

PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

All teaching staff participated in a training course aimed at facilitating the roll out of the new Primary Language Curriculum. The focus was on Assessment. 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 the all the children who competed in this competition. The winners were announced last month. We were well represented in all categories. Please see below:

Name	Age Category	Place
Tom Boyle Treacy	7 and under	1st
Claire Warde	7 and under	2nd
Shane Casey	8-10	Merit
Eli Parkinson	11-13	3rd

MATHS WEEK

Maths week took place in the school from the 18th-22nd of October. The children engaged with many mathematical problems and tasks in a fun and active manner.

SCIENCE WEEK

We celebrated Science Week from the 8th-12th of November. The pupils participated in a range of activities in each classroom. They virtually attended some online workshops as well as using skills such as designing & making, investigating and analyzing & observing. A selection of photos are available on our school website (kilnadeemans.com->Education->Science).

LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER

JANUARY

6th- Re-opening of School

MARCH

17th- School Closure (Public Holiday)

18th- School Closure

MAY

2nd- Public Holiday (School Closure)

DECEMBER

22nd - Christmas Holidays (Close at 12 noon)

FEBRUARY

14-18th- Enrolment Week

24th & 25th- Spring Mid-Term

APRIL

8th- Easter holidays (Close at 12 noon)

25th- Re-opening of school after Easter holidays

JUNE

3rd- School closure
6th- Public Holiday (School Closure)
7th- School closure

28th- Summer Holidays (Close at 12 noon)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the 2021/2022 school year is also available on our school website.

PHOTOS OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We regularly update our school website with photos of various activities and projects going on in the school. They are mostly filed under the 'Our School Activities' tab.

GREEN SCHOOL

The Green School Committee have been working diligently on their Travel Programme. They have received a presentation from Richard Silke, Green School's Travel Officer, and completed a Walkability Audit in the local area with him also. Thanks to Mrs. Stapleton for coordinating this.

KILNADEEMA NATIONAL SCHOOL Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway



17th December 2021

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

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2021/ 2022 school year. I hope all our new pupils, parents and staff who have joined our school community have settled in well. Starting school for the first time is a daunting enough experience, yet even more challenging in the current climate.

Congratulations to our current 3rd class pupils who received their sacrament of First Holy Communion on October 16th. We hope you and your families thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We are now asked to encourage 3rd-6th class pupils to wear masks in class. You're compliance with this has been fantastic and I wish to thank you for working with us in trying to stop the spread of the virus in our school and community.

I wish our whole school community a happy, enjoyable and safe Christmas break. Thank you for your cooperation and continued understanding during difficult times.

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CHILD SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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

Our schools Designated Liason 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 you make 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 Comyn'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 LUNCHES

Our Healthy Eating Policy aims to reduce sugary foods in our school and, in turn, reduce excess packaging. It is great to see lunch boxes with fruit, some vegetables and healthy foods and it would be great to see this continue into the new year.

THE MICHAEL FLANAGAN SCHOOL LEAGUE

The children in 4th, 5th and 6th class competed in an inter-schools tournament on Saturday, November 27th, in Leitrim pitch. Well done to Kilcooley NS who emerged victorious. Thank you to the parents who helped out in my absence and to those who brought their children to this tournament.

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

Our Halloween fancy dress raised €250 in total and this was donated to Temple Street. Many thanks for your generous donations.

HURLING/ CAMOGIE TRAINING

Second to Sixth Class completed eight weeks of coaching with Liam Gordan. There was great up-take 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.

ILLUSTRATOR VISIT

On October 19th, Aga Grandowicz, a wildlife illustrator, visited the school and completed a workshop with the senior classes. They were guided through the process of illustrating a barn owl. These were all collated and grouped together to form a whole class display. Thanks to the school library service for arranging this.

CYCLING COURSE

Richard Clarke and Leroy Kuleczynski of Cycle Right provided the children with safe cycling practices and demonstrations over 4 ninety minute sessions. They benefitted hugely from this and will be safer on our roads as a result. We have applied for grant aid to subsidise this and will be in touch if funding is approved.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS (PTMS)

We made the decision to postpone our face to face PTMs last month. With the way the last month has gone, I hope you all agree it was for the best. Thank you for taking the phone calls to discuss your child's progress. The communication lines are always open so do not hesitate to contact us should you have a concern or query in relation to your child.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Our Christmas holidays will begin on Wednesday, 22nd of December. School will reopen on Thursday 6th January 2022.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children deigned and decorated some fantastic Christmas cards and produced very festive, colourful cards. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Thanks to Ms Comyn for organising this.

CHRISTMAS VIDEO

We have put together a short Christmas video of artwork that the children in each class have completed in the lead up to Christmas. The video also includes some fantastic insights from our Junior Infant group of 2021. This 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 on Friday (17th). We will be showing each class the Christmas Panto from the Helix on this day. We are asking each child for a €3 contribution towards the cost of this. The Parent's Association (PA) have also made a generous donation towards its cost.. The pupils can also wear a Christmas jumper on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (20th, 21st & 22nd).

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. We will share the total collected when we have all cards and money collected. The PA will be in touch with the lucky winners.

ENROLMENT WEEK 2021

Our Enrolment week will run from 14th-18th February 2022.