

St. Kilian's National School

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 9 (Newsletter)

Mí Feabhra

At this stage of the New Year we should all be settled back into our school routine. It is disappointing however to see a small number of pupils arriving consistently late for school. Our school day commences at 8.50am and all pupils should have arrived at school before this time. We will continue to focus on **punctuality** this term.



Hallie from Snr. Infants made the first St. Brigid's Cross of the week.

The annual celebration of Catholic Schools takes place in our school from Tuesday 6th February. Our school community will celebrate the ethos of our school. Community is the overall theme of the week and there will be a particular aspect focused on every day at school. On Wednesday 7th February we will celebrate grandparents. We are collecting their 'words of wisdom' and placing them in the jar below.



This week all classes considered the following question, What is a Grandparent? Pupils will answer this question at our **special ceremony in St. Kilian's Church at 10am next Wednesday.** All members of our school community are invited to this ceremony, especially our grandparents. We invite grandparents who are available to visit the school after the ceremony to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

I of behalf of our whole school community would like to acknowledge and thank Fr. Paul and Ms. Traynor for all they do for us in promoting our ethos.

Good Order! Thank you to all parents who co-operate with our arrival and dismissal routines. We are, except for one or two exceptions 'car free' outside the school. Avoid using the road outside the school if at all possible. We have a very big car park 100 metres away. This makes such a difference to the safety of all our pupils and also to the air that they breathe. I am sure more and more of our pupils will begin walking and cycling to school as the weather improves. Please put safety first at all times!

Physical Education. All classes are focusing on Dance this term as per our school policy. Basketball is also continuing for all classes. Please keep €2 payments up to date.



First Class' (Cluain Airne) Art is Out of This World!

School Photographs. The school photographer will not be here on Wednesday 8th February as previously stated due to Catholic Schools Week. He will be here instead on Thursday 29th of February. There will be no obligation to buy.

Closures: Our upcoming closures are as follows:

Monday 5th February Lá Fhéile Bríde, a public holiday.

Thursday 15th + Friday 16th February, Mid-term break.

Friday 8th March, Referendum

Monday 18th March, a Public Holiday, Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

Whole School Evaluation.

As you may be aware the Inspectorate recently carried out a whole school evaluation of our school. They have prepared a comprehensive 14 page report on their findings. This document will be available to view over the coming days. The report is very positive as you will see from the summary of the main findings below:

- the quality of pupils' learning was very good.
- the quality of teaching was very good. Teachers' collective practice was very effective.
- the quality of the support for pupils' wellbeing was highly commendable; mutual Respect, care and concern for the rights of pupils characterized engagements observed during the evaluation.
- The quality of school leadership and management was very good; the school was led and organised very well.
- The quality of school self-evaluation (SSE) was very good.
- The quality of inclusion was very good.

INCLEMENT WEATHER. It is the policy of the school to open on every day scheduled in the school calendar. Red warnings or unexpected weather events may occur from time to time due to wind, snow or very icy conditions but thankfully these occasions do not happen too often. Please ensure that the school has up to date mobile numbers for you so that information in this regard can be communicated swiftly.

Uniform The following uniform must be worn by all pupils:

A school tracksuit top, a navy tracksuit bottom, a polo shirt in red, white, blue or navy.

'Figure hugging' leggings are inappropriate for school.

Pupils should not wear unsuitable headgear, wristbands, jewellery, fake nails etc.

Children need to be dressed appropriately for a primary school setting, able to play in the yard, take part in PE activities, dance etc...

There will be a full uniform check next week. Reminder cards will be issued for non-compliance.

Our Teachers Excelling on the Sports Fields.



Well done to Ms. Sheridan and the Meath ladies who have won both their games in Division 1 of the Lidl Ladies Football League following victories over Mayo and All Ireland Champions Dublin. They play Waterford this weekend.



Good luck to Cavan Hurler of the Year Mr. Maher and the Cavan team who take on Sligo tomorrow, Saturday.

The future is bright with our rising sports stars! There were no January blues in An Mullach when the boys and girls in Junior Infants were introduced to not one, but two new sports this month- basketball and tennis!

In basketball, the boys and girls had so much fun developing new skills such as the chest pass, overhead pass and bounce pass! Although the basketball hoops are slightly out of reach for the little ones, coach E made her very own to help us out!



Mike, our tennis coach, was very impressed with how quickly the Junior Infants grasped the skill of balancing the tennis ball on a racket and rolling it to their partner. They certainly took this month's growth mindset "I embrace challenge" in their stride.



The look of concentration!

We even enjoyed a few jokes when refuelling our bodies at lunchtime!

Why did the fish not want to play basketball? Because he was afraid of the net!

Why was the tennis court so loud? Because the players made a racket!

All fun and games!

During the month of January, we also explored the topic of toys. We identified old and new toys, and discussed the importance of playing together and turn-taking! We finished off this month's learning by experimenting with forces and racing cars, making Play-Doh, Show and Tell, and a fun-filled trip to the playground with our friends in Ms. King's class.



Credit Union Quiz 2024

The 2024 Credit Union Quiz took place last Friday, 26th of January, in Kingscourt Community Centre. 42 teams from local primary schools took part in the event. St. Kilian's National School was represented by two teams. Jack Mulligan, Cormac Clarke, Rúadhán Duffy and Jack O'Neill made the U-13 team. Our U-11 team members were Ellie Xu, Kaylee O'Rourke, Harry Grealley and Lucy Flanagan. Both teams performed really well in the quiz and were unfortunate not to be amongst the winners. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to the parents and family members who gave their support on the night.



Gaeilge: Help Us to Help Your Child at School. Work on these at home. Téama: Éadaí (Clothes) Cá dtéann tú ar scoil? Téim go dtí Scoil Naomh Cillín. (Where do you go to school?) Céard a chaitheann tú ar scoil? Caithim éide scoile ar scoil.

Línte Gníomhaíochta: Bigí ag foléimint ar feadh nóiméid, go mall, níos tapúla, chomh tapa agus is féidir libh. (Crouch down, spring up) **Fannaigí i bhur seasamh chomh díreach le gáinne ag féachaint romhat.** This year we are doing active lines as Gaeilge. The pupils exercise in the yard for one minute twice daily after breaks and they learn new exercises and activities 'as Gaeilge'. We are aiming to improve the language and fitness levels. Please give your child an opportunity to talk

about and share with you what they are learning at school. We started last week with the exercises below.



Numeracy at School: 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.



Little Bo Peep has 3 sheep. Think about what Maths questions you might ask based on this sentence. You may decide to provide a little more information. Write 2 possible questions below.

Work it out. Write your answers to your questions in the box below..

Cavan Children and Young People's Service - Child & Family Agency

All parents are invited to a *Coffee Morning* to discuss after school activities for young people in Mullagh. Have your say in St Killian's Heritage Centre. Drop in on Thursday 29th February 9.15am to 12.30pm:

- An opportunity to grab a drink, relax and chat.
- Highlight what is working well in the community.
- Put forward ideas on what you think is needed in your community.
- Suggest what activities you would like to see and participate in Mullagh.