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NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2018



Fáilte isteach - Comhghairdeas :

We wish to welcome the following people to our staff:

- Mr. Fran Flynn – 6th Class Teacher
- Ms. Kate Mulvihill - 1st and 2nd Class Teacher
- Ms. Deirdre Quirke – Junior Unit Class Teacher
- Ms. Nikki Sweeney – Support Teacher
- Ms. Sarah Houlihan – SNA Junior Infants
- Ms. Julie Reidy – SNA Senior Infants
- Ms. Kate O'Connell – SNA Senior Unit
- Ms. Claudia Looney and Mr. Cathal Foley on Teaching Practice Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 3rd Class.

Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 14th (2:45-5:15pm) and Thursday 15th (3:05-4:15pm) November 2018.

School will finish at 2:30pm on Wednesday 14th. Please make arrangements to have your child collected at 2:30pm. Pupils are not allowed on the school premises for P/T Meetings as there will be no supervision.

A text was sent to you to book your preferred time online. Please inform the teacher if you are unable to attend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Preparations are ongoing for the classes making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. I would like to thank Mr. Conor Bradley for facilitating these meetings in our school.

First Holy Communion Saturday 25th May 2019 @ 11 am

Confirmation Tuesday 19th February 2019 @ 3:30pm

School will close for HALLOWEEN BREAK on Thursday, 25th October at 3 pm.

School will be closed this Friday 26th as it will be a polling station for voting.

Children may come to school dressed for Halloween this Thursday 25th October.

School will re-open on

Monday, 5th November, 2018

Our School Christmas Mass will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday 19th December @ 10:30 a.m.

Each class will perform their own play this Christmas. We are very grateful to Ms. Anne Gabbett and her team who will be in school for face painting the morning of all shows. If you do not wish your child's face to be painted please send in a note before December 12th. Please take note of the following dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12th December

Time	Class	Play
10:00 a.m.	Junior Infants	Ralph the Reindeer
11:30 a.m.	4 th Class	Hosanna Rock!
1:30 p.m.	3 rd Class & 5 th Class	Stable Manners

Thursday 13th December

Time	Class	Play
10:00 a.m.	Senior Infants	The Night Before Christmas
10:45 a.m.	1 st & 2 nd Class	Craic na Nollag
11:30 a.m.	6 th Class	Jack & the Beanstalk

School will close for Christmas holidays on Friday 21st December @ 12 noon and re-open on Monday 7th January 2019.

Christmas Cards Your child's Christmas Cards are available to purchase if you wish. The cost is €10 for a pack of 10 cards. We will send home the order forms after Mid-Term break.

Christmas Annuals If you wish to order an annual (fun Christmas activity book) for your child, please forward €2 to the class teacher before November 8th.

Autumn Mini Tours / Local Educational Tours

The school year got off to a very busy start with classes heading into the outdoors of our local environment.

- 6th Class took a bird's eye view of all of us from the top of Strickeen Mountain.
- 5th Class had an enjoyable day walking in the Gap of Dunloe.
- 4th class visited Cromane beach for a Sea Safari day filled with investigation and fun. This visit was organized as part of a Marine project the class are currently participating in. The pupils examined some beach animals and plants before completing fun activities in the sand. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the trip and in light of the field trip are completing some class projects based on marine life.
- Younger Classes explored our local school environment with a variety of nature walks.

Don't forget to go to our website www.cullinaschool.ie where our activities are encapsulated with an array of photographs from all our recent escapades.



Health Promoting School

Please encourage your children to bring a healthy lunch to school. Taytos are not allowed and we would appreciate little or no sugary foods. *'Is fearr an tslainte ná an tainte – Health is better than wealth'*.

We would also appreciate if you would encourage your child to dispose of rubbish sensibly. What comes to school in the lunch box should be eaten or brought home again.

GAA Flag

We are one of the lucky schools to be chosen to participate in the GAA 5 Stars Flag Programme. Every class will have one hour GAA skills practice per week for 6 weeks with 5th Class specializing in this area for 26 weeks!



Wishing our budding stars the best of luck. Watch this space!



Green Schools

We are now working on our New Green Flag. It's called Global Citizenship and Travel. Our Green School Committee has been elected so we are looking forward to an exciting year working on this theme.

Blue Flag

We are delighted to be awarded the European Union (EU) Flag for our successful completion of the Blue Star Programme. The Blue Star Programme is an educational initiative for primary school students across Ireland. The programme fosters better understanding and knowledge of the European Union and how it affects the lives of Irish citizens among Irish primary pupils through classroom projects and activities. Our flag will be displayed in school shortly.

School Uniforms Please try to ensure that children have proper school uniforms and that each item of clothing is clearly labelled. A lot of jumpers have been found in the vicinity of the school. Unfortunately if you haven't labelled these jumpers clearly it is very difficult to locate owners for them. We do our best at school to find owners for these items but children forget what type of jumper etc. they brought with them to school. Jumpers are taken in error also by young children. Please label each item of clothing clearly for the safe return of your child's uniform.

Junior Infants—2nd Class are currently engaging with their Aistear Programmes, their New Language Curriculum Programme and Station Teaching Initiative.

School Activities Within School Hours

1. Football Coaching
2. Dancing
3. Swimming: Begins for 5th Class on Friday 9th November
4. Comhaltas Music Lessons

Not all classes will be doing all of these activities. These activities will be staggered with an emphasis on the senior classes. These classes will take place over a period and within the Department Time Allocation Guidelines for P.E.

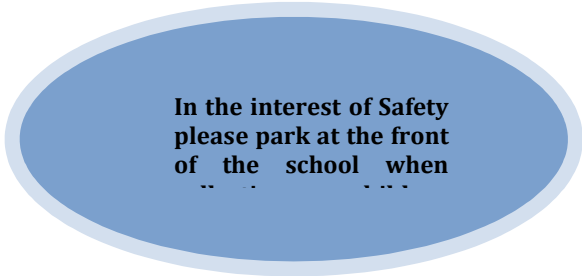
Music – Ceoltas Ceoltoirí Éirinn in the Classroom

Classes will resume on Wednesday 7th November. All children participate in Ceoltas Classes from Junior Infants – 6th Class. I'm encouraging as many children as possible to branch out using different instruments in the Middle / Senior Classes. If your child plays an instrument other than tin whistle please bring it along on Wednesdays if possible and Brendan will facilitate you by providing you with the chords/keys to all his tunes. Thank you for the positive response in contributing towards these classes. It was greatly appreciated.

School Activities Outside of School Hours

A number of activities are carried out outside of school hours:

1. Art Classes
2. Piano Lessons
3. Football
4. Spanish
5. French
6. Playball
7. Amy's PE



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of the school when**

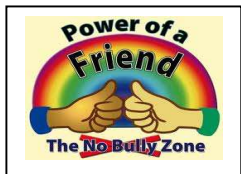
S.S.E. (School Self Evaluation)

As a requirement by the Department of Education you may remember that we undertook a S.S.E. Plans for English and Maths. These plans will continue to be built on for 2018 / 2019. Department guidelines stipulate that we introduce a third subject in 2018/2019. The chosen subject is Gaeilge. We will be working within Department of Education Guidelines and undertaking a plan of action which will involve Evaluating, Reporting and Creating a Gaeilge Plan to suit all children. Our objective will be to promote the use of Gaeilge and a more active and healthy environment within our school teaching P.E. through Gaeilge.

Friendship/Anti-Bullying week

This year Friendship Week is from

19th to 23rd November.



Invitations

We regret that birthday invitations cannot be distributed in school.

Killarney Credit Union

Killarney Credit Union is running the School Savings Scheme in our school every **Tuesday**.

Appointments & Absences

If for some reason you wish to speak to a teacher please make an appointment in advance of your visit as we cannot have classes interrupted without prior notification. For attendance record purposes if your child is **absent, late or leaving early** it is very important that you send a **note** to the class teacher clearly stating your **child's full name, class and reason**. Please **date** and **sign** all notes.

Parents Association

On Friday October 26th you are all welcome to Beaufort Hall from 6p.m. to 8p.m. for the annual Parents Association fancy dress Halloween Disco! Admission is free but there will be a donation box at the door and raffle tickets will be on sale for some fabulous prizes.

Thank you to everyone who served on the Parents Association last year. There are a number of vacancies on the committee this year. Please let our secretary Agnes know if you are interested.



Cake Sale

Thank you to the pupils, parents and teachers of Senior Infants & 5th Class for a very successful Cake Sale. Junior Infants & 6th Class look forward to hosting their Cake Sale in school on Friday 16th November. Please bring €2.

Head Lice: Please check your child's hair for head lice and treat if necessary ensuring that all children are head lice free.

A special **Thank You** to the Tangney family for the very generous donation of €4,000 to our school.

Our Pumpkins go on Parade in Killarney Town Centre

There are Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes adorning our school at the moment. We have acquired a large window in the centre of town "**The Underground Café**" to display as many of our pumpkins as possible. This window is across the street from Sewell's Pharmacy. Please have Pumpkins in school before Wednesday 24th.



Michelle McLaughlin

Leona Twiss