

Final End of Year Newsletter 2024

Class Teachers for September

As the main Redeployment Panel has yet to clear in the Diocese of Killaloe, the Department of Education will not permit schools in the Diocese to finalise decisions around the recruitment of specific teaching positions in schools across the Diocese. A substantial number of schools are affected by the delay this year. Unfortunately, this situation is outside of our control. Whilst I would love to be in a position to let you know who your child's Class Teacher will be in September, I am not in a position to do so just yet. Once we get the go ahead from the Department, it is a straight forward process and I anticipate I will be back in touch early July with our usual Class Teacher list.

Due to the large number of pupils in the senior end of the school, both Fourth Class and Fifth Class will be divided this coming year, so as to maintain an equitable balance of pupils in each classroom, keeping the pupil/teacher ratio lower than it would be if we kept classes together. This decision is made with your child's best interests at heart. Pupils in Fourth and Fifth Classes will have a note for parents in their school bag this afternoon.

Classes will be grouped as follows for the coming school year:

- Junior and Senior Infants
- First and Second
- Third and Fourth
- Fourth and Fifth
- Fifth and Sixth

Department of Education Free Books Scheme

As you are aware, schoolbooks are free to all pupils again this year so we won't be issuing a booklist as such this year. Like last year, parents will be required to purchase general classroom stationery for their child. This list will be posted on our school website www.kilruaneschool.com in the coming days. I will alert you all via text.

Free Hot Meals for Schools Scheme

The school has applied for the Department of Education's Hot Meals Scheme and we hope to be included in the next cohort of schools to receive the grant. The Department has advised that they will be in touch again in late September/ Early October, more information to follow when I have new information to share.

County Finals in Thurles

We had another wonderful day in Semple Stadium last Wednesday. Win, lose or draw, Cumann na mBunscol County Final Day in Semple Stadium is an unforgettable experience for our pupils, their families and staff alike. On this occasion, we were so proud of our U13 Camogie team, who won in style, with an unforgettable performance against a strong Boherlahan team. Well done girls! A sincere thank you to the parents, pupils and extended families who came to support us in great numbers on the day. A special mention for our team coaches/mentors and back room team. Míle Buíochas to Gilbert, Craig, David and Maria for all your work during the year and to Ann who helped look after our girls at all their matches.

Primary Games

Congratulations to Conn Foley, Lily Murphy, Caoimhe Kennedy and Cian O' Looney, who were chosen to represent our school at the Primary Games trials held all across the county over the past number of weeks. A special mention for Caoimhe who made it through to the final selection, lining out in the blue and gold for Tipperary in Semple Stadium last month. Another proud day for our school for sure, with past pupil Mr. Morgan lining out on the Tipperary Senior Team, on the same day!

September Swimming

We have already scheduled our ever popular School Swimming Lessons in Nenagh Public Pool for early first term. Lessons are for pupils from 1st to 6th Classes. More details to follow when we re-open for the new school year.

Crazy Hair Day

The school raised a whopping 500Euro in it's recent 'Crazy Hair' fundraiser and the Cloughjordan Community Playground Committee have asked me to extend a big thank you to you all. If you would like some more information about the proposed playground, please search Cloughjordan Community Playground Development on Facebook where you can view the draft plans for the playground in the space across the road from the GAA complex in Cloughjordan. It looks amazing!

Farewell

It is always with a hint of sadness that we say goodbye to our Sixth Class pupils every year. To our 'Class of 2024', Siún, Laura, Liam, Sarah, Conn, Mae, Mark, Caoimhe, Nessa, Oisín, Lily, Cian, Seán, Conor, Katie and Jack, you have been wonderful students and we hope you have enjoyed your years here at Kilruane NS as much as we have enjoyed having you here. Have a great day tomorrow, the last day is always such a special day for our 6th class pupils. Go now and spread your wings, continue to look after each other and to look out for each other! Wishing you all the best of luck in your future schools and studies! Go n-eirí an bóthar libh go léir!

Summer Break/Return Date

The school will close at **12 noon** on Friday 21st June, for the Summer holidays. The school buses will run as usual. The school will re-open for the new school year on Wednesday 28th August for all pupils. Our School Calendar for the school year 2024/25 will issue in September as always.