



KILTEALY NATIONAL SCHOOL Easter Break Newsletter 2025



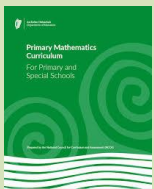
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Enrolment

Many thanks to all families who engaged in the enrolment process for the coming school year. It was lovely to meet with parents of our intake infant class at our Information Night in January. We look forward to meeting all our new infants on their induction days in June.

Staff-CPD and Policy Development



The school has invested in lots of maths resources in line with the new **Primary Maths Curriculum**. Each classroom has multiple sets of hands-on manipulatives for use during Maths lessons.



In March the staff engaged in professional learning in relation to the new Procedures for Anti-Bullying-**BÍ CINEÁLTA**. We are currently developing a new policy in line with the published guidelines. Many thanks to the families who participated in the Parent Survey, your support and feedback is an important part of our BÍ CINEÁLTA policy development.



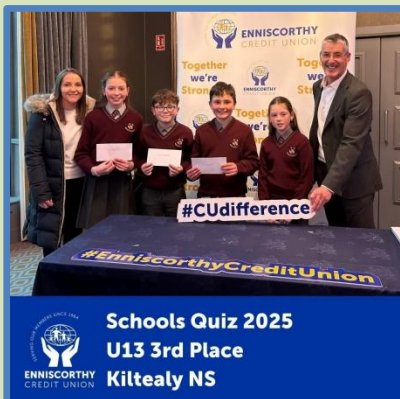
Safe Routes To School

Many thanks to all parents who completed the survey from the Safe Routes to School Programme. Kiltealy NS has been awarded €150,000 under this

scheme aimed at improving infrastructure, safety measures and the routes to school taken by our pupils. We should have some news in relation to the proposed works soon.

Credit Union Quiz Success

We had huge success at the annual Credit Union Quiz earlier in the term. Our team of Eliza Curtis, Harry Smith, Aoife Ward and Oisín McNally gave us our highest placing in 15 years finishing in 3rd place out of 31 schools. It took two tie-breaker rounds to separate 2nd and 3rd place. We are very proud of this great achievement. Our u11 team of Nicholas Curtis, Mikie Farrell, Zara Harris and Ellie Walsh also placed well on the day finishing in joint 7th place.





Communion Class

The Communion class attended their Picture Mass, Reconciliation Mass and Baptism Mass on Saturday evenings during this term.

A lovely celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation took place on March 27th. The class continue preparations for their First Holy Communion in May. Many thanks to Ms. Meaney for preparing the pupils for these special events.

Fundraising

Friendship February

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our crazy sock day during Friendship February. A total of €235 was raised for Special Olympics Ireland.



Split the Pot Draw

Thanks to all for your continued support of our weekly draw. Our next draw will take place on our return to school on Monday April 28th. The money raised provides for resources and enriched learning experiences for our pupils.

We also wish to thank all those who support our **clothes collections** each year. A great opportunity to have a clear out at home. Our recent collection was a great success.

SSE

The Stay Safe Programme has been taught in many classes this term with some classes due to complete the programme after Easter.

SNAG 2025

Seachtain na Gaeilge ran from 10th–14th March this year. Many thanks to Ms. Meaney and all the teachers who put together a great schedule for the week. Activities included- our Céili, Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine, Tráth na gCeist, our Lá Glas and the windows were decorated in time for the St. Patrick's Day parade in the village. Comhghairdeachas do na dhaltaí go léir.

Say Yes To Languages

Pupils from 3rd-6th class have been taking Spanish lessons every Wednesday with their tutor Eileen from Ola Languages. Everyone has been soaking up new vocabulary and phrases and having great fun while doing so. This 10 week programme will continue after the Easter Break.





Annual Readathon

Our Annual Readathon concluded just in time for our Easter break when the pupils enjoyed a fabulous day of fancy dress in celebration of its success. Congratulations to all. Over 900 books were read in total over the 5 week period. Ms. Kehoe presented the winning team with their prizes.



1st & 2nd class looking fantastic

Literacy Lift Off

Prior to our Readathon 1st & 2nd Class completed a 6 week Literacy Lift Off Reading Programme designed to enhance reading skills at that particular age group. Well done to all on their own individual success and to all the teachers for co-ordinating this really worthwhile initiative.

Engineers Week

Ms. Meaney secured the WeDo2 Lego boxes and Bee-bots for Engineers Week in early March. The pupils had a number of opportunities over the month of March to create a variety of motorised lego structures and direct Bee-bots. The pupils used an app to activate their movement. Pupils also had opportunities to be creative with the STEM Bins and engaged in various STEM challenges throughout the week.



5th & 6th Class putting together our new goalposts during Engineers Week

Art2Fund



5th & 6th Class Art in the style of Henri

Pupils have engaged in an Art2Fund Programme in recent weeks. Each classroom studied the work of a renowned artist and created personalised artwork in the style of that artist. Parents will have an opportunity to purchase their child's piece of art in various forms such as printed on a mug, placemat, keyring etc. There is no obligation to make a purchase but a small percentage of any sales will be returned to the school to fund art materials.





GAA News



Mikie Farrell represented the school recently in the 3rd/4th class hurling skills competition in Wexford. Well done Mikie on your great performance. Ryan Nolan also attended on the night and was acknowledged along with others as most improved players. Congrats to both boys.

All classes have enjoyed football sessions with The Duffry Club GPO Anais Curran this term with the infant room focusing on fun while developing the fundamental ABC skills of Agility, Balance and Co-ordination.



Mini 7s/Rackard League Girls

Jim and Seamie provided another enjoyable term of hurling on Fridays and will continue after Easter. The men were also involved with our **Mini 7s** girls and boys teams this term. Both teams showed great skill and dedication on their Round 1 blitz days, the girls emerging winners and progressing to Round 2 which will take place after the Easter break.

In **Rackard League** news, the girls finished top of their group and continued on to beat Cushinstown in the Roinn A quarter final. Following a thrilling semi-final against Piercestown before the Easter break the girls booked their place in the Roinn A County Final. Well done girls-a fantastic league campaign so far, we eagerly await the final. Best of luck!! Many thanks to Ms. Duff, Ms. Dillon, Jim Cooper and Seamie Fitzhenry for their time and commitment to this team. The boys had a successful year also making it to the Roinn B quarter final after a very convincing District Final decider against St. Aidans in Bellfield recently. They fell just short to Castlebridge in their quarter final but can be proud of their success this year-making great progress on previous years. Well done boys.



Rugby

In late March we had a fun day of Rugby in school for all classes. The rugby coach has been booked in for a 6 week training block next year. Great news for all our rugby enthusiasts.





Equestrian League Success

Our Equestrian made history this year finishing in 1st place overall in the Wexford Equestrian Inter-Schools Primary League. The team of Bobby Bowe, Lottie Bates, Lucy Brennan and Cathal Coleman had a fanatastic league campaign. We had a second team competing this year who performed brilliantly and gained lots of experience for the coming years of Interschool competitions. Well done Michaela Quirke, Caoimhe Coleman and Róisín Byrne. Many thanks to the parents for supporting their children in attending these events and Anita Brennan for acting as Chief d'Equipe on event days. We had lots of individual placings over the League too.



FAI 5-a-side Soccer

Our soccer enthusiasts enjoyed 2 county finals day in Enniscorthy this month. We entered 2 boys teams and 2 girls teams this year which allowed more pupils to be involved. The boys had a good run with lots of scores on the day. The younger of our teams reaching a playoff. The girls went one step further topping their group and making it to the quarter final. After a great battle the girls were eventually beaten in extra time. Both days brought great sunshine and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Spring Clean & Picker Pals



Ms. Crosbie recently organised our annual Spring Clean where all pupils contributed to a clean-up of the school grounds and surrounding areas. Through the Picker Pals initiative, pupils in 1st & 2nd class continue working together to make the world a better place by doing their bit to clean up litter in their local area. The class circulates a take-home pack which includes litter-picking

equipment and support materials and each child with their family members use the picker pals pack record their experience.





Upcoming Dates for your diaries

May Bank Holiday-Monday May 5th –School Closed.

Standardised Tests will take place Tues 20th, Wed 21st, Thurs 22nd, Tues 27th, Wed 28th & Thurs 29th May.

Communion-Saturday May 24th @11am

Junior Tour-Friday May 30th

Wellbeing & Active Week is scheduled from Monday 9th-Fri 13th June.

June Bank Holiday-Monday June 2nd – School Closed.

Infant Induction Days-Wednesday 4th, 11th & 18th June (9:45am-10:30am)

Senior Tour-Thursday June 19th

6th Class Graduation –date TBC

School closes for Summer on Thursday June 26th at 12pm.

School Tours



School Tours have been booked and will take place as follows:

Senior Tour (3rd-6th): Pupils will visit Tramore Surf School and Waterford Activity Centre for some Physical Gaming and Wall Climbing on Thursday, June 19th.

Junior Tour (Infants-2nd) will visit Pirates Cove and the Seal Sanctuary on Friday May 30th.
More details on tours nearer the time.

Microsoft DreamSpace Programme

Pupils from 5th Class will visit **Microsoft Headquarters** in Dublin on **May 15th** on completion of the **DreamSpace** Training. Pupils dipped their toes in various training this school year and a visit to Microsoft Headquarters will give insight into careers in the coding world



Bus Hire

We have seen a huge hike in bus hire prices in recent years. The Board of Management have contributed significantly to the subsidising of bus expenses for various events so far this year including swimming, Sing Out Loud and FAI competitions, and will continue to subsidise bus expenses in Term 3. Your generous support of our weekly Split the Pot draws makes this possible. Thank you.





This newsletter includes the agreed items from our most recent Board of Management Meetings in February and April.

On behalf of the BOM and staff we hope you enjoy the remainder of the Easter Break. Many thanks for your continued support of all school initiatives.

******School re-opens Monday 28th April******

