

St. Aidan's N.S. - 2017/2018

Spring Newsletter



Child Protection

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Tusla Guidance, the Board of Management of St. Aidan's N.S. agreed the school's **Child Safeguarding Statement** recently. This statement is now available for all parents to view on the school website kiltimaghns.ie.

A Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment was carried out to identify any potential for harm to a child while attending school or participating in school activities. The school's procedures for managing the areas of risk have been documented in the **Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment March 2018**.

Please Note: The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Anne Cunnane.

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Della Macken.

Good Luck

Best wishes from all of us to our **U13 Quiz Team 'The Kiltimagh Kings'** who are taking part in the **National Finals of the Credit Union Table Quiz in the RDS on April 8th**.

To date the team have won STAGE 1 of the Quiz at local level and they came 2nd at Stage 2, County Level.

Well done Cormac (6th), Aoife (6th), Callum (6th) and Robbie (5th).

See other results over

ENROLMENT 2018/2019

Have you missed the closing date - Feb. 28th?

Enrolment Forms are available at the school or can be downloaded from our website kiltimaghns.ie. Please submit as soon as possible.

First Confessions for 2nd Class took place on Feb 27th. Congratulations to all the boys and girls!

'**Do This in Memory of Me Masses**' - Sunday March 25th and Sunday April 15th.

First Communion Day: May 12th - Mass at 12 noon

School Closures were out of our control!

We regret the time lost in 'days off' this year due to storms and other unavoidable closures.

The following measures have been agreed with staff to help make up some of the time lost to teaching and learning at these times.

The school will not close for the proposed 2nd half day for Child Protection Training. Staff will do this training outside of school hours.

- The Drumcondra Maths testing will be held over by 2 weeks to early June to allow for the time lost to Maths Topics to be made up. Other testing will go ahead as planned.
- The planned closure on May 29th to allow all the classes from 3rd to 6th to go on school tour on the same day with adequate supervision is cancelled. The school will now be open on that day. Tours will still go ahead for all classes but will be staggered over the last month.
- Active Week scheduled for April 23rd - 27th will be postponed to June (dates to be confirmed).

All of the above will allow us to prioritise tuition activities for April and May.

The remainder of the calendar (sent out September last) will remain as arranged with the exception of the following closure on April 19th. On this day the staff of St. Aidan's N.S. will be in attendance at a Training Day in Claremorris on the New Language Curriculum along with other local schools.

Again, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Parents Association Table Quiz

This well supported event was enjoyed by approx 100 people at the Cill Aodain Hotel on February 8th. A sincere thank you to Maria Langan, Chairperson, Liesel Ward, Secretary, Sonia Gilmartin, Treasurer and all the PA members for organising and running this hugely successful fundraiser. €1,471.80 was raised on the night. Thanks also to quizmaster, Gerry King and the Cill Aodain Hotel for sponsoring 'finger food' on the night.

CLOTHES COLLECTION Fundraiser to resume immediately after Easter.

Bags of unwanted clothes can be left into the school any day during April and May.

Credit Union Quiz: All 4 teams were winners at Stage 1 on Jan 29th.

Congratulations to the 2 Teams entered in Competition A, Under 11. They were placed 2nd and 3rd. Well done Nicky, Chloe, Liam and Damon on Team 1 and Cait, Tadhg, Muireann and Cillian on Team 2.

Congratulations also to the 2nd team entered in Competition B. They were placed 2nd. Well done Michael, Grace, Cillian and Oisín.

'30 Years - shaping your Little Pearls of Wisdom!'

September the 1st next marks the 30th Anniversary of our school. We chose this significant milestone as the theme for our St. Patrick's Day Float this year and created a colourful 'SEA' of many interesting creatures from jelly fish to oysters. There were the deep sea divers and fishermen too, all hoping to find some PEARLS on the sea floor. *(A 30th Anniversary is marked with pearls)*

We were very proud of our 52 Junior and Senior Infants who braved the elements to represent the school. A sincere thank you to their teachers Ms. Lee and Ms Mc Callion who organised the costumes many of which were made after school with the help of all the staff.

The float achieved 1st place in the U12 Category. Congratulations everyone!

Majorettes from 2nd Class

As has been the tradition, the 2nd Class girls led the way at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, immediately behind the Grand Marshall and the Fire Officers. Thanks to Mrs Mooney for preparing the Majorettes' routine and Ms. Nyland for accompanying them on the day.

St. Patrick's Day Baby!

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Rushe, 5th Class teacher on the birth of Baby Callum. We hope they will visit us before June!

Banna Cheoil Scoil Aodain

Over 70 boys and girls from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th played a variety of instruments while marching through the town on St. Patrick's Day.

Kitted out in their green, white and gold costumes made by Frances Higgins of Kilcun nearly 40 years ago they proudly played a number of marching tunes for the many spectators gathered on the streets!

Sincere thanks to Mrs. Hickey, Ms O'Connell, Mr Donnellan and Mrs Macken for putting the band members through their paces over the last few weeks.

Well done too, to Molly, Band Leader, all the Flag Bearers and to David and Sean for carrying the Banner.

SPORTS NEWS

Exhibition Match at McHale Park on Sunday, March 18th

Well done to the 5th and 6th Class boys from St. Aidan's who played a wonderful exhibition match at half time in the Mayo V Tyrone game against players from a selection of smaller schools from South Mayo. The boys who represented us were Darragh McGovern, Andrew Maloney, Oisín Mulderrig, Lorcan Burke, Sean Mallee, Daire Cunnane, Hugh Langan, Michael Smyth and Conor Prendergast. Congratulations and well done boys!

Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz February 2018 : 2 teams from 5th and 6th represented our school and acquitted themselves very well at this event with their sporting knowledge. Cormac, Jonathan, Séan, Darragh, Oisín M, Oisín Mul Cillian and Chloe all did us proud. Well done!

Swimming Classes

3rd Class are currently taking classes at Claremorris Swimming Pool. 2nd Class will avail of lessons at Breaffy Pool. These will start on May 15th and will run each week for 6 weeks to June 19th

Presentation of 'Raftery Returns'

Town Hall Theatre: Thursday March 15th

Well done to all the pupils from 6th Class who participated the recent 'Raftery Returns' project. Under the guidance of local poet Terry McDonagh and class teacher Brendan Donnellan, the pupils enjoyed composing mini-sagas and poems over a number of weeks. The culmination of this project was an evening of poetry and song where the children got the opportunity to display their efforts as well as read a number of their poems and stories. They added some songs and music associated with Raftery too. It was a most enjoyable event. Included in the project were the senior pupils of Craggagh N.S. also.

Operation Transformation 2018

We were delighted to welcome **Mary Diamond**, National Leader to the school. Mary, who is well known to many of the children through her Montessori School, was warmly welcomed by all. She was very happy to join in with the classes working through their Operation Transformation 10 at 10 activities.

Helping us to engage with 'healthy choices' as part of OT, **Shane Gilmartin**, parent and businessman brought along a large selection of chopped fruits, popcorn and water for every boy and girl. Sincere thanks to Shane and his staff for this very generous gesture in support of Operation Transformation.

School Website

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