



# OCTOBER 2024 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.

Pupils are supervised by school personnel from 8:50am onwards. When adults congregate at the entrance/exits of the school it becomes increasingly difficult to monitor children at these areas as they can easily slip behind groups and are more difficult to supervise.

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### FIELD DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Kilanerin/Ballythomas Field Day such a tremendous success. As a school community we are very grateful for all the efforts made, time given, donations and support on the day and in the weeks running up to the Field Day. It is our hope that all monies collected through this fundraiser will be used to fund the development of a second Astro pitch at our school. The addition of a second Astro on the top pitch will ensure that all the pupils will have an outside space to play unhindered by inclement weather.

#### MODULAR BUILD

We are currently at the final stages of the assessment for our application for the build of 2 x modular build classrooms from the Department of Education. The process should take approximately 12 months all going according to plan.

#### PE UNIFORM

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who have supported the initiative to introduce a school PE half-zip. I think you will all agree that it is a beautiful addition to our school and the pupils seem very comfortable and happy to wear it, we have received lots of positive feedback from the boys and girls!

#### POLICIES

A code of Conduct for Sporting, Extracurricular and School events Policy has been introduced in our School, if you have not done so already please review the document and accept via Aladdin permissions. Substance Use



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



The Parents' Association are hosting a Coffee Morning on Friday of this week. We would encourage all new and existing parents to attend

#### HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP WALK



Halloween walk for entire school on Friday 25th October

#### HALLOWEEN PARTY



The PA will host a Halloween party for all classes on Friday 25th October during the school day.

#### MIDTERM BREAK



School closes on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at normal home times

Policy, Health & Safety Statement, Dignity at Work, Whistleblowing and Intimate Care policies were also reviewed and ratified – please find updated on our school website.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOT LUNCHES UPDATE

Our expression of interest has been recorded with the Department of Social Protection. Pending a decision from the Department on this we are consulting with a number of providers to explore the options available to our school. As this progresses, we will update you further.

## 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.

**Teachers supervising on yard before and after school are not best placed to answer any queries. We would encourage parents wishing to discuss queries or concerns to message the class teacher first to set up a meeting/call at an appropriate time.**

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new school website went live in June, we would encourage you to explore it at your leisure. As the year progresses, we will be adding additional features to this website and it will become a great source of information showcasing our wonderful school - [www.kilanerins.ie](http://www.kilanerins.ie).



## SCHOOL EVENTS:

### FLEW TO YOU



A lovely treat for all the children of Kilanerin National School when local man Colin Travers brought in a selection of birds to each individual classroom.





## TENNIS TASTER

Some of our classes got to try out their tennis skills. Tennis continues afterschool on Wednesdays with JSTA and is full for this term.



## SOCCER SESSION

All classes had a taster soccer skills session with Robert from Trainique Soccer. Rober will be joining us for a 6-week term of soccer skills after the Halloween break with all pupils which we are hoping to hold during school time.



## OTHER EVENTS

### CREAGH BASKETBALLBLITZ 2024

Congratulations to the boys and girls of 5th and 6th class who represented Kilanerin NS at the Creagh College Basketball Blitz. With all of our teams reaching the semi-final stages. Well done to our 6<sup>th</sup> class boys' team who won their competition.



### CREAGH FOOTBALL BLITZ 2024

Congratulations to the boys and girls of 5th and 6th class who represented Kilanerin NS at the Creagh College Football Blitz in September. Both our boys' team and our girls' team progressed to the Shield Finals at the end of the day, unfortunately neither were victorious but a great day was had by all!





## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our first school assembly of this year was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We had a Pupil award, Gaeilge award, Kindness award, Handwriting award and Mathematician of the week award in each classroom.

Our student council is currently being formed for the 2024/2025 school year. Representatives from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class will go through an election process and will join the 14 pupils from 6<sup>th</sup> class.





## CHOIR

The school choir with Ms. Forrest and Ms. Cooper takes place on Thursdays after school from 2:40pm – 3:40pm. The choir will participate in Peace Proms 2025 at South East Technological University (SETU) Waterford.

## CHESS

Chess continues after school on Mondays with Mr. Doyle. Chess club is now full for the current term.

## GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club has resumed for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils every Friday afternoon during school. We have had a huge uptake from our pupils this year and we look forward to a very fun filled and productive yield.

## GAA

### **Rackard League**

Girls – Girls have progressed to the quarter finals of Roinn A Rackard League Football.

Boys – Boys finished joint top of their Gorey District Group with 2 wins from 3. Unfortunately, there were a number of teams in the same position and following a draw we weren't picked to progress to the District final. Instead, our boys will progress to the Roinn D competition.

### **Mini-7s**

Boys – Our boys have progressed to round 2 of the mini-7's, winning all their games in the first round.

Girls – Our girls did not progress to the second round. They played with great heart and won one game and lost one in their group.

## **HALLOWEEN & MID-TERM BREAK**

**All pupils can dress up in their Halloween costumes on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.** We hope to have a Halloween walk for all pupils, weather permitting 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, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

## **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – NOVEMBER 2024**

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place in November. **Bookings will be made via Aladdin this year. More details to follow**

## **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 update and income and expenditure for 2023/2024. Split the Pot continues on a monthly basis, this is the main fundraiser for our parents' association. Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October they will have their next draw, at our Halloween party. Envelopes will be sent home with the eldest child in the family towards the end of every month.



The Parents' Association are hosting a Coffee Morning on Friday of this week. We would encourage all new and existing parents to attend.

# KILANERIN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

## SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to school, we hope everyone enjoyed their summer break. We hope the children have all settled back into school especially the new junior infants. The Parents Association are looking forward to continuing to help Ms. Byrne & the teachers in providing some fun activities during the school year.

The Parents Association hold a monthly **Split the Pot** fundraiser. Envelopes are sent home towards the end of the month with the eldest child in each family, €2 can be popped into the envelopes with contact details & placed in the box in Murphy's or in the post box at the school gate in the Shamrock hall carpark. The draw usually takes place on the last Friday of the month but don't worry we give plenty reminders on the School Events What's App group. The proceeds of this fundraiser are split equally with the winner & the PA. It has been extremely well supported by the school community over the last few years, which we are very grateful for as it is the main fundraiser & enables us to help provide some of fun activities for the children along with some more practical items such as a contribution toward the bus for a trip to Creagh College's production of Greece last October, communion photos & lots of tea and coffee.

Last year we also did a bumper raffle in November with some really amazing prizes being generously donated by the wider community for the raffle including top prize a Santa Visit at Kia Ora mini farm. The raffle tickets were very kindly sponsored by The Hungry Bear & the raffle was so generously supported that the Parents Association are hoping to donate some of the funds raised to the school. We will be consulting with Ms. Byrne to see how best these funds can be allocated. So, watch this space.



We have had a really busy year collaborating with the school on many activities, some of which include

- ❖ Halloween walk & annual party
- ❖ Mr. Doyle's Green School Flag walk to school
- ❖ Annual Santa visit & party including a selection box for everyone
- ❖ The school's first Grandparents Day Teas
- ❖ Wellness Wednesday walk through the woods
- ❖ Coolgreany St Patrick's Day Parade
- ❖ Easter Eggs
- ❖ New school library opening
- ❖ Incoming junior infants' parents' teas
- ❖ Sports day ice-creams
- ❖ Consultation on the new PE uniforms
- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> class Graduation brunch



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September we had our first AGM in the Shamrock Hall since before Covid. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank those who came along on the night & contributed to the discussion on fundraising ideas & suggestions of activities for the PA.

We have sadly said goodbye to our members Samantha Nash & secretary Trish Kelly in June & most recently Caroline Bardon, Fiona Hughes & chairperson Michelle Timmons but have welcomed new members including Paul Guy, Darren Brien & Premilla Menon-Gorby this month. Following on from the AGM a new Chairperson; Paul Guy, Secretary; Premilla Menon-Gorby, & Treasurer Aine OSullivan were selected.

New members are always welcome throughout the year so if you would like to get involved, have a bit of time to spare during school hours, have some fun hopefully & get to know some new faces please get in touch!

# Kilanerin Parents Association

## Income & Expenditure Sep. 2023–Aug. 2024

**Members:** Michelle Timmons, Trish Kelly, Samantha Nash, Caroline Bardon, Aine OSullivan, Fiona Hughes, Noelle Ireton

### Yearly Expenses

Halloween	€187
Grease Bus	€250
Christmas Party	€384.25
Selection Boxes	€355.45
New Christmas Decorations	€109
Grandparents Teas	€31.21
Easter	€231
Communion photos	€255
Teas	€78.11
No Uniform Day prize	€60
Teachers & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Brunch	€175
Sports Day Ice-Creams	€268.50
Split the Pot Admin Fees	€137.02
Government Stamp Duty	€14.50
Bank Fees	€81.57
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€2617.61</b>

### Yearly Income

Split the Pot	€2927
Raffle	€1867
No Uniform Day	€325
<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>	<u>€358</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€5477.10</b>

Total Income	€5477.10
Total Expenditure	- €2617.61
Split The Pot winnings	- €1463.55
<b>Balance Leftover</b>	<b>€1396.49</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 Bank Account Balance: €5269.32**

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# HALLOWEEN TENNIS CAMP

At Gorey Tennis Club, Wexford.

Date: Tuesday 29th October to Friday 1st November (inclusive).

Ages / Times: 6 to 10 year olds - 10am to 1pm.

11 & over - 2pm to 5pm

To Join:

[BOOK HERE](#)

(Maximum groups of 12).

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