

PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

Today, all teaching staff will participate in a training course aimed at facilitating the roll out of the new Primary Language Curriculum. The focus will be on the teaching of the Irish language. We are actively incorporating new methodologies on an ongoing basis. We hope this will enhance the children's learning experiences.

CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION

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

Name	Place
Seoidín	1st
Lena	2nd
Maisie	3rd
Adam	3rd
Anna	Merit
Willow	1st
Lachlan	3rd

MATHS WEEK

Maths week took place in the school from the 17th-21st of October. The children engaged with many mathematical problems and tasks in a fun and active manner. Thank you to Mrs. Stapleton for organising this.

SCIENCE WEEK

We celebrated Science Week from the 14th-18th of November. The pupils participated in a range of activities in each classroom. Thanks to Ms O'Donnell and Ms Comyn for leading this.

LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER 20th– Christmas performance 21st – Christmas Holidays (Close at 12 noon)
JANUARY 5th– Re-opening of School	FEBRUARY 6th– School Closure (Public Holiday) 7-10th– Enrolment Week 16th & 17th- Spring Mid-Term
MARCH 17th– School Closure (Public Holiday) 31st- Easter holidays (Close at 12 noon)	APRIL 17th- Re-opening of school after Easter holidays
MAY 1st– Public Holiday (School Closure)	JUNE 5th–School Closure (Public Holiday) 23rd– Summer Holidays (Close at 12 noon)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the 2022/2023 school year is also available on our school website.

BUILDING RESILIENCE

The children in 5th and 6th class participated in a 3 week workshop entitled 'Believe in Yourself: Help Build Children's Confidence, Wellbeing and Resilience'. The children found the workshop very beneficial and learned about positive self talk.

GREEN SCHOOL (GS)

The Green School Committee have been working diligently on their Travel Programme. We had a visit from Caitriona Cunningham, An Taisce GS Coordinator, who gave us some useful tips. Thanks to Mrs. Stapleton for coordinating this.

KILNADEEMA NATIONAL SCHOOL Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway



16th December 2022

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

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2022/ 2023 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 our Parents' Association. Their hard work and efforts are very much appreciated by all here in Kilnadeema NS.

As we look forward to 2023, we will begin with Enrolment week for prospective students and their families on February 7th 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

I would also like to acknowledge our excellent staff who have all been busy in preparation for our many different Christmas activities. My thanks to all the children of Kilnadeema NS for their on-going work in the build up to the Christmas festivities.

On behalf of the school Board of Management, staff and myself, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a joyous new year.

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CHILD SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Our Child Safeguarding statement is available to view on our website or on the wall inside the shelter doors of the school.

Our schools Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Mr. Winters and the Deputy DLP is Mrs. Stapleton. The DLP, and in his absence, the Deputy DLP are the first point of contact should you have a concern regarding the welfare of any student within the school.

NUT ALLERGY

There is a pupil with a nut allergy in Ms O'Donnell's class. As a result, there are no nuts allowed in this classroom. 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.

HEALTHY EATING

Our Healthy Eating Policy aims to reduce sugary foods in our school and also reduce excess packaging. It is great to see lunch boxes with fruit, vegetables and other healthy foods. It would be great to see this continue into the new year after our participation in the Food Dudes programme recently.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

We raised €292 from our Cash for Clobber collection in October. Thank you for your support with this.

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

Our Halloween fancy dress raised €235 in total and this was donated to Temple Street. Many thanks for your generous donations.

HURLING/ CAMOGIE TRAINING

Third to Sixth Class completed five weeks of coaching with Liam Gordan. There was great uptake in this and the children really enjoyed these sessions. We hope to get more sessions with Liam in the new year and the younger classes will be prioritised for this.

THE MICHAEL FLANAGAN SCHOOL LEAGUE

The children in 5th and 6th class predominantly competed in an inter-schools tournament on Saturday, October 29th, in Leitrim pitch. Well done to Leitrim NS who emerged victorious. Thank you to those of you who brought your children to this tournament.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS (PTMS)

We held our Parent-Teacher meetings, predominantly, on November 15th and 16th 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 O'Brien	SET	msobrienkns@gmail.com
Mrs Stapleton	SET	noreen.stapletonkns@gmail.com
Ms Comyn	Junior Infants	mscomyn@gmail.com
Ms O'Donnell	Senior Infants	msodonnellkns@gmail.com
Mrs McCarthy	1st & 2nd	msmccarthykns@gmail.com
Ms Lovett	3rd & 4th	mslovettkns@gmail.com
Mr Winters	5th & 6th	kilnadeemans.principal@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS 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 raising €1503.

CHRISTMAS VIDEO

Our Junior Infant class of 2022 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!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY(S)

We are inviting each child to wear a Christmas jumper/ outfit for the last 3 days of term— Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st. We hope this will help to get everyone in the Christmas spirit!!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The pupils have been busy preparing for their Christmas performance on Tuesday evening at 7pm in Kilnadeema church. As you can imagine, space will be tight as we have 125 pupils and their parents to facilitate. With this in mind, we ask that just parents attend the performance. We hope you understand our logic here.

PA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On behalf of the PA, we would like to thank all those who donated raffle prizes for the recent draw and to all those who sold lines. The total raised to date is €2235. Well done to all the winners!