

St. Kilian's National School

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 7 (Newsletter)

Mí Márta

Adolescence: I watched with great interest the new four part Netflix series Adolescence in recent days. The series tackles the impact of social and toxic masculinity influencers on teenagers and in particular teenage boys. It is a brutally honest reflection on our modern lived reality. We as educators in St. Kilian's have seen at first hand the negative and very sinister impact influencers such as Andrew Tate and to a lesser extent Conor McGregor are having on some young boys in 5th and 6th Class in particular. It is reflected in the behaviours and language used by these boys at school and it is impacting on how they view girls.

I was particularly struck by Episode 4 of the series which focused on the parents of the boy as they reflected upon the role they had in letting their young, impressionable child be influenced by such negative forces. They looked back through bitter tears at the times they left their child alone in his bedroom with a device, thereby giving him free access to the online world. They comforted themselves with the belief that all his peers were doing it and it was therefore normal. It struck me that they acted as their child's friend during his formative years rather than stepping up to be his parents.

I think the series is essential viewing for parents who can access it. It reminds us once again that our most precious and vulnerable children are too young to have a private life online. We need to act as parents and not as best friends. You may not be appreciated in the short term but you most certainly will be in the long run.

Mr. MacNamara.

School Ethos: Well done to all the children who were confirmed last Friday. They worked really hard and we are so proud of them all. First Communion will be on Sunday 24th May this year with First Confession to take place in the school. A big thank you to all who played and sang in the choir for Confirmation. Your talents certainly enhanced the ceremony for all.

Classes are attending Mass regularly during Lent.

Hot School Lunches.

The Lunch Bag is delighted to share some exciting updates to their menu, reflecting valuable feedback from parents, school staff, and students. The team has been working hard to ensure these changes meet the nutritional guidelines while also delivering more of the variety and options that children will enjoy as we move into the summer.

Here's what's coming over the next few weeks:

Chicken Casserole

Vegetable & Lentils

Broccoli Bake

Mexican Wrap

BBQ Hot Potato

Chicken Paella



Neasa, Niamh, Sean, Jamie and Conor represented our school at the school handball championships recently in Kingscourt. They all performed with great distinction.

The best of luck to Emily-May Flood who is representing the school on Sunday for the All Ireland Irish Minor Schools competition in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin.

She is competing against 1100 schools.

Football training for the boys and girls school teams commenced this week. We will be keeping a watchful eye on their progress. Good luck to all involved. A big thank you to all the school staff involved in this.

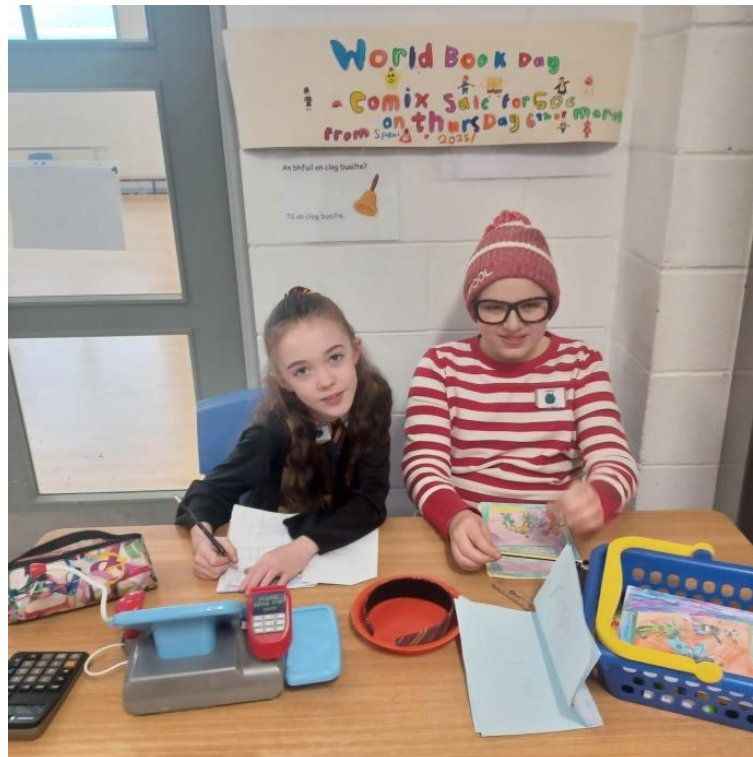
Pupils are also preparing for the upcoming F.A.I. 7's tournament.

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.

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!

Mufti Day (World Book Day).



Megan and Devin produced and sold their own comic books for World Book Day. They made a small fortune. We've heard they are saving up to buy Mr. Mac Namara a big present!

Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Rang 4 Ag Plandáil sa Ghairdín: The boys and girls in Ms. Denning and Mr. Rowe's 4th Classes planted lots of seeds in the polytunnel and garden this week.



They did all the work 'as Gaeilge', for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The pupils worked with Angela and Mr. Mac Namara. They planted potatoes, carrots, cabbage, broad beans, peas, lettuce, tomatoes and onions. They will now look after the seeds over the upcoming season and they are looking forward to seeing and more importantly tasting the fruits of their labours later on in the year.

Well done!



We wrote accounts of what we did 'as Gaeilge'.

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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 foléimint 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.

Mrs. Chilton teaches some classes every Thursday. They work very hard during the week for her.

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

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



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026

School Opens	Wednesday 27 th August 2025
Mid-term break	CLOSED: Mon 27 th Oct to Fri 31 st Oct inclusive Re-opens: Mon 3 rd Nov 2025
Christmas	CLOSED: Mon 22 nd Dec to Fri 2 nd Jan inclusive Re-opens: Mon 5 th Jan 2026
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: St Brigid's Day Bank Holiday, Mon 2 nd Feb 2026
Mid-term break	CLOSED: Thurs 19 th & Fri 20 th Feb Re-opens: Mon 24 th Feb 2026
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: Mon 16 th March 2026 & St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday, Tues 17 th March 2026
Easter Holiday	CLOSED: Mon 30 th March to Fri 10 th April inclusive Re-opens: Mon 13 th April 2026
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: Bank Holiday, Mon 4 th May 2026
Bank Holiday	CLOSED: Fri 29 th May & Bank Holiday, Mon 1 st June 2026
Closing term	Last Day: Tue 23 rd June 2026

Rang 1 + 2 Ráth An Tamhain. First and second class have had a busy month! In maths, we were learning all about collecting data. The children created surveys for their classmates and displayed the results on block graphs. Each child picked a topic for their survey, some examples included favourite dessert, favourite subject, favourite pet and favourite toy. All children had great fun taking part in the surveys.



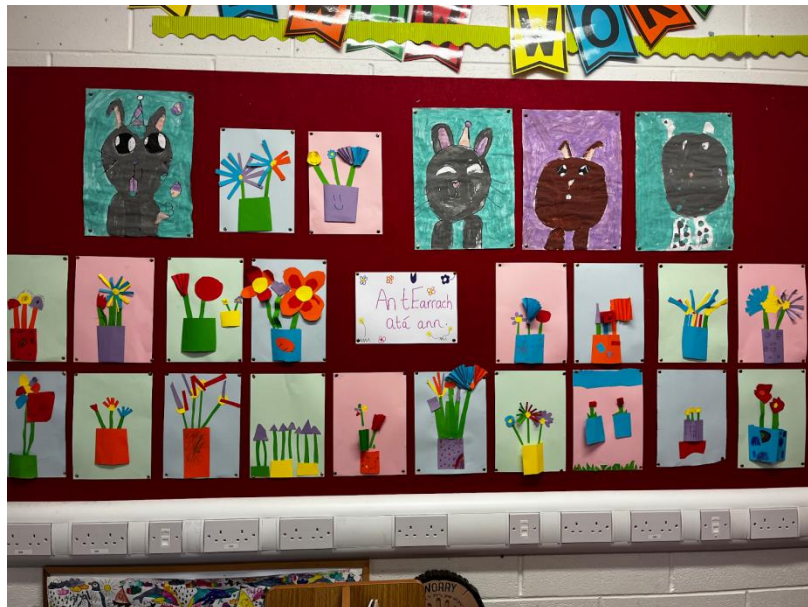
We went outside and observed traffic passing the school for a period of 5 minutes. We used tallies to mark each mode of transport and displayed the results on block graphs.



We celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of the month. The children made a fantastic effort to dress up as their favourite book characters.



We created lots of spring art this month, our classroom is full of amazing artists!



Rang 4 Corr Uí Ruairc. March has been a busy and exciting month for 4th Class! Taking advantage of the lovely weather, we teamed up with Angela and Mr. MacNamara to plant a variety of vegetables, including potatoes, onions, lettuce, broad beans, peas, cabbage, carrots and tomatoes. We had a fantastic time learning about the planting process and will be eagerly watching our crops grow over the coming months!



We've been thoroughly enjoying our Tuesday morning sessions with the GAA coach this month! We've been learning essential skills such as soloing and the high catch and we've had a great time putting them into practice.



We have been exploring the world of colour this week. We wrote our own creative colour poems, and it's safe to say that 4th Class is full of talented poets!



Linking in with our colour poems, we created vibrant 'Rainbow Rain' art pieces inspired by the world-famous street artist, Banksy. To bring our artwork to life, we mixed paint with water to create a watercolour effect. By dabbing the paint at the top of the card and holding it upright, we watched the colours flow down like raindrops, creating beautiful and unique designs!



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MULLAGH HALL | 04.04.2025
7PM - 9PM | ADMISSION €5