

## CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

The boys and girls competed in both hurling, camogie and football Cumann na mBunscol tournaments this year. Both sets of players represented the school with the utmost pride. In every game the children battled and fought until the final whistle. You all did the school proud!

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## BOYS HURLING FINAL

The boys topped their group defeating Duniry in a very close encounter by the smallest of margins. They then triumphed over Kiltiernan with a comfortable win. They played the final against Doorus NS on Thursday, June 13th and triumphed comfortably. There was great support for the team on the day! They were presented their medals this week by Galway Captain, David Burke!

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## BOXING CLUB VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Ferdy Whelan and members of the Boxing club in Loughrea to our school on Thursday, May 9th. Ferdy's presentation covered some hugely beneficial topics including diet, discipline, importance of exercise before allowing the children a chance to experience the sport itself.

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## GAELIC FOOTBALL COACHING

Seamus Cooke began coaching Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class the basic skills of Gaelic Football on Tuesday, May 7th. The children have all enjoyed their participation in this and we hope this will instil an interest in exercise and sport in them from an early age.

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## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is awash with photos from this years activities. It is also a useful source of information with regard to relevant policies, forms and school closures. It will be fully updated over the coming weeks.

## SIXTH CLASS TRANSITION PROGRAMME

Youth Work Ireland completed a transition workshop with the children from sixth class on Wednesday, June 19th. The facilitator provided the children with a comprehensive overview of secondary school and how it differs from primary school. The children found it beneficial and I hope it will stand to them over the next few months.

We also welcomed some of the Transition Year students from St. Raphael's College to our school on Tuesday, May 14th. As part of a project they were participating in, they were giving presentations to 6th class pupils to prepare them for the transition to secondary school. The children felt reassured after speaking to students who had gone through it all before and were delighted to get the opportunity to ask questions and get clarity on certain misconceptions.

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## SIXTH CLASS GRADUATION

Congratulations to our 13 wonderful pupils who had their graduation mass on Wednesday, June 26th. They have contributed richly to our school over their time here. There were an abundance of talent in that group: from athletes to artists, mathematicians to poets. The future is bright for them and I wish them all the best!

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## PRESENTATION CEREMONY

As part of our end of year mass, we incorporated the sixth class graduation ceremony and a presentation ceremony. We also announced the winner of our 'Design our School Crest' competition. The winning crest was designed and drawn by Kate Luse in 6th class. It will now feature in all documentation received from Kilnadeema NS going forward.

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## SWIMMING CERTS

Each child from 2nd to 6th received their swimming certs last week. Well done to all and thanks again to the Parent's association for their financial contribution.

# KILNADEEMA NATIONAL SCHOOL

## Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway



27th June 2019

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

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for the 2018/19 school year. This newsletter brings to a close what has been a very busy, successful and positive school year in Kilnadeema NS.

Well done to all our pupils who represented the school so excellently at various events and activities throughout the year. A special word of mention must go to our Cumann na mBunscol hurling team who reached the 9 a-side final this term. It was a particularly momentous occasion for the 6th class players who finished their Primary school days with a gold medal.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the sacrament of First Communion this term.

I would like to wish the 6th class all the best as they embark on the next step of their educational journey and I look forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants in September. Wishing you all a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.

*Is mise le meas,*

*Gary Winters*

(Príomh Oide)

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## **PIZZA PARTY!**

Following 6th class' graduation mass, they were treated to a pizza party. This was an acknowledgement from the school of the contribution this class have made to school life in Kilnadeema over their time here. Well done to them all and we wish them all the best for the future!

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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.

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## **SPORTS DAY**

We had great fun on Tuesday, June 18th. It was a hugely successful event and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children involved. A sincere thank you to the Parent's Association who provided a selection of fruits and ice cream for the children on the day. The PA also provided a medal to each child who participated in our Sports Day.

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## **GARDA 7 A SIDE TOURNAMENT**

We were invited to participate in a 7 a side tournament in Kilconieran pitch on Wednesday, May 29th. This tournament is organised and run by the Gardai. We brought a mix of boys and girls to this event and played 4 games. The children acquitted themselves admirably again and displayed great skill, determination and comradery on the day. They received their runner-up medals after the events and each child left with a goodie bag.

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## **ASTRO TURF**

Earlier this month, we were granted Planning Permission for an all-weather playing surface. The process of applying for grants has begun and will continue into next year. We are also very open to fundraiser ideas and initiative that would speed up the process of getting this project off the ground as soon as possible.

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## **FULL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES**

Elsie organised certificates for pupils who had excellent and full attendance in this school year. These were presented to the children this week. We also had a special award for two pupils who had exceptional attendance over their 8 years in Kilnadeema NS. Well done to Marie O'Neill and Brian Leahy on winning this award. A great achievement!

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## **FOOD DUDES**

Last week, we had a follow up from the Food Dudes. The children were provided with a range of fruit and vegetable (pepper, melon, carrots, cucumber, grapes, blueberries). The children have responded brilliantly to this initiative and we really hope they continue to fill their lunchboxes with fruit and veg!

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## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The school calendar for the 2019/2020 school year is available on our school website. We will circulate a copy of this in September also.

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## **BOOKLIST**

Class book lists are available to download from on school website. If you need assistance please contact the school. We will be sending home the booklist this week also.

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## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The summer holidays will commence on Friday June 28th June at 12 noon. Should you have any queries, please contact a member of staff on or before June 28th.

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## **EASTER RAFFLE**

Our Easter Raffle was a great success this year. The Student Council took a lead role in running this and €345.30 was raised. This will be spent on games for the children.

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