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NEWSLETTER - June 2022

Upcoming School Closings:

Closing: **Wednesday, June 22nd at 12 noon** - Summer Holidays.

Re-opening: **Thursday, 25th August at 9.20a.m.**

Slán agus Beannacht to our Sixth Class:

Best wishes for the future to our Sixth Class pupils Cian, Conor, Ella, Emma, Gabriel, Grace, Joe, Mark, Niamh, Oran, Rebecca, Sadbh, Seán & Sophie. We wish you all happiness and success in your Post-Primary Schools. Parents of Sixth Class pupils are invited to attend our school mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church to mark the graduation of our Sixth Class pupils. The rest of the school will join in on the parish webcam. The date and time is to be finalised. We will keep you updated.

Second Hand Book Sale/ Book Rental:

A second-hand book sale will be facilitated in the school on **Thursday, 16th 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 of books available. Rental books will cost €2 each. Please remind children to bring books to school for sale/ money to purchase books on Thursday, 16th 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.

Active Week & Wellbeing Week:

We will hold our active week & wellbeing from 13th-17th June. It is hoped that each class will get an opportunity to visit the Kilcummin GAA pitch for a class Sports Day during the week. We are planning lots of walks, mindfulness activities and outdoor sporting fun, so fingers crossed that the weather will be dry for some part of the week. Thanks to all at Kilcummin GAA for accommodating us.

A word of thanks to our Parents' Association:

Thanks to our Parents' Association members for your tremendous help and support during the 2021/2022 school year. Thanks to our Parents' Association members, Chairperson Mr. Derek O' Leary, Treasurer Ms. Claire Troth, Secretary Mrs. Geraldine O' Halloran and all the class representatives who have been working tirelessly with fundraising events throughout the year. Our Parents' Association will be using funds for the payment of Pupil Personal Accident Insurance for each pupil during the summer holidays. Parents' Association funding will be used to employ specialist teachers again next year. We were delighted to have our gymnastics instructor Theresa Murphy back with us this year. Thanks to our Parents' Association for their commitment to the school's fundraising and thanks to you all for your generous support. We are delighted with the arrival of our new indoor soccer goalposts and look forward to using these during our Active Week. Sincerest thanks for all you continue to do!

JEP/ Bake Sale- Thank you:

Thanks to everyone for supporting Mr. Murphy's Fifth and Sixth Class Brilliant Beads (JEP) business and their recent Bake Sale. The proceeds of these two initiatives will fund their end of year boat trip, which will take place on Monday, 13th June. We wish them all a wonderful day.

Local History Competition:

Mr Mannix's Fourth and Fifth Class recently took part in a local history competition run in conjunction with Kerry Co. Council & the Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society. The title of the project undertaken by the class was 'The Development of Education in Kilcummin'. The class would like to sincerely thank all those who helped with the research they undertook as part of the project. The scale model of the school that they built for the project is on display in the school. If anyone would like to see it please contact Mr Mannix. The results of the competition are being announced on Monday, 13th of June.

Big Friendly Guide to Europe Programme:

Mr Mannix's Fourth and Fifth Class completed their submission for entry into the BFGTOEU programme run in conjunction with University College Cork. As part of the programme the children learned all about the European Union and how it works. Collaborative artwork, quizzes and interactive interviews with the European Parliament President Roberta Metsola were all part of the programme. The class will soon receive their plaque in recognition of their work. Comhghairdeas libh.

School Tours:

We wish Mr. Murphy's Fifth and Sixth Class a lovely boat trip to mark the end of Sixth Class' time at Kilcummin N.S. They will go on a boat trip from Ross Castle on Monday, 13th June. Best wishes to Mr. Mannix's Fourth and Fifth Class who will visit the Kerry County Museum, Tralee, on Tuesday, 14th June. Junior Infants and Senior Infants will visit Knockreer Education Centre on Wednesday, 15th June and we hope they will have an enjoyable day. Children will wear their school tracksuits. Each child is asked to bring lunch, rain-gear and/or sun-cream. It is great that children are afforded the opportunity to enjoy school tours again. First Class enjoyed a wonderful visit to Crag Caves, Castleisland. Second and Third Class visited the Wetlands in Tralee and Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class visited the Sports Centre at the University of Limerick.

Garda Football Blitz:

We are delighted that the Garda 7-a-side Football Blitz is back! Our senior footballers will participate in the blitz in Fitzgerald Stadium on Monday, 20th June. We wish our school team all the best. Thanks to Garda Edmund Walsh and all at An Garda Síochána for your continued help and support throughout the year and we wish you all the very best with the blitz.

School Text Service:

Please forward a mobile number to your child's class teacher if you have not been receiving text messages from the school Text Service. Please forward one mobile phone number to the school if you are not included in this service. Thanks to our Parents' Association for funding this service and thanks to Ms. McCarthy for operating the service on behalf of the school.

Super Sevens Basketball:

Best wishes to our boy's senior basketball team who will play Duagh N.S. this Thursday. The boys will be competing for a bronze medal. Good luck to Conor Finnegan, Michael Janot, Daragh Keane, Oran Lynch, Conall McCarthy, Dean Moynihan, Joe O' Connor and Éamon O' Donoghue. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh!

Headlice:

A reminder to all to check hair regularly for headlice. Please notify the school if you become aware of any incidents of headlice.

Class Groupings 2022/2023:

To facilitate class groupings in the 2022/2023 school year, the division of classes will be as follows: Junior Infants; Senior Infants/ First Class; Second Class/ Third Class; Third Class/Fourth Class/Fifth Class; Fifth Class/ Sixth Class.

Please be assured that class appropriate programmes are taught in all class groupings. We plan to arrange the children in their new class groupings on Tuesday, June 22nd. Children will return to their current classes on Wednesday, 22nd June. We anticipate your co-operation with this arrangement to ensure a smooth transition into the school year 2022/2023.

As mentioned, Kilcummin N.S. will close for summer holidays on Wednesday, June 22nd at 12 noon for all pupils.

Congratulations Fr. Jim:

Congratulations to Fr. Jim Lenihan who celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination recently. We are very grateful for all that Fr. Jim does for us all at Kilcummin N.S. Comhghairdeas leat.

Please ensure that your child collects all personal items e.g. coats, cardigans, lunchboxes etc. Several items of clothing remain in the school.

On behalf of all the staff and management, we wish you all a very safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. Thank you all for your help and co-operation. Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday, 25th August. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Gillian Sheehan
Principal and Staff