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## February 2022 Newsletter

### Upcoming School Closure:

**Closed:** Bank Holiday: School will be closed on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March & Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March (St. Patrick's Day & New Bank Holiday)

### Covid-19 DES Correspondence:

Updated Covid-19 Guidance to Schools following the mid-term break 2022 was issued to the school during the mid-term break. Please contact the school if you have not yet received this email.

### Parents' Association and Shamrock Fundraisers:

Thanks to our Parents' Association for organising the sale of shamrocks in the school to mark St. Patrick's Day. Please check your child's bag for the order forms. A special word of thanks to all the Kilcummin Post Office for their continued support to the school and our fundraisers. We are truly indebted to you. Míle buíochas.

### Green Schools Big Travel Challenge Walk to School:

The Green Schools team wishes to thank the parents and pupils of Kilcummin N.S. for taking part (where possible) in the Big Travel Challenge this month. Thanks to our Green Schools Committee and Mr. Murphy for your ongoing support with Green Schools. On a separate Green Schools note, pupils are invited to produce 'tiger' related art projects to celebrate the Chinese New Year, 'The Year of the Tiger'. This art work will be displayed on our Green Schools noticeboard. Thanks to the Green Schools committee members for their support with the initiative also. Our annual 'Scoot on Wednesday' will be held in March. Further details will follow.

### Enrolment:

We are currently planning our open day for the parents of next year's Junior Infants. If you know of any child who intends starting school, please tell them to contact the school. Enrolment application forms are available on our website [www.kilcumminns.com](http://www.kilcumminns.com) Parents are asked to forward the completed form, a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate (if applicable) to the school at your earliest convenience.

### An Post/INTO Handwriting Competition:

It's that time of the year again, when pupils will be invited to participate in the national An Post/INTO handwriting competition. This is an ideal opportunity to practice handwriting, whilst embracing a writing challenge. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh!

### Computer and Phone Safety:

Thanks to Mr. Mannix and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class for all their hard work creating an internet safety noticeboard in the school, following Safer Internet Day on 8<sup>th</sup> February. A reminder to all to be extra vigilant regarding phone and internet safety. Please ensure that you are fully aware of your child's online activities, especially regarding messaging services, if applicable. Unfortunately cyberbullying is becoming more prevalent in society and it is essential that we teach our pupils regarding this serious problem. It is advisable that pupils should not bring mobile phones to school. If you require your child to have a phone, your child is obliged to give the phone to the class teacher prior to school for safekeeping. The phone will be returned after school. Phones will be confiscated if this is not adhered to.

### Football & hurling training:

A word of thanks to GAA Football coach, Mr. Vince Cooper, and Hurling Coach, Mr. Colm O' Brien, who are currently completing football and hurling training in the school.

Le gach dea ghuí,

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Gillian Sheehan Principal & Staff