



## St. Kilian's National School



Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

### Imlitir 7 (Newsletter)

**Mí na Nollag.**

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Nollaig faoi shéan agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!



**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. The pupils once again this Advent decorated our trees with individual stars designed by them and displaying an act of kindness they have performed.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him".



We invite all in our school community to join us for a celebration of Christmas at 10.45am in St. Kilian's Church next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December before we get our holidays. 'O Come Let Us Adore Him' will be a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas through readings, reflections and Christmas carols. The children are really looking forward to seeing you all there. **Nollaig faoi shéan agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!**



Bambinelli Sunday in St Kilian's Church, the blessing of the Christ Child for the family crib.

**Closures:** We have an early Christmas holiday closure on Fri 22nd December at 11.50am for Spraoi and Infant Classes and 12noon for all other classes. The school will be closed on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January to facilitate staff training for the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

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

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

**BOM Elections:** Our new board of management is now in place and is as follows:

Name	Nominee	Position
Brenda Monaghan	Patron	Chairperson
Fr. Paul	Patron	
Ronan Mac Namara	School	Principal
Michelle Mc Govern	Teaching Staff	Recording Secretary
Greg Kerrigan	Parent	
Emma Ormiston	Parent	
Joanna Mc Gregor	Community	Treasurer
Paul Gilsenan	Community	Safety Officer

**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, Bridgid McGovern and Sinead Costello.

**Infant Parent Teacher Meetings:** Meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Parents will be able to book their slots on Aladdin.

**Parents' Assoc. Christmas Mufti:** A Christmas Jumper Mufti Day will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please support by sending in €2 per family.

## Maith Thú Emily!



Well done to Emily May Flood who won a gold medal freestyle in the Cavan Schools Under 12 Swimming Championships. Emily won both, her heats, her quarter and semi- finals and then the final.

**Admissions 2024/25.** Copies of our Annual Admissions Notice, Enrolment Form and Admissions Policy may be downloaded from the school's website <http://www.stkiliansmullagh.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.

**Basketball** will run again for 6 weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning on the 8th January. There will be a charge of €2 per week.



Michal our tennis coach will return for **Tennis Week** from Mon. 22nd Jan. There will be a €5 charge per family.



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

Téama: Téama: **Ag Siopadóireacht (Shopping)**

Gabh mo léithscéal, an feidir leat cabhrú liom? (Help?)

An feidir liom cabhrú leat?

Is/Ní feidir

Ba mhaith liom— a cheannach. (I'd like to buy....)

**Cén lá/mhí/seasúr atá ann? \_\_\_\_\_ (What day/month/season?).**

**Línte Gníomhaíochta Gach Lá.** Pupils are exercising twice daily for one minute after breaks 'as Gaeilge'.

**Active Lines** Move With Us 'As Gaeilge.' Máirseáilígí (Power March) ar an spota.

**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.

## Oifig An Phoist.



Our Infants paid a visit to the post office to post their very important letters.

## It has been very busy in Senior Infants recently!

### STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

We have learned how to cross the road safely. We spent some time in our classroom talking about what can be dangerous about crossing the road. We then learned the Safe Cross Code which is STOP, LOOK, LISTEN. We then learned to look left, look right and look left again. We also learned we should always cross at a pedestrian crossing if possible. We thought we should practice what we had learned so we went to the pedestrian crossing outside our school and practiced how to cross safely.



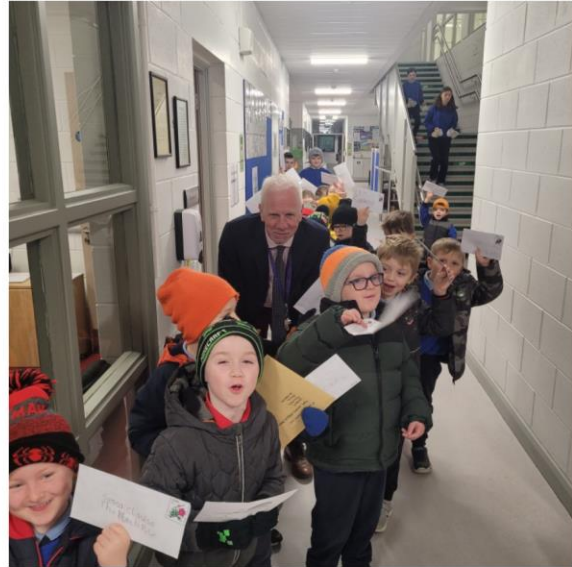
### The Post Office

We spent a lot of time learning about the post office. We learned about what happens in the Post Office, about stamps and address and post boxes. We took time to understand



how parcels and letters are sent all over the world. We know that this time of year is particularly busy in the post office as Christmas time gets near and children are posting their letters to Santa. We learned our own addresses and also how to address and envelope and put a stamp on it.

We also learned about our local Post Office in Monaghan's Shop and our local postmistress Mrs. Monaghan. All of this work finally ended up in a trip to our Post Office to post our letters we had written to Santa. We also got to buy a treat from Mrs. Monaghan. It was such a great day and we all really enjoyed ourselves.



### **Buddy Work**

We decided that it would be a nice idea to ask our buddy's in Mr. McNiffe's 6<sup>th</sup> class to help us with a tricky job in art. We had to give Santa a curly beard and thought a helping



hand was needed. It was great to get to know our buddies better and to have a chat with people from other classes while learning a new skill from older children in our school.

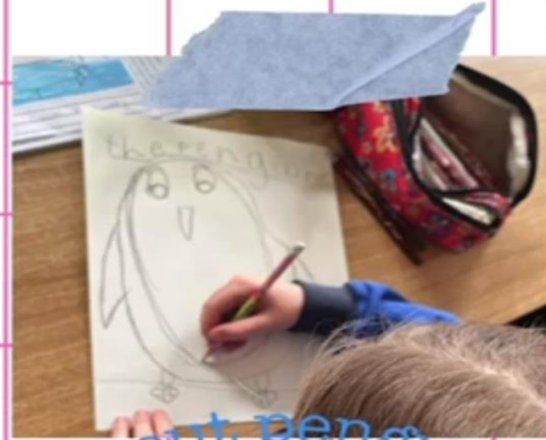
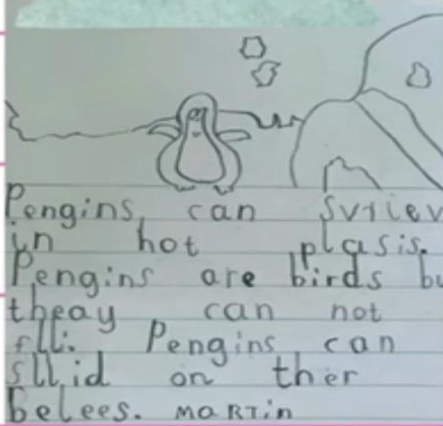


### Penguins

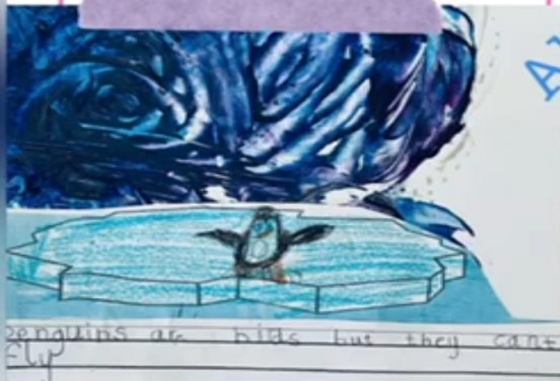
We have been learning lots of facts about penguins. We did a really interesting projects based on what we had learned. We recorded ourselves saying our facts and made a video using pictures we found and our own drawings. We then had to try and remember as many facts as we could and we did some free writing. It was a fun and exciting project.



# Free writing

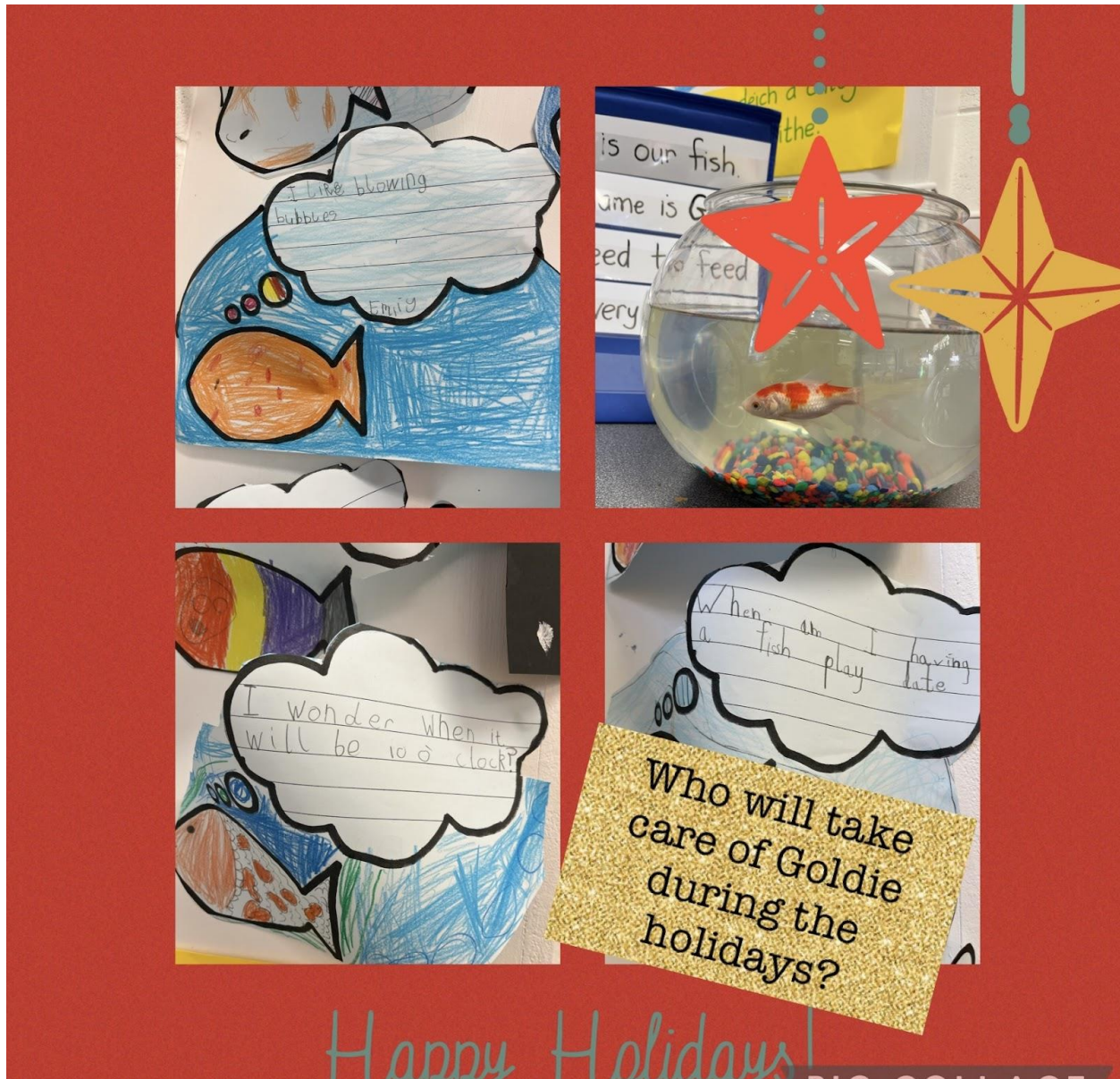


All about penguins!



Senior Infants (Ms. Power and Ms. Smith) know a lot about penguins. Click the videos to find out more.

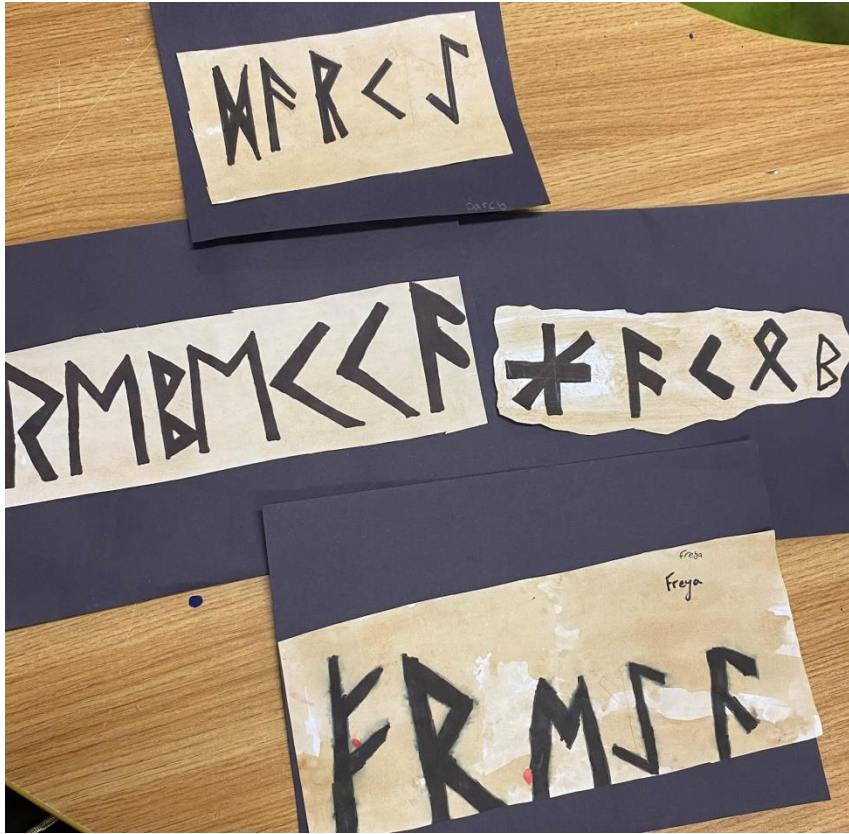
[Video 1.](#) [Video 2.](#)



**Rang 4 Corr Uí Ruairc:** Ms O' Connor's Fourth Class in Corr Uí Ruairc have been learning about the Vikings. We learned about Viking homes, clothes jewellery, weapons, crafts, longships and their writing.

We wrote our names in Viking runes and designed our own shields. Next term we will read *The Gold Cross of Kiladoo* by author John Quinn a fictional novel set in Viking Ireland in 990.







We have all been busy preparing for Christmas. We are enjoying learning to sing and play a variety of Christmas songs and carols and creating different artwork.








## Parenting Event


Join us for an enriching educational parenting event offering expert insights and practical tips to support your child's holistic development!

Stella O'Malley, a respected psychotherapist and author focusing on family well-being, will be speaking at our event



 25th Jan 2024

 18:00 to 20:00

 Cavan Crystal Hotel

