

HURLING/ CAMOGIE

We would like to thank Liam Gordan and Cian Ryan for their coaching of junior infants to second class over the last number of weeks.

FRIENDLY/ CHALLENGE GAMES

On May 10th, we competed in a hurling and a Gaelic football challenge game v Woodford NS. On June 9th, the boys and girls played the Gaelscol in Loughrea in an indoor soccer and volleyball game. The children really enjoyed both days.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

On May 5th, we travelled to Leitrim pitch for a 7 a-side girl's Gaelic football blitz. The girls played against Kilcooley, Leitrim, Mullagh and Gaelscol Riabhach on the day.

On May 12th the boy's hosted Kilcooley, Peter-swell and Ballaghlea National Schools for our 9-a side hurling blitz.

On May 23rd, we welcomed Ballymacward, Kilcooley and Kilglass National Schools for our boy's 9 a-side Gaelic football blitz.

The following day, the girl's travelled to Ard-raham to compete against Kilchreest, Tierneevin and Ardraham National Schools.

The children played brilliantly each day and competed with great determination and courage, representing the school proudly. Well done to all!

SPORTS DAY

On Thursday last, we ran our Sports Day. There were a wide variety of activities throughout the day and it was great to see all the children so active and with smiles on their faces. Thank you to the Parent's Association for providing medals, ice-pops and drinks for the pupils on the day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2023/2024

The school calendar for the 2023/24 academic year was circulated via email on March 28th. All pupils will return to school on Wednesday, August 30th. The new Junior Infant entrants will have a staggered start and finish time for the first week and a half. The school calendar is also available on the home page of our website which can be accessed via QR code at the front of this newsletter.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

We celebrated Active Schools Week from April 24th -28th. Ms Comyn and the Active School Committee organised a variety of activities including skipping, athletics, rounders and dancing with Jiving Juniors to name a few. We had a fantastic, action packed week!

BUS JOURNEYS

I would like to give a special mention to Pat Donohue (bus driver) again this year. Not only is he always kind and caring with the children who go on the school bus, but he also brought us to tournaments in Ardraham, Kilimor and Loughrea over the past two months out of his own time. These generous gestures are and were very much appreciated and resulted in savings for you also.

MANNING CUP

On Wednesday, May 18th, we competed in the Manning Cup Inter School Event. Forty children from our school competed with children from 8 other schools in events such as sprints, hurdles, re-lays, ball throw and long jump. Well done to everyone who competed valiantly on the day.

FULL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

'Full attendance' and 'Fantastic attendance' (missed only 2 days) certificates will be presented to the children this week. Attendance up to June 14th was recorded for the purposes of this.

KILNADEEMA NATIONAL SCHOOL Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway



22nd June 2023

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

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for the 2022/2023 school year. It has been another very busy year both inside and outside of the classroom with many positive developments evident. We look forward to building on these in the coming months, and indeed years.

On Tuesday 13th June, we were joined by our incoming Junior Infants for September and their parents. A very enjoyable morning was had by all.

Congratulations to all our 2nd Class pupils who received their First Holy Communion last month. I would also like to wish our 6th class pupils every success with their second level education. They have been fantastic role models in the school for the younger children.

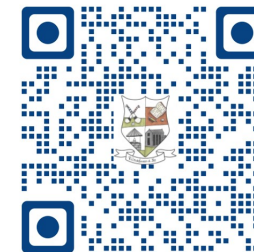
We were delighted to finish the term on a high with our school tours. Each tour put a smile on the children's faces and we were delighted to see such joy!

As we approach the end of the school year, I hope you and your family have an enjoyable and safe summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, August 30th.

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YOUR CHILD'S REPORT

The school reports included STen scores for literacy and numeracy results for 2nd-6th Class pupils. These STen scores inform parents and teachers how your child did in the tests. Due to the pupils completing the New Drumcondra Standardised Tests, STen scores are not comparable to previous results. STen scores go from 1 to 10. The table below describes what the different STen scores tell you about your child's achievement in these tests. See document on our website 'Your Child and Standardised Testing' for more information.

What does the STen score mean?

8-10 Well above Average

7 High Average

5-6 Average

4 Low Average

1-3 Well Below Average

First class pupils have received a grade of 'Meeting Criterion'. This indicates they have grasped concepts covered in the first class curriculum and are managing comfortably. They are not norm referenced or compared with the general population at this stage.

ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED

As there are no booklists or book rental this year due to the Free Schoolbooks grant, we will instead circulate a list of materials to be bought for September via email in the coming days.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

As mentioned in my introductory piece, we would like to congratulate our second class who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 27th. Thanks to the Parents' Association for providing refreshments in the school for the families after, as well as ice cream for all the children involved.

EASTER RAFFLE FUNDS

The Student Council have purchased art supplies for every class (paint brushes, paint pallets, clay, clay utensils, drying rack, and more) from the money raised from our Easter Raffle. The children will benefit from using these over the next few years. In total €752 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.

FRENCH LESSONS

We were delighted to welcome a former pupil, and indeed a former classmate of mine, to the school over the last 6 weeks. Ms Leen taught the children French. This was funded by the Language Connect initiative and the children in 3rd to 6th learned lots about the country and the language.

SCHOOL CHOIR

We were delighted to welcome Charlotte Bruen to the school over the last few weeks to practice with our school choir. The choir was very well attended in school and the children learned a great variety of hymns. A sincere thank you to Charlotte for her time and patience with the children. Thanks also to members of the PA for helping to arrange this.

CAMOGIE REPRESENTATIVE

Sarah Waldron, 6th class, represented our school at the half time game of the Galway and Wexford championship match in Pearse Stadium on Saturday, May 22nd. Well done and congrats to Sarah.

PA FUNDRAISER

Our school BBQ night organised by the PA was a huge success on Friday last. It was great to see so many members of the school community present on the night. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the PA for all the work that went in to making the night the success it was. The funds raised will be of great benefit to the school in our future developments on the astro turf.

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS AT REAR OF SCHOOL

Our new modular classroom is due to be delivered on site on the first week in July. It will be up and running for our Junior and Senior infant class on August 30th.

We have poured our ball wall on the astro turf and began erecting the green fencing/poles around it. We hope to have the astro surface laid in early August, resulting in it being available to use for the children when we return.

The above is the schedule for now. We hope we can stick to this and that there are no unexpected delays.

Thank you to all the members of the school community who have offered their time, knowledge and general good will to the project. It will be an invaluable facility for the children and we hope they have many happy experiences on it.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Our Summer holidays will begin on Friday, 23rd of June. It will be a half day so all children will be collected at 12 noon.