

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 9 (Newsletter)

Mí Eanáir

School Roll No: 19608V Principal: Rónán Mac Namara Deputy Principal: Breeda Kenny.

Double All-Ireland Winner

Ms Sheridan visited our classroom with the Brendan Martin Cup this week. The Meath ladies won the double last year, the Division 1 League, defeating Donegal in the final and the Senior All-Ireland defeating Kerry. Ms. Sheridan spoke to us about her growth mindset and embracing criticism. She's hoping Meath Ladies make it three in a row this year.



The **Brendan Martin Cup** is the Ladies equivalent of Sam Maguire. The cup is named after Brendan Martin, a native of Tullamore, County Offaly, who organised ladies' football in the early 1970s and became one of the first treasurers of the newly founded Ladies' Gaelic Football Association. Kerry have won the Brendan Martin Cup on 11 occasions. Meath of course are the current holders of the cup.

Closures: 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.**

Our school will close on **Monday 6th February Lá Fhéile Bríde** as it is now a public holiday.

Parent Teacher Meetings Parent teacher meetings for the infant classes will take next week. Information has been circulated to all parents through Aladdin

Jnr. Infant Vaccinations The HSE will provide MMR and 4 in 1 vaccinations for all junior infants on Wednesday 22nd February in the school. It is not necessary for parents to attend.

Teaching and Learning at Home. Growth Mindset Message. For this fortnight we are working on, **'I learn from criticism'**. This message is easier said than done! Many of us bristle at criticism. However we must try to learn from criticism and if we embrace it, it will certainly help us to grow. We must listen to our parents, our teachers and our coaches. It is important to remember that criticism needs to be constructive.

Línte Gníomhaíochta (Active Lines): Balance. Seas ar do chos dheis ar feadh fiche soicind . Seas ar do chos chlé ar feadh fiche soicind . Trasnigh do lámhe agus dún do shúile



(Stand on one foot, fold your arms and close your eyes). **Try this with your child. See who lasts the longest!**

Téama: Ar Scoil

Cén rang ina bhfuil tú? Tá mé i Rang a hAon. (What class?)

Cén seomra ranga ina bhfuil tú? Tá mé i seomra darbh ainm Corr Uí Ruairc. (Name of classroom)

Cad is ainm do do mhúinteoir? Iníon Ní Chonchúir is ainm do mo mhúinteoir. (Name of teacher)

Cá dtéann tú ar scoil? Téim go dtí Scoil Naomh Cillín. (Where do you go to school?)

Physical Education. All classes are focusing on Dance this term as per our school policy. We will also be working on a programme in conjunction with Operation Transformation. There will be more details in our next imilitir.

Stay Safe. All classes are doing the Stay Safe programme this term. The Stay Safe Programme is a personal safety skills programme for primary schools - both mainstream and special. Its overall objective is to prevent child abuse, bullying and other forms of victimisation.

The programme develops children's ability to recognise, resist and report risk situations or abusive encounters by teaching children...

- To identify for themselves unsafe or upsetting situations
- Simple rules to help them avoid abuse
- To respect and value the rights of others
- The language and skills they require to seek help.

The programme also informs parents and teachers about preventing bullying and child abuse, whilst seeking to create a greater public awareness about the problems children can and do experience.

Oh No, We're Late for School! Pupils should be through the front gate by 8.50am and sitting at their tables by 8.55am.



Pupils arriving late will receive a reminder card.

School Photographs. The school photographer will be here on Wednesday 8th February. There will be no obligation to buy, just bring your smile as always.

Check Mates

We began learning how to play chess after the Christmas Holidays. The school purchased 10 chess boards meaning that almost everyone can play at once. 6 out of the 21 of us knew how to play before last week but now all of us know how to play after Mr. Mc Niffe taught us the basics.

First of all, we learned the name of each piece and the moves they could make. We then moved onto the 5 fundamentals of chess:

1. Castle your King
2. Control the centre
3. Develop your knights and bishops early
4. Don't move one piece multiples times at the beginning
5. Don't isolate any pieces

We're really enjoying playing chess. We play on wet breaks, at the end of the day and when we convince our teacher to let us.

Tadgh Byrne loves playing chess *"Because it's actually fun. Plus there's multiple clubs. I play in Kells"*.

Daniel Whyte likes playing chess *"Because I love trying to beat my friends. There's nothing better than shaking your friend's hand after a win"*.

Zara Mulligan sees chess as a break from other school work, *"You don't have to do any written work. It's great fun."*

We're hoping to continue to develop our chess skills and one day compete against another local school before we finish the year. Lucy Golden, Abbiemae Quinn and Tadgh Byrne are members of the Kells Chess Club where they play against other Primary school pupils every Tuesday evening. They've been very helpful along with Mr. McNiffe in teaching us how to play.



An Mullach- Junior Infants

There is no better way to start the new school year than with our new theme "At the Toyshop".

So far this month, we have learned about old and new toys, different types of play areas and how to make play doh! We even brought our favourite toy to school for Show + Tell



Active Learning and Ready Set Go Maths

We are learning lots of new skills and concepts this month during our literacy and numeracy stations. We are learning to write our name, blend sounds together to read words, combine within three and complete number puzzles! We are starting our very first reader soon too!



