

# ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 8 (Newsletter)

Mí na Nollag 2022

School Roll No: 19608V

Principal: Rónán Mac Namara

Deputy Principal: Breeda Kenny.



Our Senior Classes' Nativity Scene.

Our school is proud of its ethos and the Christian values that we cherish and try to live by in our daily work. Christmas is a significant time in our school calendar and the message of love and hope that we hear in the Christmas story is one that we hold dear, especially in challenging times like those we continue to live through. The pupils once again this Advent decorated our trees with individual stars designed by them and displaying an act of kindness they have performed.

Last month we celebrated a very special remembrance service for those who have died, in the church with Fr. Paul. We invite you all to join us for **Christmas Mass at 10.45am** in St. Kilian's Church next Wednesday before we get our holidays.

Infants Get Into the Spirit of Christmas



Our Infant Classes Performed the Christmas Nativity in St. Kilian's Church during the Week.





**Closures:** Our school will close for Christmas holidays on Wednesday 21st Dec as follows: Infants and Spraoi at 12.10pm followed by 1st to 6th Classes at 12.20pm. We invite you all to join us for Christmas Mass at 10.45am in St. Kilian's Church. We reopen on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

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

**Admission Statement Amendment:** St. Kilian's N.S. will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council. St. Kilian's N.S. will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act."

The above clause has been inserted into our Admission Statement. I am publishing this for the information of the whole school community and to invite any question or comment to [rmacnam12@gmail.com](mailto:rmacnam12@gmail.com)

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

**Dates for the Celebration of the Sacraments: Confirmation** Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm in St. Kilian's Church.

**First Holy Communion,** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.00am in St. Kilian's Church.

**School Rules. School Rules. Help Us to Manage Our School.** Over the next 4 weeks to Christmas we will be focusing on **Good Manners.**

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:

**Week 1. 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.**

**Week 3. Línte sa chlós. Good orderly lines, silence on the whistle and full participation in Línte Gníomhaíochta. Respect for all adults, teachers + SNA's.**

Pupils who fail to reach the standard we seek will receive a **reminder card.**

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

**Téama: Téama, Ag Siopadóireacht. Gabh mo leithscéal, an féidir leat cabhrú liom? An féidir liom cabhrú leat?**

**Línte Gníomhaíochta:** Máirseáilí (Power March) ar feadh nóiméid. Anois fannaigí i bhur seasamh chomh díreach le gáinne ag féachaint romhaibh .

**Festive Fun in Spraoi!** The children in Primary 1 Spraoi have enjoyed the festive fun! We loved decorating our classroom and creating beautiful art pieces. Megan and Jake loved organising our crib too. Merry Christmas Everyone !





## ANTARCTICA by 6th Class

Over the past month, Mrs Kenny has been teaching us about Antarctica from a geographical, historical and scientific point of view.

We learned that Antarctica is located at the bottom of the Earth. It is bigger than Europe and twice the size of Australia. It is the coldest and windiest place on Earth. 98% of the continent is covered in ice. It is not the ice that makes the continent cold but the cold and wind combined. It is a difficult place for humans to survive. The Antarctic ice sheet is the largest ice store on Earth.

Antarctica has only two seasons, summer and winter.

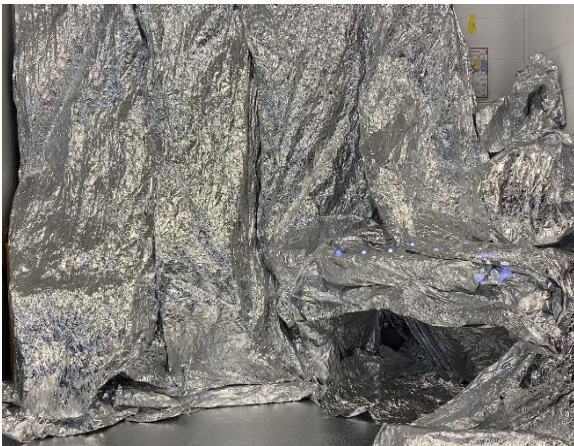
In 1911, British explorer, Robert Scott and Norwegian, Ronald Amundsen wanted to be the first to reach the South Pole. Amundsen got there first. Scott reached the pole a month later but unlike Amundsen, died on the return journey along with his men.



**Jonathan Shackleton with the pupils during a class visit**

Earnest Shackleton was an explorer from Co. Kildare. He went on four expeditions to Antarctica in the early 1900's. His cousin, Jonathan lives in our community and he kindly visited our class to tell us about his many journeys to Antarctica. He told us many interesting things about the place and the animals who live there.

We learned about the dangers facing Antarctica and the importance of saving this part of the Earth for the future. Antarctica is making us all aware of the dangers of climate change and what we must do to protect the continent.



**Playing in our Antarctic Den**





We wrote a story about pollution in Antarctica. The story is suitable for children of all ages. We were hoping it would be a best seller this Christmas! Our story is about four friends, including a little penguin, who work together to stop the pollution that is being caused to the waters around Antarctica. The animals try their hardest to save Antarctica. This is a very funny story but has some sad elements. Most importantly, it has lots of characters who have a very important lesson to teach us. We would love if you got an opportunity to read it.

## Meet the Characters



Walter Penguin



Winnie Whale



Stella Seal



Al Albatross



We created dramas based on our creative writing.



**Fearann an Mhullaigh:** Some of our class have been planning and teaching lessons in Fearann an Mhullaigh. We've had Christmas projects, Soccer for PE, folding art, Irish Sign Language and Snow Globes. We used our WALT and WILF when planning (*We are learning to and What I'm looking For*). We are looking forward to more ideas next week.



Snow Globes  
By Niamh, Nicole and Summer



Jonathan's Art Lesson



Folding Art  
By Sebastian



ISL, Irish Sign Language  
By Neasa



PE Lesson with Laochra, Conor and Jamie



Vanessa's  
Christmas Project

All of Mr Maher's and Ms Clarke's third classes worked together to make the strongest bridge possible only using two A4 sheets of paper. We have some great engineering minds in third class.





**Fourth class:** We have been very busy. We have been learning lots about our local history and getting ready for Christmas.

4<sup>th</sup> class read the Christmas story from the Gospel of St. Luke. We read this story and built our cribs to remind us of the real meaning of Christmas. Rúadhán Duffy has written a short summary of the Gospel for us.

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY:** On a cold winters' night Mary was in her house with Joseph when a messenger came to Joseph and said: "Emperor Augustus has given an order that every man and woman has to go back to their home town and register their names. Joseph told Mary and they set off. They took a donkey since Mary was pregnant. Finally, they reached Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph signed in first thing. They looked in every inn but they were all full so Mary and Joseph resorted to a stable. And on that very night Jesus was born.

In a field across town an angel told three shepherds that the son of God was born. Immediately the shepherds went across town to the stable. The breath of the animals kept Jesus warm in the hay.





In history we learned about our local saint, St. Kilian. As a group both classes visited St. Kilian's Heritage Centre and watched the short film about the saint. We examined the various statues, crests and images of Kilian in our surroundings, viewed the stained glass in St. Kilian's Church and the relic which was brought back to Mullagh in 1989 from Wurzburg, Germany. In art we drew and stitched our school crest and in music we learned Amhrán Naomh Cillín.



St. Kilian



The story of St. Kilian as a comic strip

We have been learning about debating in 4th class this term also and decided to have a class debat on "Should animals be kept in Zoos?"

We learned about the motion of the debate and whether we are for or against the motion. We talked about having a clear argument and included facts to support our points. We also talked about making our argument memorable which is exactly what Áine O' Reilly did when she wrote this rap.

"If you think keeping animals in zoos is a curse, then just wait, just wait, just wait until the end of the second verse.

So elephants and zebras, they had a home, but because of global warming they aren't getting in the zone. So they gotta move to the zoo.

So up in the Artic the ice is coming down so the penguins gotta move to a brand new town, which is the zoo.

Zoos also rescue lots of birds and they help scientists discover animal words.

So we are for zoos because zoos have nothing to lose.

# Nollaig Shona ó Rang a Ceathair!!!!





