

# St. Kilian's National School

## Imlitir 13 (Newsletter)

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This month's newsletter features work from Ms. Power and Ms. Smith's Snr. Infant Classes (Lios Fhloinn)



**Parish Cemetery.** Mullagh Parish Pastoral Council wrote recently to our school's Board of Management about concerns they have with pupils' behaviour in the cemetery. They have received complaints from a number of parishioners concerning the behaviour of some of our pupils at home time. Some of the behaviours of concern outlined in the letter include standing on or running across graves, playing football and damaging objects or flowers on graves. The behaviours are thoughtless and show a lack of respect for a most sacred place in our community and are a cause of some distress to parishioners who have loved ones buried in the graveyard.

The Board of Management takes this complaint very seriously. We expect high standards of behaviour and respect from all our pupils. As a result we are requesting that from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> next all unaccompanied pupils should avoid using the cemetery as a route home. They may go home through the old school or follow the footpath around the perimeter of the Church. We will monitor this situation over the coming weeks and look forward to everyone's understanding and co-operation.

**Standardised Testing.** Standardised testing in literacy and numeracy for 1st to 6th Class inclusive has now been completed. Standardised tests are a snapshot in time and do not accurately reflect all aspects of a pupil's learning and development. Comprehensive information on standardised testing may be accessed on [www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie) Results will be shared with parents on the end of year report cards. These report cards will as always reflect on all aspects of your child's learning, not just achievements in literacy and numeracy.



**Ms. Power and Ms. Smith's Snr. Infants Class (Lios Fhloinn)**

**Revised Draft Code of Behaviour.** We are currently revising our Code of Behaviour in order to ensure it reflects best practice in 2024. The code of behaviour is the set of programmes, practices and procedures that together form the school's plan for helping pupils in the school to behave well and learn well. The code of behaviour helps the school

community to promote the school ethos, relationships, policies, procedures and practices that encourage good behaviour and prevent unacceptable behaviour. The code of behaviour helps teachers, other members of staff, pupils and parents to work together for a happy, effective and safe school. The code expresses the vision, mission and values of the school and its Patron. It translates the expectations of staff, parents and students into practical arrangements that will help to ensure continuity of instruction to all students. It helps to foster an orderly, harmonious school where high standards of behaviour are expected and supported. The code of behaviour enables school authorities to strike an appropriate balance between their duty to maintain an effective learning environment for all and their responsibility to students whose behaviour presents a challenge to the teaching and learning process. The code of behaviour is a key tool in enabling the school authorities to support the learning of every student in the school. Maintaining a harmonious environment can present a challenge to schools, given competing needs, time pressures and varying capacities or readiness to learn. A code of behaviour that has the support of the school community can go a long way to helping schools to meet this challenge successfully.

Our draft code is available to view on our school's website <https://stkiliansnsmullagh.ie/> from today. We welcome your views and comments on it as parents to rmacnam12@gmail.com on or before Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### School Tours Schedule.

Class	Teacher	Cost	Date	Departure time	Home time	Venue
Junior & Senior Infants	Ms. Corrigan, Ms King, Ms. Traynor, Ms Smith/Ms. Power	€24 (epayment 30/04)	6th June	9am	2pm	Causey Farm
1st & 2nd Class	Ms. Maddison, Ms. Mc Govern, Ms. Duffy	€40 (epayment open)	12th June	9am	2.20pm	The Crystal Maze

3rd & 4th Class	Ms. Clarke, Mr. Maher, Mr. Mac Namara	TBC	6 <sup>th</sup> June	8.50	4pm	Emerald Park
5th Class	Ms. Sheridan & Mr. Rowe	€20	5th, 11th or 12th June (weather depending)	8.50am	4pm	Port Beach
6th class	Mr McNiffe & Ms Kenny	€40 (epayment 14/05)	19th June	9am	6pm	NAC Blanchardstown

## The Farm



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**Hot Lunches.** We continue to receive excellent feedback on our hot school lunches. Please remember to cancel your child's lunch if possible on the app. This avoids food going to waste and subsequent disposal.

## Board of Management Summary Report to Parents (April Meeting)

Graveyard	Correspondence was received from the Parish Council. They are very concerned about the behaviour of a small number of pupils in the graveyard. The behaviours of concern often occur after school and sometime when accompanied by parents. The BOM and school staff will consider this matter very carefully.
Enrolments 24/25 and staffing	We are now projecting 330 pupils next September. We need 327 to retain the 14th teacher.
Child Protection Review 24/25	The annual review was carried out. These will now be distributed as appropriate.
Global Green	SSEAI did an energy audit on the school today. Will give us a report and recommendations.
Run for Funds	Date: Fri 14th June. This is a school fundraiser. Comhairle Scoile are currently discussing what they will raise the money for. Sponsorships distributed to families today.
6th Class Farewell Ceremony	Friday 21st June in the afternoon. Parents will be invited to the school.
School Ethos	Well done to all the children who made their First Communion or were confirmed in recent weeks. Classes also attended Mass regularly during Lent.
Revised Code of Behaviour.	This is a work in progress currently. A draft copy will be circulated for further discussion.  Document to be discussed at the next meeting in June with a view to implementing it in September.
Hot School Lunches	This scheme was reviewed. The lunches have been very well received. It is all running very smoothly.



## Help Us to Help Your Child at School

### Gaeilge

#### Gaeilge Neamh: Téama: Caitheamh Aimsire (Past times)

An bhfuil caitheamh aimsire agat? Tá, imrím peil/sacar/cispheil....

Cé acu is fearr leat peil nó iománaíocht? (Which do you prefer?)

Is fearr liom .....

Línte Gníomhaíochta: Bogaigí ar an spota le glúine in airde go mall...níos tapúla, chomh tapa...(1/3).



### Literacy

Listen to your child's ORT every night and sign the reading record. ORT will finish in early June.



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Rang 1 out skipping yesterday with Mark from Skip 'n Rope.

## Rainbow Run For Funds 2024





Our school's annual 'Run for Funds' event will take place on Friday, June 14th. A sponsorship card was sent home previously with your eldest child. There is one card per family. Cards and money will be collected every morning. Cards that are returned full will be entered into a weekly draw. Any contribution at all would be much appreciated. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new athletics and gymnastics resources and a sensory corridor for our school. Funds raised from previous runs enabled us to build the path on the green area at the front of the school and the path which loops around the hill at the back of the school. We were also able to purchase new goals and nets, yard games, P.E. equipment, school jerseys and a portable sound system for the school.

In order to prepare for this year's 'Run for Funds', we would encourage families to get active in the build up to the big day. You will find a recommended workout on the sponsorship card, which will help gradually build up your fitness for the run. Pupils will participate in some weekly training at school but it is a good incentive for those pupils and their families to keep active outside of school hours too. On Friday, June 14th, pupils and staff will run or walk the same route as in previous years. In the meantime, pupils are asked to bring into school a Run For Funds t-shirt from a previous year. Teachers will collect the multi-coloured t-shirts and store them in the classroom in preparation for the big day. We will host a 'Swap Shop' at school in a few weeks for anyone who still requires a t-shirt.

## Community News



**THE BIG BREFFNI BIKE BASH**  
HOSTED BY BREFFNI WHEELERS

**SUNDAY**  
26TH MAY 2024

- WORKING BIKE & HELMET REQUIRED
- MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT THROUGHOUT

ACTIVE CYCLING MORNING FROM 10AM - 12 NOON

LOCATION: KINGSPAN BREFFNI PARK (H12HX02)

CYCLING ACTIVITIES AND RACES ON GRASS SURFACE

MULTIPLE EVENTS FROM U-5'S TO U-13'S

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!

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