

HURLING/ CAMOGIE

We would like to thank Cian Ryan for his coaching of junior infants right up to sixth class over the last number of weeks. A sincere thank you to Kilnadeema/ Leitrim GAA for organising this.

VOLLEYBALL

Third to sixth class were treated to volleyball/ spikeball coaching from Volleyball Ireland coach Conor Flood. They found this very beneficial and enjoyed his tips and tricks.

HURLING/ CAMOGIE TOURNAMENT

Over the last number of weeks, we ran an in-house hurling/camogie tournament involving the children from 3rd-6th. Well done to all the children who took part.

SPORTS DAY

This week we are running Sport Day. Each class will have a separate Sports Day to enable us to keep pods separate and sanitise equipment in between. We hope to have a surprise for the children at the end of the week!

ASTRO TURF

Last month, we received some funding from the Derrybrien Wind Farm Community Fund for our all-weather playing surface. This is a positive step forward for us. We are still very open to fundraiser ideas and initiatives that would speed up the process of getting this project off the ground as soon as possible. Please contact kilnadeemans.principal@gmail.com with any suggestions.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2021/2022

SEPTEMBER

1st- All children return to school

NOVEMBER

JANUARY

6th- Re-opening of School

MARCH

17th- Pubic Holiday (School Closure)

18th- School closed

MAY

2nd- Public Holiday (School Closure)

OCTOBER

25th -29th (incl)- Halloween Mid Term Break

DECEMBER

22nd - Christmas Holidays (Close at 12 noon)

FEBRUARY

14-18th- Enrolment Week

24th & 25th- Spring Mid-Term

APRIL

11th-22nd (incl.)- Easter Holidays

JUNE

3rd- School closed
6th- Public Holiday (School Closure)
7th- School closed
28th- Summer Holidays

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the 2021/2022 (above) school year will also be available on our school website.

TRESPASSING

We have noticed an increased presence of young people around the school grounds outside of school hours. We would be grateful if you could remind your children that they cannot gather on the school grounds outside of school hours.

FULL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

'Full attendance' and 'Fantastic attendance' (missed only 1 day) certificates will be presented to the children this week.

KILNADEEMA NATIONAL SCHOOL Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway



13th June 2021

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

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for the 2020/21 school year. This newsletter brings to a close what has been a very busy, unpredictable yet positive school year in Kilnadeema NS.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students and their families on their engagement with online learning earlier this year in what was a difficult and challenging time. Many thanks to our teachers, SNA and ancillary staff for their continued dedication and commitment to the learning needs and wellbeing of our students.

In February, the school completed its enrolment process for the 2021/22 school year and we look forward to welcoming all our newly enrolled students and their families this coming September. Parents who still wish to enrol their children for September 2021 may contact our school reception by emailing kilnadeemans.principal@gmail.com or calling 091 842532. I would like to wish our First Holy Communion class of 2020 the very best as they finally get to celebrate the sacrament on Friday, July 9th 2021.

I wish our whole school community a happy, enjoyable and safe Summer break.

Is mise le meas,

Gary Winters

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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.

COVID 19 GUIDELINES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

We are still awaiting guidance in relation to reopening the school in September. It is likely that most of the procedures and protocols currently in place will continue for the next academic year.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

It is envisaged that this year's First Holy Communion will take place in September/ October.

The First Holy Communion of 2020 will take place on Friday, July 9th. This group's First Confessions will take place during school hours on Wednesday, June 23rd. The class teacher and the pupils will only attend this.

Next year's First Holy Communion date will be confirmed in early 2022.

BOOK RENTAL

We have collected all the money for our book rental scheme for September 2021. The books are currently being purchased and covered and will be ready for your child when they return to school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER

We recently ordered new reading material for our school library. This has greatly enriched our libraries with a variety of texts and genres for children to choose from.

TEACHER ALLOCATION AND CLASS GROUPINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Class	Teacher
Junior Infants & Senior Infants	Ms Comyn
Senior Infants & First Class	Ms O'Donnell
Second & Third Class	Ms Lovett
Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Class	Mr Winters
Special Education Teacher (SET)	Mrs Stapleton
Shared SET	Ms Cooney

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2019-2023

Our Board of Management is comprised of the following members:-

Patron's Nominee: John Egan (Chairperson)

Patron's Nominee: Fr. Charles Nyameh

Teacher Nominee: Gary Winters (ex-officio/School Principal)

Teacher Nominee: Linda Comyn

Parents' Nominee: Tanya Casey

Parents' Nominee: Cathal Waldron

Community Nominee: Anne Cuddy

Community Nominee: Mary Mc Caffrey

THANK YOU

The staff of Kilnadeema NS would like to express their sincere gratitude to every family during these unusual times. It has been a learning curve for us all, but we thank you most sincerely for engaging with Seesaw and for all your support as we adapted to online teaching and learning earlier this year.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

As a school community, we have suffered immense loss and bereavement. We will continue to support and look out for those around us who need it most.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Our Summer holidays will begin on Friday 25th of June. I will send an email over the coming days detailing the collection plan for this day.