

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 7 (Newsletter)

Nollaig 2022

School Roll No: 19608V

Principal: Rónán Mac Namara

Deputy Principal: Breeda Kenny.

Where's Liz? Our wonderful and overworked school secretary Liz has been on sick leave over the past two weeks. I would like to thank the parent body for their patience and understanding when dealing with the school during her absence. We all wish Liz a speedy recovery and we expect her back very soon. She is sorely missed!

Early Closure Tomorrow: 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.

November, Month of the Holy Souls'.



This month is 'The Month of the Holy Souls'. We remember all those who have died in our school community and during the Covid19 pandemic. The pupils have created Remembrance Trees once again for junior and senior classes. They have written the names of those they wish to remember on decorated leaves and then hung these on the trees. We had a special prayer service called "Be Still and Know That I am Near" to remember our deceased loved ones. This took place in school and in the church on yesterday.

We would like to say a big thank you to Fr. Paul and Ms. Traynor for helping to make it such a special occasion. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance.

Our New School Website. Parents and pupils are encouraged to check out our new website. We will be adding to this over the coming weeks and months. Thank you to Mr. Maher for all his hard work.

<http://www.stkiliansnmullagh.ie/wp-admin/>

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**.

Week 1. We focused on how to greet an adult in the school. We worked on treating all adults with respect in school and of course by extension at home and in the wider community. We focused on appropriate body language, making eye contact and addressing the adult for example:

Dia duit a mhúinteoir, Good morning teacher, Slán leat a phríomhoide, Goodbye principal. Feicfidh mé thú amárach!

Week 2. Walking on the right hand side of the corridors, following the school rules on the stairs. Showing respect by keeping ourselves and others safe.

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.

Admissions 2023/24. Copies of our Annual Admissions Notice, Enrolment Form and Admissions Policy may be downloaded from the school's blog <http://stkilianmullagh.scoilnet.ie/blog>. You may also ring or email the office to receive copies. Pupils in the school with siblings starting in Sept 2023 may be given enrolment packs. Our enrolment process opened on Monday 28th last.

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

Téama: Sa Bhaile: Inis dom faoi do theach (tell me about your house). Conaím i mbungló faoin tuath. _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 Move With Us 'As Gaeilge.' Máirseáiligí (Power March) ar an spota ar feadh nóiméid.



Growth Mindset Messages: This week we worked on; **I embrace criticism.**

How many of us like to be told we are wrong or can do better? Very few I'd imagine. We must therefore train our children to be receptive to criticism. Listen to it, learn and do better.

Winners in The Credit Union Art Competition: Well done to Kirsten Tanifon 5th Class and Ella Reardan 6th Class who both won prizes in the C.U. Art Competition. We are very proud of both girls.

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.

Maths Week Assembly



Mr. Mac Namara addresses the Maths Assembly



We had to estimate how many baskets Mr. Mc Niffe would get in one minute. He was much better than most of us thought!

Maths Week Prize Winners







Spraoui - Primary 1

Learning together! So far this month, the children in Primary 1 have been learning new phonics sounds. Sensorial writing, play dough tasks and daily interactive activities are supporting our emergent reading skills. This month, our Aistear theme "People at Work" encourages us to have fun and use our imaginations while learning new vocabulary about the roles of People who help us in our community.



Music is also a very enjoyable subject in our class. We love learning new songs, listening and responding to music and using instruments too. Check us out!



Rath an Tamhain - 2nd Class.

For the Birds!

Check out our beautiful bird feeders! As part of our art lessons for November, we made some bird feeders for our homes. We used milk cartons and decorated them with pipe cleaners, sequins, feathers and lollipop sticks. When our feeders were complete, we put in some bird food before bringing them home.



Not so quiet fireworks! As part of science week, we experimented with food colouring, oil and water to create fireworks in a glass. It was so much fun seeing the liquids mix and "dance" in the glasses!



