent weeks.</p> <p>v) Parent teacher meetings next week and in Jan for infants.</p>
Support teacher positions	We currently have 2 maternity leaves advertised. No applicants to date.
School Ethos.	Nov is the Month of the Holy Souls. We have pupil decorated remembrance trees in both corridors. Fr. Paul will celebrate a remembrance service for pupils later in the month.
BOM Report to Parents	The principal presented this to the board.
Sanction to purchase.	New storage presses and a new defibrillator.
Admissions Process 23/24	This will begin at the end of Nov. It will be communicated to parents through the newsletter

Annual Admission Notice.

Admission Policy and Application Form (School Year 2023/24)

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for 2023/24 is available as follows:

To download at: <http://stkilianmullagh.scoilnet.ie/blog>

On request: Email mullaghns@gmail.com

Part 1. Application and Decision Dates for Admission to St. Kilian's 2023/24

The school will commence accepting applications for admission	28 th Nov 2022
The school will cease accepting applications for admission	13 th Jan
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	27 th Jan
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission	10 th Feb

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy. Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Number of places available in 2023/24

Number of places in Junior Infants	2 Classes (48 pupils).
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Part 2 - Admissions to the 2022 / 2023 school year

In respect of the 2022/23 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was: 37. All were allocated places.

Gaeilge Neamh, Bainigí triail as sa bhaile. (Try these out at home)

Téama: Sa Bhaile

An bhfuil gairdín agat? Tá gairdín an bheag agam ar chúl an tí. (Have you a garden?)

Cá bhfuil tú i do chonáí? Tá mé i mo chonáí i Mullach/faoin tuath/i Ráth an Tamhain...(Where do you live?)

Línte Gníomhaíochta Gach Lá. Pupils are exercising twice daily for one minute after breaks 'as Gaeilge'.

Active Lines Bígí ag **pocléimneach** ar feadh nóiméid.(Pupils crouch down and then spring into the air for 1 minute). Work on this at home.



Growth Mindset Messages: This week we worked on; **I embrace challenge!**

Flu Vaccine for Children: Once again it is that time of year when the HSE are encouraging parents to protect their children from Flu by bringing them for the Flu vaccine. The Nasal Flu vaccine is now available for children aged 2-17 years of age. It can be accessed FREE at participating GPs or Pharmacies. It was children who were most affected by Flu in the southern hemisphere this season so we are hoping to have children well in Ireland. Flu is now circulating in our communities. The Nasal Flu Vaccine is recommended by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee to help prevent Flu in children. It will also help protect others, like siblings, parents, grandparents and those who are vulnerable.

Ms. Clarke's 2nd and 3rd Racing Rockets

Racing Rockets All the boys and girls in Ms. Clarke's 2nd and 3rd class constructed and decorated rockets. We had to ensure that the nose cone of the rocket had a shape that caused the air to flow smoothly around the rocket. We attached two fins to help stabilise the rocket. We then had a rocket race and were amazed when the rockets travelled over 3 Metres in distance.

It looks like there are budding aerodynamics engineers in 2nd and 3rd Class.



Our Racing Rockets.



Maths Week. We had lots of fun during Maths week. 3rd Class prepared a Maths trail for all of the children in Ms Clarke's and Ms. Doyle's second class. We had the chance to look around the school grounds and create questions for the 2nd class to complete. We also learned that the tangram is a puzzle game that originated in China during the 1800s. We cut out and coloured the tans and used our imaginations to make various animal shapes.



First Class The students in Ms. Maddison's class have had a busy start to first class! We have been working hard, learning lots and having fun as we do it.

In S.E.S.E we have discussed how we can make a difference and help our environment. We hope that by Christmas we will all be using a reusable bottle and bringing our own hand towel to dry our hands.



This week we explored some new musical instruments - tambourines, triangles, shakers and boom whackers. It was a noisy afternoon!



We have celebrated Maths week this week too. We completed daily estimation challenges and worked collaboratively with other classes. The boys and girls in First and Second class worked together to make a human bar chart. We grouped ourselves by hair colour. Check out our results!



On the day our data was collected, we had 24 students with black/dark brown hair, 19 students with blonde hair, 18 students with light brown hair and 2 students with red hair. We also worked alongside Ms. Power's and Ms. Smith's 4th class who compiled a maths trail for us. These boys and girls showed great patience and kindness to us and thankfully it was a lovely sunny day!



