

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day took place on Thursday the 7th of March. All children were invited to dress up as their favourite character on the day. The children also participated in literacy activities based on their favourite books. It was great to see so many children interested in reading!

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar súil ó 11ú – 15ú lá de mhí Márta. Bhí craic agus spraoi againn i rith na seachtaine. Bhí ceolchoirm, tráth na gCeist, cluichí biongó, banna ceol agus a lán rudaí eile ar súil. Bhí an-chraic againn trí mheán na Ghaeilge. Bhain gach duine taitneamh as!

INTERNET SAFETY

Maria Coyne Twomey from Youth Reach spoke to the children in 4th, 5th & 6th class on Tuesday, 12th March. She outlined how to ensure we use the internet safely and be responsible at all times. She also directed us to webwise.com for additional supports for Parents and children.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION

We circulated a Questionnaire to you all on March 7th. A sincere thank you to those who returned the questionnaire. We are in the process of collating this data in an effort to improve the teaching of Literacy in Kilnadeema NS. Your feedback is of essential importance and richly contributes to the decisions we make going forward.

WELLBEING WEEK

In order to promote positive mental health and well-being at Kilnadeema NS, we celebrated Well-being week from 4-8th March.

The Amber Flag committee organised a range of events for the week. The students participated in mindfulness exercises, yoga and other social activities.

The students created a 'Gratitude Wall' for Thankful Tuesday and the Grandparents joined us on Fun Friday to play board games and cards.

We will present Pieta House with the funds raised from the Christmas Jumper and Cake Sale event today, Wednesday 27th March.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK

We celebrated Catholic School's Week from January 28th-31st. Fr. Paddy Kelly joined us in our school to celebrate with a Mass. The children took an active part in the Mass by singing, saying Prayers of the Faithful and reading. Many thanks to Fr. Paddy for his time and patience.

SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

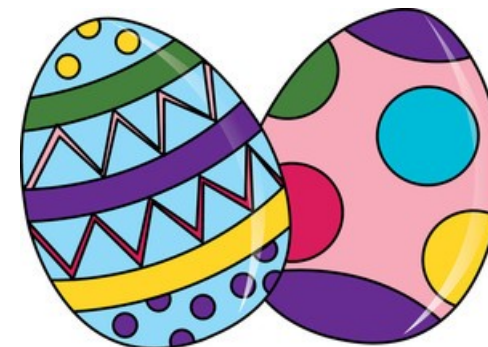
On March 5th, 8 girls from 5th & 6th class competed in a 5 aside Soccer tournament in Salthill Devon FC's grounds. The girls finished in second place in their group and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

The boys in 5th & 6th will play in a similar 5 aside tournament on Tuesday, April 2nd.

SCHOOL CHOIR AND SERVERS

Fr. Paddy wishes to acknowledge and thank the children for their continued contribution to Mass.

KILNADEEMA NATIONAL SCHOOL Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway



27th March 2019

Dear Parent (s), / Guardian (s)

Welcome to the second edition of our Newsletter, for this school year. It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of our second term already. From the content of the Newsletter you will see it has been a very busy term with a lot happening both from an academic and an extra curricular perspective.

I would like to thank all the parents and staff for their continued support and effort throughout the many events this term. I would also like to thank all those involved in the Parents' Association. Your hard work and efforts are very much appreciated.

We are already looking forward to the final term here in Kilnadeema NS. I would also like to remind parents that school will finish at 12 noon on Friday April 12th for the Easter Holidays. I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Is mise le meas,

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ICE CREAM PARTY!

At the beginning of Term 2 (January 7th) we implemented a new Behaviour Management Strategy. This was to facilitate a smooth transition from the school playground at playtime back to the classroom to continue lessons. At playtime, we ring the school bell once and all the children freeze. We ring it a second time and all the children walk to their line and line up accordingly. The teacher supervising on yard then awards a token to the most orderly, obedient line. On Friday, 15th March, we totalled the tokens won by each classroom and the classroom with the highest number of tokens won an ice cream party. Congratulations to Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class who won on this occasion. We started afresh on Tuesday, 19th March, and will run this competition until the Easter Holidays. The winning classroom will again win an ice cream party. The final competition will then run from after the Easter holidays to the end of the school year. A word of thanks to the Parent's Association who are purchasing the ice cream for this.

STUDENT COUNCIL

A student council committee was recently elected and has begun collaborating with me on certain issues in the school at present. The committee is made up of the following members:

2nd class: Adam Parkinson, Ava Smith

3rd class: Daithi Dillon, Sarah Cunningham

4th class: Niall Burke, Zuzanna Leonczyk

5th class: James Deely, Liam Murray, Róisín Deely, Kate Shaughnessy

6th class: Daniel O' Shaughnessy, Marie O'Neill, Dara Smith, Megan Hawkins

HURLING/ CAMÓGIE COACHING

Gerard Duggan has commenced hurling training with all children from 1st-6th on Thursday's.

Liam Gordan coaches the children from 2nd-6th on Fridays.

SPORT

Below is an outline of the sporting activities ongoing in Kilmadeema NS:

Monday: Soccer (5th & 6th Class)
Tuesday: Gaelic Football (Boy's-2nd-6th Class)

Thursday: Hurling (1st-6th Class)
Friday: Hurling (2nd-6th Class)
Gaelic Football (Girl's-2nd-6th Class)

When time and slots become available, it is our intention to allocate more time to the younger children. With Cumann na mBunscol around the corner, we are focusing our attention on the senior classes.

SWIMMING

Children from 2nd-6th class began their swimming lessons on Wednesday, March 13th. These lessons will run for 5 weeks and will conclude with the final lesson on Wednesday, April 10th.

The Parent's Association contributed significantly to the cost of these lessons. A sincere thanks to all involved.

QUIZZES

Well done to pupils from 3rd-6th Class who took part in the Kilchreest NS inter Schools Quiz and Naomh Breandan Credit Union Quiz.

They worked hard in preparation for these events and represented the school very well.

A special congratulations to our U11 team who finished in a tie for second place at the Kilchreest Quiz.

DRUMMING

On Friday, February 15th, Sheanon Drumming came to our school and introduced the children to the drums with some rhythm and beat activities. Any child who was willing to try their hand at playing the drums were given the chance to do so on the day. Photos from this day are available on our school website.

FOOD DUDES

This year we were lucky to be chosen to participate in the Food Dudes healthy eating programme. All classes have been tasting fruit and vegetables and are now being encouraged to bring some fruit and vegetables to school as part of a healthy lunch. We hope the children will continue to try a variety of fruit and vegetables outside school also in order to reach the recommended 5 portions per day

ALDI STICKER COMPETITION

A short note of thanks to all those who brought in stickers to fill our Aldi Irish Rugby Players Sticker chart. It takes 300 stickers to fill a chart. We have filled two charts and are on to our 3rd!!

ENROLMENT WEEK

Enrolment week this year ran from February 11th-15th. We welcomed many new familiar faces and look forward to working with them in September 2019. We are still open to enrolment for September 2019.

NEW PUPILS

We were delighted to welcome 3 new children to our school in the last month. They joined from as close as Athenry and as far away as Australia. They are all very welcome and their presence in our school has certainly enriched Kilmadeema NS.