

St. Kilian's National School

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 12 (Newsletter)

Mí Aibreán

Spraoui World Autism Month



April is World Autism Month. We marked it today by having a Rainbow Mufti Day.



P.E. on Rainbow Mufti Day.

Our school has three classrooms, known by all as Spraoui. We have an Early Intervention Class, along with a Junior and Senior Primary Class catering for 18 children. Many of the children in Spraoui 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



Lá Ildaite ar scoil. These Jun Infants still believe!

A Poem by Leo Fox (5th Class).

I am a good person to know because I am doing my homework every day.

I am a good person to know because I am going to the restaurant someday.

I am a good person to know because I am going to the airport sometime in Summer.

I am a good person to know because I love going to Dundrum shopping centre to try the phones.

I am a good person to know because I am going to the water park in Summer.

I am a good person to know because I am a good person.

School Ethos: Well done to all the children who made their First Communion or were confirmed in recent weeks. They worked really hard and we are so proud of them all. Classes also attended Mass regularly during Lent.

Hot School Lunches. We have now commenced our hot school lunches. They have been very well received. A big thank you to all who helped in organising this especially Liz, Mary and Angela.



Please remember to cancel your order on the App if your child is absent.

Our School Website. Parents and pupils are encouraged to check out our website.

<http://www.stkiliansnsmullagh.ie>. Our Whole School Evaluation Report and Revised Parental Complaints Policy were uploaded on to it recently.

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

Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for children in primary schools are now provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs. The schoolbooks and workbooks are 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. 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.



Our 6th Class pupils took part in the 5 a side FAI Soccer Tournament in Bailieboro. Our pupils performed with some distinction and had a great day.

Whole School Evaluation Report

The school's [Whole School Evaluation Report](#) has now been published on the Department of Education's website and also on our school's website. The very comprehensive report is excellent and reflects the collective efforts and good work of our all our staff, pupils, parents, Board of Management and Parents' Association. Well done to all involved. Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine!

Dates for your diary.

Dates	Closures
Fri 3 rd May and Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 31 st May and Monday 3 rd June	Bank Holiday Weekend
Fri 7th June	Euro + local elections
Fri 14 th June	Run for Funds
Tues 25 th June	Summer Holidays

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.**

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. We are currently tracking those pupils who continually leave early especially on a Friday!

The New Primary School Curriculum.

The primary school curriculum is undergoing radical changes presently. The current curriculum which is now 25 years old no longer meets the needs of the 21st Century pupil. A new Primary Language Curriculum has already been introduced and a new Primary Maths Curriculum is presently being introduced. Over the coming years primary school pupils will spend more time learning foreign languages and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). They will experience a broader arts curriculum including dance and creative media and there will also be a greater emphasis on 'wellbeing' - that is social, personal and health education and PE. The amount of time allocated to the teaching of religion and

Irish will reduce. The process of rolling out the curriculum in full is likely to take several years.

Teaching and Learning at Home.



Growth Mindset Message. I like to stretch myself take risks and learn.

Línte Gníomhaíochta. We do exercises 'as Gaeilge' every day at school. Our Irish and our fitness are improving - even the teachers! Here's one to practice at home. Your child should be able to help.

Bigí ag foléimt ar feadh trocha soicind.



Jump Lightly!

Literacy

Listen to your child's ORT every night and sign the reading record. Prioritise this homework over everything else.

Recorder.

All pupils from First to Sixth Class learn recorder at school. We are very proud of this and ask you as parents to help us by encouraging your child to practice at home three or four times weekly.

Well done to all our 6th Class pupils who performed at our recent Confirmation ceremony.

Marble Mazes- By Jamie Costello.

We made marble mazes in 3rd and 4th class. We all have different rules for each one and they all look different as you will see in the pictures. All of the marble mazes were made from cardboard and were stuck together with pva glue and tape. Then they were all painted. It took 3.5 days to complete them. We went to different classes so they could try complete our mazes.



ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024/2025

School Opens	Wednesday 28 th August 2024
Mid-term break	CLOSED: Mon 28 th Oct to Fri 1 st Nov inclusive Re-opens: Mon 4 th Nov 2024
Christmas	CLOSED: Mon 23 rd Dec to Fri 3 rd Jan inclusive Re-opens: Mon 6 th Jan 2025
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: St Brigid's Day Bank Holiday, Mon 3 rd Feb 2025
Mid-term break	CLOSED: Thurs 20 th & Fri 21 st Feb Re-opens: Mon 24 th Feb 2025
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: Fri 14 th March 2025 St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday, Mon 17 th March 2025
Easter Holiday	CLOSED: Mon 14 th April to Fri 25 th April inclusive Re-opens: Mon 28 th April 2025
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: Bank Holiday, Mon 5 th May 2025
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: Fri 30 th May & Bank Holiday, Mon 2 nd June 2025
Closing term	Last Day: Tue 24 th June 2025



Emily-May, Rebecca and Katie competed in the Community Games recently and have now qualified to represent Cavan in the National finals in Kilkenny in June. Go n-eirí libh!



Conor, Freya, Amber and Jamie represented St Kilian's at the Cumann na mBunscol hurling and camogie skills competition in Breffni Park.

Cluain Airne - First Class

Ms. Maddison's class have been looking at the topic of 'Growing and Changing'. We have noticed that it happens all around us particularly at this time of year. We have a lovely view from our classroom window where we can keep a close eye on the daffodils we planted earlier in the year with Angela.



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We also played a fun game of 'Who's Who?' The boys and girls were asked to bring in a photograph of them as a baby and we had to try and figure out who they were. There weren't many correct answers, helping us to understand that as we grow, we change.

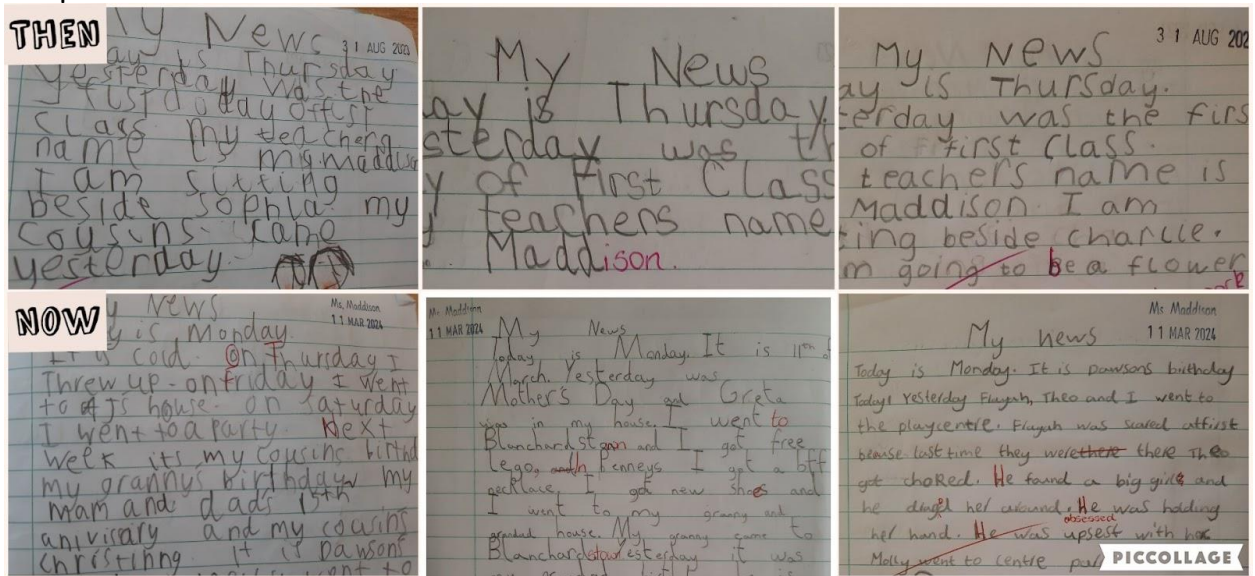
Can you spot which one is Ms. Maddison?



We had a little visitor from Junior Infants recently, who wowed First Class with his writing! He was able to sound out all the letters of his name and even used a capital letter. Very impressive!



We've taken some time to look at our own handwriting too. It's clear that it too has changed over the last few months. We are learning to take pride in our work and enjoy the process!





#GIVE IT
A TRY



COME & GIVE IT A TRY

GIRLS MINIS

WHEN:

Monday 22nd April @ 7pm
for 8 weeks

WHERE:

Deerpark,
Virginia RFC, A82YV02

COST:

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