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## **NEWSLETTER - May 2022**

### **Upcoming School Closings:**

Early closing: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon. School will close at 12 noon to facilitate staff PLC in-service training

Closed: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Long bank holiday weekend

Please note that a change to our current school calendar. We will close on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June due to the additional Bank Holiday in March this year.

### **Holy Communion:**

Best wishes to our Second Class pupils who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. A special word of thanks to their teacher, Ms McCarthy, and our SNA Teresa, for preparing Second Class for their big day. Thanks to Fr. Jim Lenihan, the parents of our Second Class pupils, staff and our Parents' Association who have been very supportive. A reminder to please forward baked/bought goods, to the school on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Green Schools/Walk on Wednesday (WOW)**

Please note that we are still encouraging pupils to walk to school, if it is safe to do so. We are really promoting our Green Schools 'Walk on Wednesday', which takes place on Wednesdays, weather permitting. Thanks to parents and guardians for all your help with this initiative.

### **Scríobh Leabhar:**

Well done to the pupils in the school who recently participated in a 'Scríobh Leabhar' competition, run by the Education Centre in Tralee and Foras na Gaeilge, earlier this year. Well done to our winners:

Junior Infants: Tyler McSweeney & Ella Rose Lyons

Senior Infants: Jewel Maria Joseph & Conall O' Mara

First Class: Hollie O' Sullivan & Emmet Bowler

Second Class: Lia Brosnan & Mia Lynch O' Doherty

Third Class: Seán O' Connor & Aodhán O' Halloran

Fourth Class: Seán O' Leary & Kerry McClain

Fifth Class: Eoin Foley & Órla Condon

Sixth Class: Emma Houlihan & Oran Lynch

Pupils will receive a medal, certificate and stationery for their efforts. Well done to all!

Comhghairdeas libh go léir!

### **School Tours:**

Second and Third Class will visit Wetlands, Tralee, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. First Class will visit Crag Caves on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. Junior Infants and Senior Infants will visit Knockreer Education Centre on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June. All other classes visited University of Limerick on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Thanks to the staff for organising our school tours. We hope everyone enjoys their tour.

### **Europe Day May 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Mr Mannix's 4th & 5th class took part in an online interactive question and answer session with European Parliament President Roberta Metsola and also took part in an online quiz involving over 250 schools across Europe. Well done to all the teams

### **Football/ Hurling/ Gymnastics:**

Thanks to our coaches Mr. Vince Cooper, Mr. Colm O' Brien and Mrs. Theresa Murphy for their ongoing support with football, hurling and gymnastics in Kilcummin N.S. We were delighted to welcome Theresa back to Kilcummin N.S. for our term of gymnastics, after a two year break. Thanks to our Parents' Association for funding our gymnastics this term. We purchased new gymnastics mats, which arrived during the Easter break, so we are thrilled that we have our own equipment in our very own hall!!

### **Indoor Soccer:**

Thanks to our Parents' Association for purchasing our indoor soccer goalposts. A special word of thanks to our PA Chairperson, Derek O' Leary, assisted by Seán and Ciara, for assembling the goalposts in our school hall. We are thrilled with our new equipment.

### **Football & Hurling Competitions:**

It's great that sporting life is in full swing at Kilcummin N.S. Well done to our senior football teams who represented Kilcummin N.S. so well in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions. Best wishes to our Sixth Class pupils, Sadbh O' Halloran and Conor Finnegan, on their recent Primary Game football trials. Congratulations to Sadbh on securing a place on the Kerry Primary Game team! Maith thú! Well done also to Sixth Class pupils Mark Fleming, Oran Lynch and Cian Maher for representing Kilcummin N.S. in the Primary School (Football) Skills. The Primary Schools Hurling Skills competition was also held recently. Well done to Fifth Class pupils, Éamon O' Donoghue and Daragh Keane, for representing Kilcummin N.S. Daragh Keane has progressed to the next level of the Hurling Skills competition. Competition for both girls and boys has been very intense in all these competitions, so we are so proud of all our sporting stars. Best of luck to both Sadbh and Daragh and congratulations again to all! It has been a very busy sporting term to date. A special word of thanks to teachers and SNAs, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mannix, Mr. Kelliher, Rena, Mags and Irene for all your support.

### **Basketball:**

A special word of thanks to parents Philip O' Connor and Aisling O' Donoghue for organising and training the Super Sevens Basketball team. Conor Finnegan, Michael Janot, Daragh Keane, Oran Lynch, Cian Maher, Dean Moynihan, Joe O' Connor and Éamon O' Donoghue are all progressing well in the competition, which is currently ongoing. We wish them every success! Go n-éirí an bóthar libh go léir.

### **INSPA Primary School Photography Awards:**

Best of luck to Ms. McCarthy, Miss O' Mahony, Teresa, our Students' Council and all the students in the school who entered photographs in the INSPA Primary School Photography Awards competition. The photography competition is one of the steps of our Positive Primaries Journey. We share a positive thought at the beginning of each week and classes participate in mindfulness moments, as we are promoting positivity and well-being throughout the school.

### **Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP):**

Mr. Murphy's Fifth and Sixth Class pupils are currently participating in the JEP. They are creating and selling bracelets. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not received an order form. Best of luck to Fifth and Sixth Class with your business. We wish you every success.

**Athletics:**

Well done to the pupils who represented Kilcummin N.S. in the Killarney Valley Primary Schools Athletics competition in St. Brendan's College on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Stamped Addressed Envelope for School Reports:**

A gentle reminder to please forward a SAE to your child's class teacher prior by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please forward one envelope per child in your family. Booklists and the 2022/2023 school calendar will be posted with your child's school report also.

**Second Hand Book Sale/ Book Rental:**

A second-hand book sale will be facilitated in the school on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Parents are invited to contact your child's class teacher if you would like to sell books, if you would like to purchase second hand books or if you wish to avail of rental books for your child for the 2022/2023 school year. There will be a limited supply. Please remind children to bring books to school for sale/ money to purchase books on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. Please write the book title that you require and send the appropriate fee to school in a labelled envelope and your child's teacher will facilitate the sale/purchase of books. Recommended selling price is half price on Book List (rounded off). Book lists will be posted in early June. We will collect school rental books also. There is a limited supply of books available. Information regarding rental books will be on the Booklists.

Le gach dea ghúí,

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