

Newsletter October 2023

Open Morning to view new Extension

Further to the text sent out last week, parents are invited to visit our school to view our new extension this Saturday 21st October, our pupils are also welcome to come along. Parents, please make your way to the new GP room on arrival at the school, tours will begin at this point. There will be staff members and volunteers at various locations throughout the school to assist on the day.

So as to avoid congestion at any given time, please aim to arrive at the times allocated below, unless unavoidable.

- **10am**: all 6th Class Pupils, their parents and younger siblings, regardless of class
- **10:30am**: all 5th class pupils, their parents and younger siblings, regardless of class
- **11am**: all 4th Class Pupils, their parents and younger siblings regardless of class
- **11:30am**: all 3rd Class Pupils, their parents and younger siblings regardless of class
- **12noon**: all 1st and 2nd Class Pupils, their parents and younger siblings, regardless of class
- **12:30pm** Infant Classes

To assist us on the day, please be mindful of the following:

- Pupils must remain with their parents at all times during the tour of the new extension.
- Out of respect for everybody's belongings, pupils and staff alike, we kindly request that classroom materials, books and toys are not disturbed.
- Additional car-parking is available at the church grounds.

Whilst all the heavy work has been done, we still have some cosmetic/paint work to attend to during periods of school closure. Rome was not built in a day and we thank you for your continued understanding in this regard!

Trick or Treat for Temple Street

As has been the tradition in our school for many years now, we will host this event here at Kilruane NS on the day we break up for the Midterm Break, Friday 27th October, when our pupils come to school in fancy dress! Please keep it simple, broomsticks, swords and wands... are best kept safely at home! Children will need their schoolbags but are allowed to bring a treat in their lunchbox! We ask for a small contribution of €1/2 per child, or whatever you can afford. All monies collected go to the Isobel and Tess Duff Memorial Foundation at Temple Street.

We are Collecting Old School Uniforms!

We have always held a supply of spare items of uniform in the school in case pupils require a change. If you have old school tracksuit bottoms, grey polo shirts or school tracksuit tops that your son/daughter is finished with, please send them into your child's class teacher.

Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We are delighted to see the return of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal to Kilruane NS. Mary our school secretary kindly ordered leaflets from Team Hope and we will distribute them through pupil school bags this week. Those of you who are interested in participating in this worthy cause might like to start stocking up on the usual items associated with this appeal.

Christmas Concerts

We are delighted to announce the return of our Christmas Concerts to Kilruane NS. Concerts will be held in early December, we will circulate relevant dates once they have been finalised.

Parent Teacher meetings

Date for your diary! Parent Teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday 14th November and Wednesday 15th November. Time slots will issue via schoolbags after the Midterm Break.

Cumann na mBunscol

Both our U13 Ladies Football and our U13 Football teams 'won out' their Blitzes earlier this month which means we now progress to the next stage of these competitions. Our U13 Gaelic Football team will play Ballinahinch NS in the North Final on Tuesday next, the 24th October, at 11am in Toomevara. Our U13 Ladies Football team will play Lisvernane NS in the County Semi-Final, in The Ragg hurling pitch, on Thursday 26th October at 12 noon. Unfortunately, our U11 Football team were beaten in their blitz final, despite a gallant effort on a very wet, miserable day in Dolla.

Cross country

Our pupils had a fantastic day out at the annual Primary Schools Cross Country Championships which took place in Thurles last month. Our school attended in record numbers with 54 pupils from Kilruane NS participating on the day. We were so proud of how well all our pupils did, particularly as many of our pupils had never participated in Cross country before. We travelled as a team and it was an exceptional team effort from all of our pupils. Our girls teams finished in 1st and 7th place and our boys teams were placed 3rd and 5th. A special mention for Tommy Grace, 4th Class, who came in first place in his race, with several of his classmates in hot pursuit. Ms. Butler's girls also put in a fantastic performance, with Rosealeen O' Leary coming in first place, Orla Gaynor in 3rd place and Caoimhe Kennedy in 4th. Ben Ryan, Jack Ryan and Oran Farrell received individual medals for placing in the top ten on the day with Lily Dunne and Kudzii Rotani also receiving team medals. Well done Team Kilruane NS, we are so proud of you all!!

Primary Schools Swim Meet (Munster)

Well done to Tommy Heneghan who represented Kilruane NS at Swim Ireland's "Munster Meet", which was held UL last weekend. Tommy put in a great performance in the 50m Backstroke in particular, missing out on a qualification spot for the Irish Nationals by less than 2 seconds! Great stuff Tommy! If your son/daughter is a member of Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club and is interested in participating at this level, please link in with the club for further information.

Friendship Week/Stay Safe Programme

In line with our Anti-Bullying Policy and our SPHE plan (Social, Personal and Health Education), teachers will be teaching lessons based around anti-bullying as we approach the Midterm Break, also known as 'Friendship Week'. The children will hear stories, make posters and write poetry based on the themes of friendship and bullying awareness.

Dromineer/Nenagh Literary Festival 2022

Once again, huge Credit is due to all of our pupils from 3rd to 6th classes for submitting such wonderful poems to the Dromineer/Nenagh Literary Festival's Poetry Competition for Primary Schools which was held last month. Congratulations and well done to Caitlin Madden who came 2nd in the Third/Fourth Class Competition and to Conor Gannon whose poem was highly commended and well done to Oran Farrell and Rosealeen O' Leary's, whose poems also received a highly commended in the 5th/6th class competition.