

St. Kilian's National School

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 6 (Newsletter)

Mí na Nollag.

Closures: We have an early closure at 12noon on Monday next 4th Dec for the pupils attending Spraoi to facilitate staff training. Our staff will receive feedback from our recent WSE on Friday next 8th Dec. We will close at 1.30pm to facilitate this.

Dates for the Celebration of the Sacraments: **Confirmation** Fri 12th April at 6pm in St. Kilian's Church. **First Holy Communion**, Saturday 20th April at 11.00am in St. Kilian's Church.

A special ceremony to mark the end of November the **Month of the Holy Souls** was celebrated in St. Kilian's Church on Wednesday 29th of November. All classes attended.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Parent teacher meetings for 1st to 6th Class will continue next week. Details are on Aladdin. Thank you to all who attended during the week.



Tamila and Ella were busy last week cooking pizzas.

Our School Website. Parents and pupils are encouraged to check out our new website.
<http://www.stkiliansnmullagh.ie>

Attendance: We are anxious that parents be aware of the absolute necessity for regular punctual attendance at school and that we all work together to improve this area. Parents of pupils with poor attendance will be invited to the school to discuss the matter. We will also be tracking those pupils who continually leave early especially on a Friday!

BOM Elections: **Greg Kerrigan** and **Emma Ormiston** have been elected to our new board.

St. Kilian's Parents' Assoc. held their AGM recently in the school. It was very well attended and the following committee was elected for 2023/24;

Elaine Flood - Chairperson and School Liaison Person. Rachel Teelin - Secretary

Rachel Brogan - Treasurer Lorraine Brady - Assistant Treasurer

Ollie Blake - PRO

Other members, Caroline Lynch, Lisa Lynch, Sinead Carney, Carolann Bell, Brigid McGovern and Sinead Costello.



It's that time of year again. Adam presents Ms. Traynor with straw for the crib!

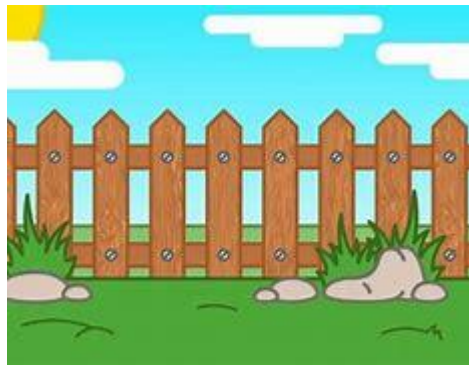
4th Classes solved the problem below this week, however it is not just for 4th. Read the problem with your child and talk about how it might be done. Is there more than one possible answer? Encourage your child to discuss the different ways of doing it. Take your time.

Growth Mindset and Problem Solving. 4th Class

I'm brilliant at this!

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

Garden Fence. Your garden fence is 30 metres long. What might your garden look like?



Growth Mindset Box. Show your strategy in the box below. **RUDE**

Work it out in the box below. Show your calculations.

[Admissions 2024/25](#). Copies of our Annual Admissions Notice, Enrolment Form and Admissions Policy may be downloaded from the school's website <http://www.stkiliansnsmullagh.ie> You may also ring or email the office to receive copies. Pupils in the school with siblings starting in Sept 2024 will be given enrolment packs. Our enrolment process opened on Monday 28 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.

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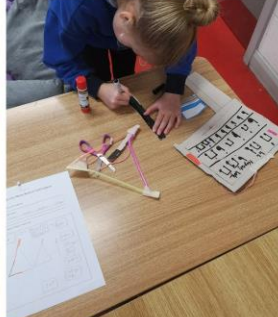
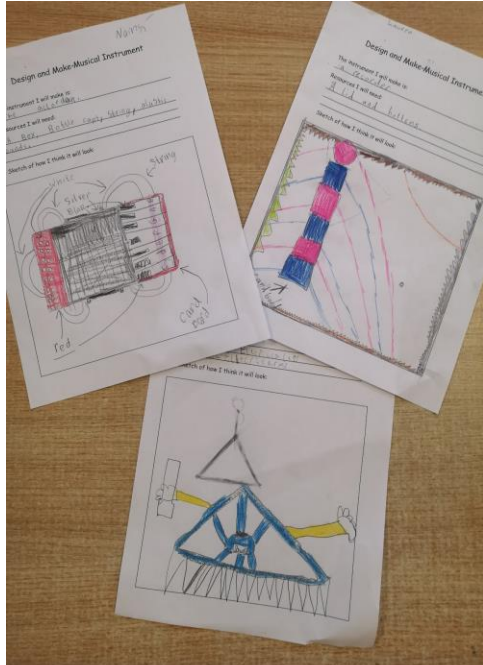
The pupils heard all about a day in the life of Postman Greg.



Second Class- Rath an Tamhain (Ms. Doyle): For the month of November we have been exploring the topic of sound. During STEM, we had to create musical instruments in pairs. It was more difficult than we thought but sharing ideas with our partners really helped! Can you guess the instruments we made?



We also made some instruments in Art this month using recycled materials. Firstly, we had to plan and design what we would like to create and list the materials we would need to make our chosen instrument. Once we all had our materials gathered, we then made our instruments the following week. Have a look at our creations below!





We were also kindly invited into Ms Maddison's class to have a look at their Junk Art creations for their topic of houses and homes. It was so interesting looking and listening to all their ideas and how they decided on the types of houses they made. We were also joined by a special visitor. Can you spot him in the picture?



Finally, for Science Week we had lots of fun experimenting. We made some slime, gloop and even investigated how paper spinners worked. We predicted how they were each going to turn out and made some changes on how to improve the result.



4th Class Data Survey: Mr Maher's 4th class surveyed all classes from 3rd to 6th about subjects and break time. We created our survey on google forms and everyone from 3rd to 6th completed it on their chromebooks. In total we surveyed 157 students. We drew bar charts and made a booklet with our results. We found out that art and PE are the most popular subjects, while writing is the most popular part of English. In 3rd class we created surveys and visited other classes to take a tally.



Fearann an Mhullaigh Hurling/Camogie Challenge: How many hurling/camogie rises (pick-ups) can you do in 60 seconds? Jamie holds the record in 4th class with 60. While Brodi holds the 3rd class record with 42. Sean is in the lead in 5th class with 40. Can anyone catch them?



Brodi and Jamie can do pick-ups and look at the camera at the same time!

In Other News!

After school hurling; After school hurling finishes for this year in Mullagh on Thursday and Shercock on Friday. Last club U7/9 training indoors on Saturday in Killinkere.

Table Quiz; Save the date! This coming Friday 1st December at 8.30pm in The Square Bar, Bailieborough. This is always a good social occasion as well as a good fundraiser for the club. This is the main fundraiser for the club for the year so any and all support is much appreciated. See you Friday night!

A Message to Parents from the HSE. We are currently seeing a significant increase in the RSV virus (<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/>), a common winter viral infection which is of particular concern for babies.

Symptoms of viral infections, including RSV typically include:

- runny or blocked nose
- mild fever
- cough
- lethargy (tiredness)

Most children with viral infections, including RSV can safely be cared for at home. More information can be found at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>. However, in babies and young children, (particularly those under 5 years), bronchiolitis can cause more significant difficulties in breathing and feeding. Babies and young children are more likely to need hospital care. (More details on on how to take care of a baby with bronchiolitis at home and when to get help can be found here <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/bronchiolitis/>)

Important messages for families and children regarding any infections:

- 1) **The most important measure is for your child to stay home from school and activities if your child is unwell.**

Many children might have a runny nose or a slight cough in winter season and still feel well. However, if a child is feeling unwell they should stay at home and away

from school and activities until their symptoms have finished and they are feeling well.

See <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>

Children who are unwell with one infection are more likely to get another infection, and may become more significantly unwell. Therefore staying at home will protect your child from other viruses while they are unwell, which may well also be circulating.

Further, **Children with symptoms are more likely to spread infections**. Staying home when unwell will help prevent spread to other children, families and staff. This is important particularly in primary schools where other children in their class may have younger siblings and babies at home.

Children who have had a viral infection, like bronchiolitis, may have a persistent cough after infection for a few weeks; once the fever and any other symptoms have finished, they should not be excluded because of this persistent cough alone.

3) Vaccination

Making sure your child is up to date on **all** recommended childhood vaccinations will help:

- stop your child getting an infection and
- make them less likely to be unwell if they do get an infection

Routine childhood vaccinations protect against many significant viral and bacterial infections.

More information is available at <https://www2.hse.ie/babies-children/vaccines-your-child/>

There is currently no vaccine routinely available against RSV infection; but there are vaccines available and recommended for flu and Covid-19.

Flu vaccine

The free nasal spray flu vaccine is available for children aged 2 to 12 years from GP and pharmacies. It helps protect your children from getting seriously ill with the flu, as well as helping to protect babies and grandparents in the family.

See <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/childrens-flu-vaccine/>

Many adults are also recommended to have the flu vaccine. More information is available at www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/getting-the-vaccine/

Vaccination for Covid-19 is recommended particularly for children with weak immune systems

www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/

