

St. Aidan's N.S.
Newsletter 2 - October/November 2017



Special Event: Friday Oct 27th

St. Aidan's N.S. was awarded its 4th Green Flag for TRAVEL in May last. We were delighted to have 2 special ladies raise this Flag on Friday, Oct. 27th. Dayna Finn and Maggie Byrne, past pupils of the school were our guests of honour. Just recently they were Silver Medal winners in the European Basketball U18 Finals in Dublin. Congratulations to Dayna and Maggie on their success story and well done to the parent body, pupils, school community and Kiltimagh Community for all the support in helping us achieve our Green Flag. We are duly proud!

Parents Association AGM - Oct

Despite a very disappointing turnout at this year's AGM, the business of the meeting prompted many opportunities for open discussion, good suggestions being made and a positive input by the parents in attendance.

The meeting was chaired by Marie Langan. Liesel Ward, Secretary and Sonia Gilmartin, Treasurer gave their respective reports.

Anne Cunnane, Principal, in her report thanked sincerely the members of the PA for their interest in and commitment to the school. She outlined the positive changes that have taken place in the last year and spoke of plans for the current year.

The initial focus of the year is on reviewing (a) The Administration of Medicines Policy and (b) Special Education as per the New Model (Sept 2017).

The 'Suggestions List' from the parent body of the school was addressed by Anne also and appropriate feedback given on all the items listed.

Fundraising to Date

Thanks to all!

The **Annual Sponsored Walk** which took place on Oct 1st raised a total of €2363. This is a great start to our fundraising efforts for 17/18 and we greatly appreciate your support.

Current fundraiser - see below

Next Fundraiser: Christmas Raffle

Used Clothes Collection

finishes Friday

DEC: 1st

***Drop bags into School Hall any day
up to 5:30pm***

Annual Book Week

November 27th - December 1st

'CHARACTER DAY' is on DEC 1st

Time to start planning your

character outfit!

Book Bills

Thank you for payment.

PLEASE NOTE: The additional costs attached to Book Bills *i.e. Art and craft, Photocopying, Text-a-Parent etc* will be examined again during the year. You will be asked for your opinion on paying the amount due in advance of the summer holidays, thereby significantly reducing the Book Bill total in September. [This was one of the matters raised at the Parents Assoc. AGM](#)

Swimming for 5th and 6th

A block of 6 lessons for the pupils of 5th and 6th began on Nov. 7th and will run each Tuesday until Dec. 12th in the Claremorris Leisure Centre. 4th Class will follow for the next block.

SCHOOL MASS

Thanks to Fr. Michael, Fr. Pat and Martin Lynch for the beautiful School Mass on Nov. 10th. Thanks also to the School Choir, Ms Lee and George Lee for the music and hymns.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

The 2017/2018 Parent-Teacher Meetings took place this week. We appreciate you engaging with this very important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how your child is getting on. In the event that you may wish to speak to the teacher again at another time this year on a matter of concern or otherwise, we would ask that you ring the secretary please and arrange an appointment.

New e-Payment Facility

We are now in a position to offer this facility as a means of paying school related costs. To date this year all monies collected have been taken in cash. However we are experiencing difficulty with banking due to the reduced services locally.

4th Class will be due to start swimming classes in a few weeks and this will probably be our first opportunity to try the new payment method.

Details will be forwarded in due course.

Science Week Raft Challenge

Congratulations to the 3rd and 4th Class Team who were runners up in the recent

Science Week by meteorologists Raft Challenge

Liam Smyth, Mikey Kearney, Tadhg Kelly and Cillian Walsh were the 4 boys whose raft held 28 marbles when tested in water.

The 5th and 6th Class team did extremely well also.

Well done to Aisling Biesty, Simon O'Farrell, Hugh Langan and Cormac O'Mahony

Photos on our website: kiltimaghins.ie

Storm Ophelia hit on Maths Week too!

As Maths Week began we were closed for 2 days due to Storm Ophelia hitting Ireland. Lots of **measurement facts and figures** were given to us by meteorologists as the storm raged over the country. Thanks to Orlene Mooney for organising Maths Activities including maths trails, maths games and maths puzzles for each class during Maths Week. As always the pupils engaged very well with these and many also took part in the 'Have you got Maths Eyes' Competition.