

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NOTES

The KNS Parents Association would like to thank you for your continued support this term.

In this term, we have provided treats for the children at Halloween, donations of non-perishable foods to the Loughrea Family resource centre, held the Christmas Fair, and the annual Christmas raffle.

As well as being an opportunity to hold a special children and family focussed event meeting Santa, the Christmas Fair raised €1,336.33. And the extremely well community supported Christmas Raffle raised €2,091.00.

All these funds are used throughout the year by the PA for child focussed initiatives.

Examples include: Tea-Parties, Pizza and Ice-cream for special occasions, refreshments after mass for Communion, Confirmation and Graduation classes and their families, purchasing reading books, Sports-day refreshments and medals, and subsidising swimming lessons.

We will also be holding our 2024 AGM in January, which is open to all parents. We are always looking for parents to join the group. Details will follow closer to the time.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

The KNS Parents Association

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The boys and girls in 4th-6th class competed in mini-sevens competitions in October. Well done to the boys and girls who participated.

LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER 21st- Christmas Carol Service 22nd – Christmas Holidays (Close at 12 noon)
JANUARY 8th- Re-opening of School	FEBRUARY 5th- School Closure (Public Holiday) 12th-14th- Enrolment Week 15th & 16th- Spring Mid-Term
MARCH 18th- School Closure (Public Holiday) 22nd- Easter holidays (Close at 12 noon)	APRIL 8th- Re-opening of school after Easter holidays
MAY 6th- Public Holiday (School Closure)	JUNE 3rd-School Closure (Public Holiday) 21st- Summer Holidays (Close at 12 noon)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the 2023/2024 school year is also available on our school website.

CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the children who competed in this competition. The winners were announced last month. We were well represented in a range of categories as you will see below:

Name	Place
Seoidín	3rd
Alex	1st
Aoife	3rd
Maisie	Merit
Willow	1st

KILNADEEMA NATIONAL SCHOOL Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway



21st December 2023

Dear Parent (s), / Guardian (s),

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2023/ 2024 school year. I hope all our new pupils, parents and teachers who have recently joined our school community have settled in by now.

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to thank all our staff here for their diligent, conscientious and hard work over the last few months. It has been an extremely busy term with our WSE and moving classes/ classrooms. It was relatively seamless for the children.

As we look forward to 2024, we will begin with Enrolment week for prospective students and their families on February 12th 2023. We are on hand to answer any questions you have about our school and its facilities. Please feel free to phone 091 -842532 or email kilnadeemans.principal@gmail.com

In a final note, I would like to thank the outgoing Board of Management for all their hard work and dedication to the school over the past four years. I would also like to welcome the new Board, which have been effective from December 1st 2023.

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ASTRO-TURF PITCH

We were delighted to open our new astro-turf pitch to the school children and wider community on October last. It is a fabulous facility for the children to have such a vast space to play with their friends and classmates all year round.

I would like to thank our Development Group for their time and effort to bring this project to completion in a timely manner. The members are as follows: Owen Coughlan, John Cuddy, Shane Curley, Brian Barrett and John Egan.

I would also like to sincerely thank Pdraig Jones for coordinating the rental of the facility. It is a great source of income for the school and allows us to purchase new materials, resources and equipment for the children to further enrich their learning experiences.

To make a booking please contact Pdraig on 086 1214615.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

We raised €248 from our Cash for Clobber collection in October. Thank you for your support with this.

NUT ALLERGY

We have a pupil with a nut allergy at present. As a result, there are no nuts allowed in the school. Please be mindful of this and be vigilant and wary of products containing nut traces. We will send a termly reminder to you to keep it fresh in your mind. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

SCIENCE WEEK

We celebrated Science Week from the 13th-17th of November. The pupils participated in a range of activities including a science exhibition, various workshops and much more. Thanks to Ms O'Donnell and Ms Comyn for coordinating and leading this.

THE MICHAEL FLANAGAN SCHOOL LEAGUE

The children in 5th and 6th class, along with some 4th, competed in an inter-schools tournament on Saturday, November 18th, in Leitrim pitch. Well done to Leitrim NS who bet us in the final. Thank you to those of you who brought your children to this tournament.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS (PTMS)

We held our PTMs, predominantly, on November 22nd and 23rd last. It was a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and we are grateful for your ongoing cooperation. I have included your child's teacher's contact details below should you need them:

Teacher	Class	Email Address
Ms Cooney	SET	mscooneykns1@gmail.com
Mrs Stapleton	SET	noreen.stapletonkns@gmail.com
Ms Comyn	Junior & Senior Infants	mscomyn@gmail.com
Ms O'Donnell	Senior Infants & First Class	msodonnellkns@gmail.com
Ms Ward (subbing for Mrs McCarthy until June 2024)	2nd & 3rd Class	mswardkns@gmail.com
Ms Lovett	3rd & 4th Class	mslovettkns@gmail.com
Mr Winters	5th & 6th Class	kilnadeemans.principal@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS EVENTS: FAIR

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the PA for their hard work and professionalism in organising the Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto this year. It was a great success.

VIDEO

Our Junior Infant class of 2023 have been busy reminding Mr Winters all about Christmas over the last few days. We have put together a video of this which will be available to view on the school website on the day of the holidays. We hope you enjoy!

JUMPER DAY

We are inviting each child to wear a Christmas jumper/ outfit for the last day of term—Friday 22nd. The school will close at 12 noon for all pupils on this day.

CAROL SERVICE

The pupils have been busy preparing for their Christmas Carol Service on Thursday evening at 7pm in Kilnadeema church. As you can imagine, space will be tight as we have 129 pupils and their parents to facilitate. With this in mind, we ask that just parents attend the performance. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you on the night.

DECEMBER 8TH MASS

The children in 2nd-6th participated in Mass on December 8th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It took place in the school as the weather conditions did not allow us to walk to the church on the day.