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May Bank Holiday Weekend Newsletter

Communion

As this May Bank Holiday Weekend begins we would like to acknowledge our 2nd class pupils who were due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. We are thinking of you. We are all very sad that this day cannot go ahead as scheduled but we will be sure to have a very special communion celebration for our 2nd class children, their families and their teacher Ms. O'Neill once restrictions have lifted.

Active Home Week

We have received lots of photos for Active Home Week. It's great to see the children(and staff) and how they have been keeping active this week. Ms. O' Neill has been uploading the images to our school website kiltealyns.ie. All participants will receive an Active Home Week Certificate in due course. You can still send images to your teachers email to be included on the website.

Creative Schools

Our Creative School associate Tunde Toth has been in contact with ideas and suggestions to finish out the school year. We had many plans which unfortunately cannot happen now. However, Tunde has devised a Creative Mapping Programme for 3rd-6th class pupils which will be forwarded to the children over the coming weeks. We would hope that the children take up this suggested activity independently, as something extra and creative to help them fill their days.

We had been making plans for a Time Capsule in school before the closure and Tunde had discussed ideas with each class. We will share some suggestions for each class to contribute in the coming weeks.

We are very grateful that the **Music Generation Programme** and our tutor Gayle have provided us with video links for our young musicians from 3rd-6th class. We hope that they are helpful and encourage the children to continue their ukulele practice at home.

Survey

Many thanks to all families who participated in our survey in relation to home learning. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet taken the survey it remains open for the remainder of the weekend. You can participate [here](#). We thank all parents and children for their continued efforts with home learning during these strange times. We reiterate that you use your own discretion and judgement when it comes to your child's workload. Teachers are more than happy to receive work samples via email and will offer feedback, praise and encouragement in return.

School Calendar 2020/2021

Our school calendar is being finalised and will be forwarded soon.

6th Class Pupils

On a final note, we are very aware that all students are missing the social aspect of school at this time and in particular our 6th class pupils. This final term is usually a very special time as you make the final preparations for transitioning to secondary school. Preparations for the celebration of graduation and confirmation have been stalled, your final school tour will no longer take place, school shirts may not get signed. For some of you, the opportunity to take to the field as the most senior members of the Rackard League teams and our much anticipated county final involvement for 2020 is lost. The loss of all of these standard events brings great sadness to us all. We assure you that we will eventually meet and mark your departure from Kiltealy NS, giving you the send off you all deserve, once restrictions have lifted and we have an opportunity to make definite plans again.

Keep your spirits up, keep positive and stay safe.
Ms. Duff and the staff of Kiltealy NS