

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 14 (Newsletter)

Mí Aibreán

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

Another Ex-Kilkenny Hurling Star Makes the Headlines. Best of luck Mr. Maher!

We would like to wish Mr. Maher the very best of luck in his national hurling league final on Saturday. Mr. Maher, a former All-Ireland minor winner with his native Kilkenny, transferred to Co. Cavan in 2022. He joined local club East Cavan Gaels where his hurling prowess was quickly noticed by the county management team. He made his senior hurling debut last summer in the blue and white having previously played at senior level for both Kilkenny and Dublin. Mr. Maher has been in inspiring form this season, scoring an impressive haul of 1 goal and 34 points in Division 3B of the national hurling league. Cavan beat Leitrim in the last round of the league and they now face the same opposition in the final this Saturday at 3pm in Abbotstown. The pupils and staff of St. Kilian's are all very proud of Mr. Maher's achievements to date. Fingers crossed that he and his teammates return home to the Breffni County with the cup this weekend.

[Go n-éirí leis!](#)



School Rules. Help Us to Manage Our School. We are now focusing on Rule 7.

Pupils must do Oxford Reading Tree every night for homework. Their reading record must be signed every day and returned to school. Reminder cards will be issued after Easter for pupils who forget.

Amendments to our Code of Behaviour. Dressing Up for School! A small number of pupils have arrived at school wearing fake nails in recent weeks. This was particularly noticeable after Confirmation. Fake nails, jewellery, etc... are not allowed at school. They are a hazard for children playing freely in the yard, playing ball games, engaging in any activity incorporating fine motor skills, and taking part in PE. We will monitor this situation closely over the coming weeks.

The following amendments are proposed for our Code of Behaviour.

Make up including fake nails and fake tan are not permitted at school.

Pupils may wear shorts in the warmer weather. Shorts must be navy and can be tailored or football shorts. Commercial logos are not permitted.

I welcome comments or suggestions on this topic from parents to rmacnam12@gmail.com.

Growth Mindset and Problem Solving. 3rd + 4th Class

I'm brilliant at this!

Growth Mindset: I embrace challenge. Think about what this message means before you try the problem.

Here is a problem for 3rd/4th. Use **R.U.D.E.** to solve it.

Ronan spent 0.5 of his money on comics and 1/4 of his money on ice-cream. He then had 36c left.

a. How much money did he have at first?

B. How much money did he spend on comics?

Pupils may leave their answers in a box outside the principal's office. Any pupil who embraces the challenge will be entered in a raffle for a prize. We will reward the effort not the correct answer.

Gaeilge Neamh: Téama: An Aimsir (Weather).

Cen lá inniu ann? Inniu An _____. (What day?)

Cén mí atá ann? (month)

Cén séasúr atá ann? An tEarrach (Season)

Línte Gníomhaíochta: Bigí ag foléimint ar feadh nóiméid, go mall, níos tapúla, chomh tapa agus is féidir libh. Anois fannaigí i bhur seasamh chomh díreach le gáinne ag féachaint romhaibh.(1/3)

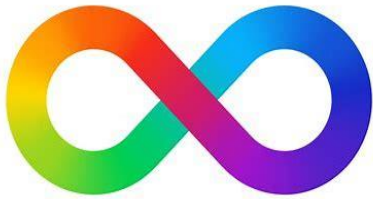
Free schoolbooks for all primary school pupils. Information for parents/guardians.

From September 2023, schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for children in primary schools, including special schools, will be provided to every child free by their school.

There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools now receive funding from Government to cover these costs.

Schools must prioritise the use of the funding to cover all costs of textbooks, workbooks and copybooks. The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan to the children. They must be returned at the end of the school year, or if the child leaves the school. It is important that books are kept in good condition so they can be re-used. Please help make sure your child/children keep the school books safe and takes care of them, so they can be used again by another child. There may be a requirement for parents to buy some additional items for children to use at school. All children in the class will have access to the schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks that they need.

Spraoi World Autism Month



April is World Autism Month. We as a school have marked it in the past by having a Blue themed Mufti Day. This year we will change our theme to **Rainbow coloured** and it will be held on **Friday the 28th April**.

Our school has three classrooms, known by all as Spraoi. Here we have an Early Intervention Class, along with a Junior and Senior Primary Class catering for 18 children. Many of the children in Spraoi integrate daily with their mainstream classes.

Some ways in which we can talk to children about friendships are:

Accept

Accept everyone and their differences. We all have abilities and special traits that make us different.

Understand

Understand that sometimes your friend may like to play alone or may be so focused on something else it might be difficult to get their attention.

Include

Invite your friend to join in on games and activities. Teach them how to play. They might want to be included but don't know how to ask.

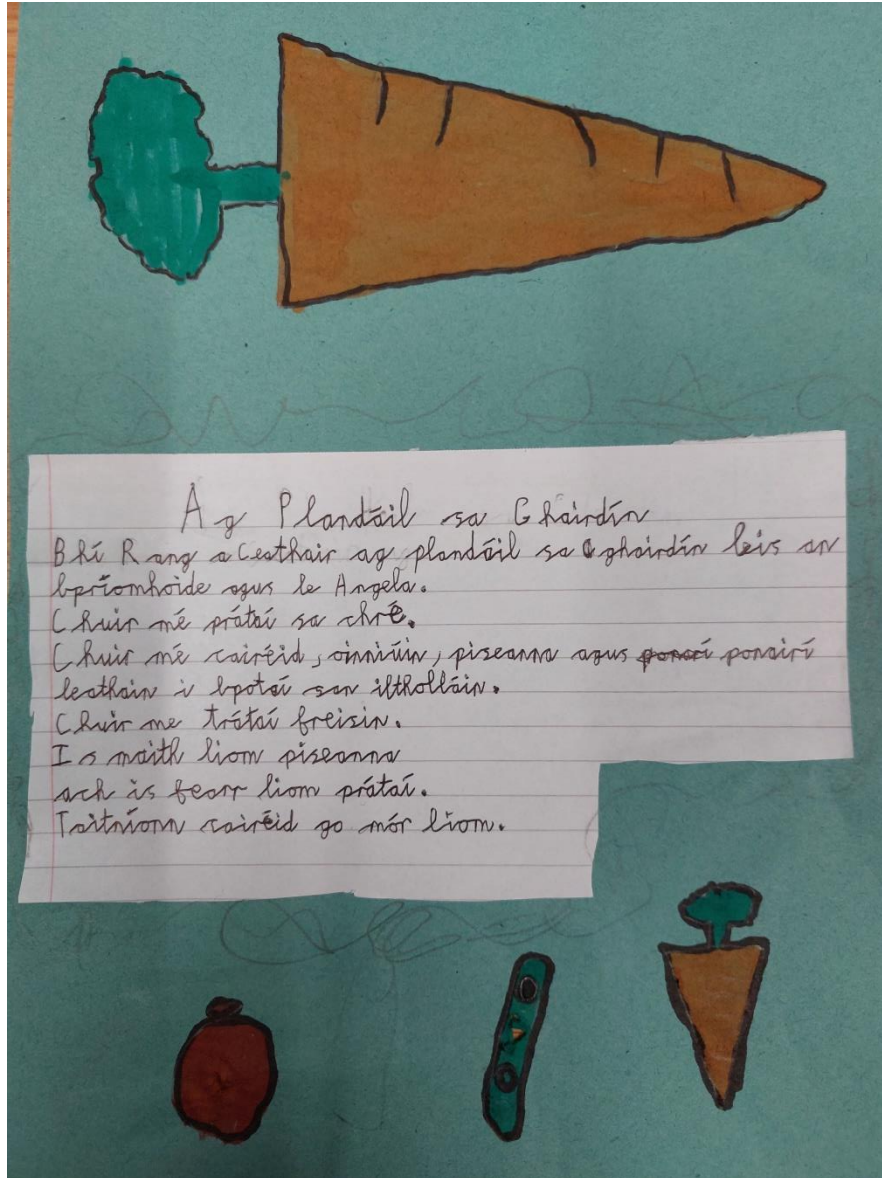
Learn

Learn about your friend's interests. You may find out you have things in common.

REMEMBER WE ARE ALL A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITIES

4th Class Planting

The boys and girls in Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Smith and Ms. Power's 4th Classes planted lots of seeds in the polytunnel and garden recently. They did all the work 'as Gaeilge'. then wrote an account below of what they did. Isn't handwriting beautiful? Well done!





Check out our new website!
<http://stkiliansnmullagh.ie>

Easter Egg Winners in the Parents Assoc. Raffle.



The Boy Behind the Egg, AJ Mc Kenna



All the Prize Winners

A big thank you to all who organised this very successful draw and all who took part.

Football training. Our boys and girls are back training weekly in preparation for the upcoming school leagues. A big thank you to Ms. Sheridan, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Mc Niffe for their commitment and hard work.

Dates for your diary.

AMENDMENT: We will close for a full day on Friday 2nd June as we have been informed by the Dept. of Education that we need another half day closure for training for the new primary curriculum. I'm combining both half days to minimise disruption.

Closures	
Fri 31 st March to Mon 17 th April	Easter Holidays.
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Fri 2 nd June	Full day closure for Primary Language Curriculum staff training.
Monday 5 th June	Bank Holiday
Friday 23 rd June	Summer Holidays

Healthy Lunches: Please remember the following:

- Children attending our school may not bring sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks or crisps for lunch.
- The most effective way to plan a healthy lunch is to include one food from each of the food groups - one piece of fruit, milk/yoghurt, two slices of bread and meat/poultry/cheese.
- Parents are requested not to send foods with nuts in them due to children attending the school with nut allergies.
- Children are given the opportunity to eat lunch before both breaks.

We have been promoting healthy eating at school this term in response to a request made to us by parents. Thank you to all the families who have co-operated with this initiative.



School Ethos: We would just like to say a huge well done to all the children who made their First Confession during the week. They worked really hard and we are so proud of them all.

Most classes are attending Mass regularly during Lent. They are preparing crosses with their Lenten promises for our school trees.

"From little seeds, grow mighty trees"

In SESE, this month we have been learning about Spring; a beautiful time in nature which brings with it new life.



We have been getting outside and planting some fruit and vegetables with Mrs Finn and Angela. What better way to encourage children's sense of wonder and curiosity than getting outside and cultivating new life in our vegetable garden.



Ms King's Junior and Senior Infants took to the garden to plant a variety of beans and peas in our environmentally friendly cardboard pots. In the coming weeks we will

have to learn the value of patience, respect and responsibility as we nurture these plants and help them to grow. We learned that plants need water, sunlight and soil to grow, which raised curiosity about where the water goes once the roots absorb it.



So....where does the water go?

Ms King's Infants prepared an interesting experiment to see what happens to the water that plants drink. We put white flowers into coloured water and observed with awe as the petals changed colour over a few hours.





Lus an Chromchinn - "The flower with the bent head"

Friday, March 24th was National Daffodil Day. In Infants we held a daffodil dissection lab where we cut up daffodils and closely examined the different parts of the plant. We used our senses throughout the process to compare the different parts of the flower. The children used the following adjectives to describe different parts of the plant; soft, wet, sticky, smells nice, bright, gewy etc.



