



Newsletter - December 2023

Christmas Performance: Congratulations to all the boys and girls on a fantastic concert last Tuesday, 12th December. Each child performed exceptionally well. We could not be prouder!

The profit made from the concert was €2360. A huge Thank You to our Parents' Association, the staff and all involved in making this such a success. A heartfelt thank you, to you, our parents for supporting this fundraiser for our school.

Concert Recording A recording of the school concert will be available to purchase at a cost of €10 in the next day or so. We will send an Aladdin notice when we receive it. Anyone who would like a copy of the concert can send the money in, in an envelope with their name on it.

Christmas cards These were designed and distributed to all children in early December. Christmas cards brought in a profit of €573.50


Clothes Collection Thank you to all who contributed to our clothes collection. We were delighted with the response and collected €521.75.

Christmas Annuals Thank you to all families who purchased a Christmas Annual and brought in €192.50 in profit. Children are enjoying filling in the puzzles, reading stories and colouring pictures.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continuous support in our fundraising efforts. Unfortunately, we are under funded by the department and your generosity is much appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day Thank you to all who donated raising €235 for Children's Health Foundation.

Movie Day This will take place on Thursday 21st December during school time. Children will choose a movie from a list to watch and can bring in a blanket, cushion or bean- bag. They may also wear their Christmas jumper and/or Christmas pyjamas. **Please make sure your child has leggings underneath as they will be outside at lunchtime.** The Parents' Association have been in touch with Santa and he has promised them all a treat to enjoy during the movie, as a reward for such a wonderful concert. **There is no need to give your child**



treats to bring in. Children will need a lunch as normal, and an extra drink. A special thank you to the Parents' Association for organising the treats.

Kilflynn Chronicle Thank you to John Flaherty and all involved in the production of the Kilflynn Chronicle. Copies are available to purchase at a cost of €15 from the office and in local shops and businesses.

Board of Management The new Board of Management came into effect from December 1st 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the board members for their time and support on the board, especially our Parent nominees Norah Brady and Damien Casey. The following are the **2023-2027 Board Members:**

Chairperson: Caroline Lynch

Patron's Nominee: Fr. Jerry Keane

Secretary/Principal: Nora Falvey

Teacher Nominee: Maria Cunningham

Community Nominee: Paud Twomey

Community Nominee: Geraldine Parker

Parent Nominee: Sara Ross Barry

Parent Nominee: John McGuckin

Enrolment We are currently taking enrolment for September 2024. Enrolment Registration Forms are now available from the office (0667135633). Please spread the word to any family in our area who may need an enrolment form.

Policy Update Our Anti-Bullying, Parental Involvement and Complaints Procedure and Critical Incidents policies are currently being reviewed and updated. These policies will be circulated to the school community and ratified by the Board of Management after Christmas. Staff are also updating a number of other policies in line with our School Improvement Plan

School Closure All staff will attend a Primary Maths Curriculum seminar on Friday 23rd February 2024 in the Education Centre Tralee. School will remain closed on this day.

Say Yes to Languages Classes from 3rd-6th have completed their 8 weeks of Spanish with teacher Aileen Pierse, as part of the Say Yes to Languages programme. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Spanish classes and would like to say 'GRACIAS' to Ms. Pierse.



Schools Photovoltaic Programme Our school has been selected to participate in the pilot phase of the Schools Photovoltaic Programme (SPP).

The provision of up to 6 kW photovoltaic (PV) panels to all schools, to be funded from the Climate Action Fund at the discretion of the Minister for the Environment, was announced at the time of Budget 2023.

We are currently seeking three quotations for works to commence after 15th March 2024.

Youth Voice Project A huge thank you to Shannow Family Resource Centre and their fantastic staff who have visited 6th class over the past four weeks. The children engaged in meditation and well-being workshops, cooked tasty pancakes, met some furry creatures and created moving cars with the help of Stemwizz (www.stemwizz.com)

Active Schools: Our Active school challenges are continuing in school with Active Breaks, Active walkway and music on a Friday.

Sports Activities: Football, hurling, basketball and rugby will continue after Christmas in school.

Music Class: Music will continue after Christmas with Nicole Doyle.

Garda Vetting: Any Parent who would like to volunteer to help out in school needs to be garda vetted. Garda vetting forms are available from the office 066 7135633

Christmas Holidays School will close on Friday 22nd December at 12pm for the Christmas Holidays and will re-open on Monday 8th January 2023.

Wishing you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Le gach deá ghuí i gcomhair na Nollag agus na hathbhliana!

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