



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Kilanerin National School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to present our October e-newsletter. It has been a very busy 6 weeks, packed with lots of fun and learning, great pupil achievements and new routines. I encourage you to please take the time to read it carefully as we have information on in-school activities, after school activities and some new exciting initiatives.

Enjoy,

Mary C. Byrne and staff

SCHOOL ARRIVAL:

Now that everyone is settled back into school life, we would ask all parents to leave the school grounds as soon as your child has arrived safely onto the yard. This will make it less intimidating for other small children and allow them to play among their peers.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Following on from the generous donation made by the Donnelly family as a result of Colm's Tractor Run last year, we are privileged to be in a position to establish a central school library area in his memory. We have chosen this option in order to ensure that all children within the school can benefit.

YARD MARKINGS

It is agreed with the board of management to provide playground markings on the school grounds in the coming months as weather permits.

POLICIES

The Anti-bullying policy was reviewed and ratified – please find attached to that email. The child protection policy is currently under review.

COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL

The best way to communicate with the school is via the Aladdin Connect App with your class teacher. Messages can be sent directly to the class teacher and/or the office via this app, just go to the Attendance & Notes section. On Aladdin you can also communicate absences, early collections and late arrival times. **Parents wishing to discuss queries or concerns that arise should always message the class teacher first to set up a meeting/call at an appropriate time.**

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are currently working on a new, more user-friendly website.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER



1st to 6th Class attending Grease the musical 25th October 2023

HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP WALK



Halloween walk for entire school on Friday 27th October

HALLOWEEN PARTY



The PA will host a Halloween party for all classes on Friday 27th October during the school day.

MIDTERM BREAK



School closes on Friday 27th October at normal home times

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

MON 13TH & WED 15TH NOV - Book via Aladdin



SCHOOL EVENTS:

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

School assembly was held today. We had a Pupil award, Gaelge award and Kindness award in each classroom. There was also a Junior Student of the month – Robyn Hobbs and Senior Student of the month award– Noah Piggott.

Our student council introduced themselves and the yard monitors, they spoke about inclusion, kindness and friendship and how every pupil should be mindful of others with kind hands, kind feet but especially kind words!

They also spoke about a new initiative in our school – Wellness Wednesdays – which will happen once a month and where we will take time for our wellbeing.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



We had a very successful walk to school week in the school this week with Monday kicking the week off with lots of our pupils walking or park n striding to school. This continued throughout the week - a big well done to all the boys and girls, mams, dads, grannies and grandads, child-minders for helping the children with their endeavour.

GAA

Rackard League: Our girls' team are through to the quarter-finals of Roinn A and our boys' team to the Roinn B quarter-finals.

Mini-7s: Well done to the Kilanerin girls' and boys' teams who competed in the competition. The boys continue on to the next round of the competition.





OTHER EVENTS

CREAGH FOOTBALL BLITZ:

Well done to 4th/5th and 6th class boys and girls who attended the football blitz at Creagh College recently. A fun day was had by all and with some great performances from our students. Well done to our boys and girls football teams who are competing in both the Rackard League and Mini 7s competitions.



BASKETBALL BLITZ

We had both boys' and girls' teams in attendance at the inaugural Creagh College basketball blitz in September. Both teams did really well with some really close score lines. The school has invested in some new basketball equipment so all the boys and girls in Kilanerin National School can advance their skills.

GREASE – CREAGH COLLEGE MUSICAL

1st class to 6th class pupils will attend Creagh College's upcoming musical - Grease at Gorey Little Theatre on Wednesday 25th October. Thanks to the Parents' Association for subsidising the buses, pupils need only pay €7. Payable via Aladdin Connect. Infant classes will attend the theatre later in the year.

HALLOWEEN & MID-TERM BREAK

All pupils can dress up in their Halloween costumes on Friday, 27th October. We hope to have a Halloween walk for all pupils and then the Parents' Association will host a Halloween party during the school day for all classes. **School will close at normal closing times for the mid-term break** and re-open on Monday, 6th November at 9am.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – NOVEMBER 2023

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on **Monday 13th November and Wednesday 15th November** from 2.00pm for infants and 2.50pm. The infant day will finish as normal at 1.40pm with Junior Activity Club taking place as normal all week. **School will finish at 2.30pm for 1st class to 6th class** to facilitate these meetings, collect your child/ren promptly. There will be **no chess on these days. Bookings can be made via Aladdin this year. Bookings close at 3pm on Wednesday 9th November.** SET teachers will meet separately.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank the outgoing members of the committee for their support and all of their efforts with the pupil events and treats throughout the school year. Please also find below a copy of the parents' association annual newsletter and income and expenditure for 2022/2023. Split the Pot continues on a monthly basis, this is the main fundraiser for our parents' association. On the Friday of our Halloween party, we will have our next draw. Envelopes will be sent home with the eldest child in the family.

Current members of Parents Association: Michelle Timmons, Trish Kelly, Samantha Nash, Aine O'Sullivan, Fiona Hughes, Caroline Bardon, Lousie Reddin and Noelle Ireton.

Kilanerin Parents Association Newsletter

September 2023

Dear Parents

We are delighted to have the children back to school and we hope everyone enjoyed the long-awaited summer holidays. We are so thankful to all the teachers and staff at Kilanerin National School for helping the children settle back into school so well again this year.



Firstly, the Parents Association would like to welcome any new families to our school and we hope you and your children will have many happy years at Kilanerin National School. We now have 139 families in our school community. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all the parents and families that support our monthly **Split The Pot Fundraiser**, which is normally held on the last Friday of each month. It has been extremely well supported by our community and as it is our main fundraiser, it is very important in helping us provide extra fun activities and treats for the children throughout the school year.

Last year was a busy year for the school and the Parents Association. It all started with our Halloween Party in the Shamrock Hall returning. Thankfully with no covid restrictions, the children were able to get dressed up, have some treats and play some party games throughout the day. We hope to hold this year's party on Friday 27th October. In December we said goodbye to our Principal Geraldine Carmody after 22 years at the school with a lovely open evening in the school, which the parents so generously donated to a collection, totalling €1564, allowing the Parents' Association to get her some lovely gifts from you. We also held our annual Christmas Party in The Shamrock Hall with a visit from Santa and his Garda escort, where all the children got a selection box to bring home. We also had a bumper **Split the Pot** with hampers and prizes donated that lots of happy children and parents won to bring home on the last day of the school term.



In January we welcomed our new Principal Ms. Mary Byrne to the school. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome her and look forward to working with her throughout the school year, not one to hang around, she has already been in touch with us to see can we help with an upcoming event. In March the school was invited to partake in their first St Patrick's Day Parade in Coolgreany which the children really enjoyed with a new banner bought with PA funds. Hopefully it will get an outing again this year. At Easter all the children got to bring home an Easter egg. The children had a great day at their sports day on the school grounds with the PA bringing the classes over for a lovely treat of an ice-cream from Murphy's Gala.



We look forward to another busy year providing all these treats for the children, but we cannot provide them without your help.

Social Media Connectivity

- **Kilanerin National School FB page** - please follow our school page @kilanerinnationalschoolofficial
- **School Events WhatsApp Group** – there is a WhatsApp group set up for the parents of Kilanerin N.S. This is an informal group for school news and quick questions. We also have individual class groups. For any new parents who are not already on the WhatsApp groups and would like to be added please email the school or get in touch with a PA member and they will have you added to the group.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Síobhan Hayes who has stepped down from the PA. She gave so much of her time over the years and it is very much appreciated. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member Noelle Ireton, and thank her for coming on board. We always welcome new members so please get in touch if you are interested in helping out in any way.

Members of Parents Association: Michelle Timmons, Trish Kelly, Samantha Nash, Aine O'Sullivan, Fiona Hughes, Caroline Bardon, Lousie Reddin and Noelle Ireton.

Please find below a copy of our income and expenditure for the last school year 2022/2023

Income & Expenditure September 2022 - August 2023

Bank Account Balance on 1st September 2023: €3793

Members of Kilanerin National School:

Michelle Timmons, Trish Kelly, Siobhan Hayes, Samantha Nash, Caroline Bardon, Aine OSullivan, Fiona Hughes & Louise Reddin.

EXPENDITURE	
Halloween Party	€349.59
Christmas Party Expenses	€316.92
Selection Boxes	€268
St Patrick's Day Parade	€93.75
Easter Eggs & Hampers	€338
Ms Roben Wedding Gift	€110
Split the Pot Expenses	€304.32
Communion Photo	€120
Sports Day Ice-Cream	€291
6 th Class Graduation Brunch	€70
No-Uniform Day Lollipops	€14
Communion & Graduation Teas	€116.40
Government Stamp Duty	€20
Bank Fees	€90.55
Total	€2490.33

2022-2023	
Split the Pot Lodgments	+ €4972.20
No-uniform day income	+ €398.50
Total Income	€5370.7
Split the Pot winnings	- €2486.10
Expenses	- €2502.53
Balance	+ €382.07

SPLIT THE POT PAYOUT			
September	€205	February	€220
October	€264	March	€312
November	€216	April	€234
December	€385.10	May	€222
January	€226	June	€202
		Total:	€2486.10

PLAYERS WANTED!

ALL AGES, ALL STANDARDS,
ALL WELCOME



- BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

- NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED

- TRAINING 2 TIMES A WEEK

- SEASON AUGUST TO APRIL

- GREAT SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT PROMOTED

- TOP FACILITIES AND GROUNDWORKS

- IDEAL WINTER FITNESS FOR OTHER SUMMER SPORTS LIKE THE GAA



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Contact Derek Webb on 087 0617615 or email
derek@sprintdesigninc.ie for more information



HOCKEY TRAINING TIMES

Starting Friday 8th Sept

Junior and Senior Infants 5:15-6pm

1st and 2nd Class 6:15-7pm

3rd and 4th Class 7:15-8pm

In The Stables, Gorey

New players
welcome!



HALLOWEEN MIDTERM CAMP

PIRATES COVE

31st October to 3rd of November

9am until 1pm

€25.00 One day - €90 Four days

€20 deposit, balance payable on first day. 10% discount for siblings.

INCLUDING

SPOOKY DISCO

GO KARTING ARTS & CRAFTS

PIRATE SPLAT

CRAZY GOLF BOWLING

FOR BOOKINGS: CALL 053 942 5555

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