

**Kilskyre National School**

**Kilskyre, Kells, Co. Meath A82DH22**

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Roll Number: 01421F Principal: Ailish McKeown

29th

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all the children who received the sacrament of penance on Thursday the 18th of April. May the Lord bless them, may His love be upon them and His presence always guide them.

*Please note the following school closures:*

Monday the 6th of May – Bank Holiday

Monday the 3rd of June – Bank Holiday

Friday the 7th of June school closed for voting

Friday the 21st of June – school closes at 12pm for Summer holidays.

*Standarised tests*

Standardized tests for children from 1st-6th class will be taking place in the school on the 15th/21st /22nd of May. Please mark these dates in your diary to ensure that your child/children attend school on these dates.

*Sacraments:*

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday the 25th of May at 11am in Kilskyre Church.

*School Tours:*

Special Classes: Molly Moos Mullingar 27th May

Junior Infants-2nd Class – Navan Education Centre 5th June

3rd/4th class Butlers Chocolate Factory /Croke Park 28th of May

5th/6th Class Derrymore Springs 5th June.

*Staffing:*

The class allocations for next year are as follows

ASD 1 - Ms Farnan

ASD 2 – To be appointed

Junior/Senior infants – Ms Reilly

1st/2nd Class – Ms Murphy

3rd/4th Class – Ms Dowd

5th/6th Class – Ms Lynch

SET – Ms Mc Cormack

*Yoga*

Dearbhla Grall from recharge yoga will visit the school on Thursday the 2nd of May to facilitate a yoga class with children form our Junior/senior, 1st/2nd class and our special classes

*Junior Entrepreneur Project:*

Through the JEP curriculum, games and learning aids, pupils get a clear picture of what creating a business is all about. The programme is designed to integrate into the primary school curriculum, with each step providing opportunities for pupils to learn new life skills in addition to comprehensively covering their core subjects.

Children use their creativity to come up with individual business ideas, they come together as a class to choose one idea and then work to turn this idea into reality over a 12-16 week period. They’ve got to do the hard work – researching what customers really want, working out their costs and how much to charge for it. They figure out what they’re good at and try to use those skills to play their part in a team. All along the way, they’ve got the support of their classmates, teachers and family.

5th and 6th class have decided to do a Fun Day as their Junior Entrepreneur Project. It will take place in Kilskyre Pitch and astro complex There will be €2 entry fee. There will be a tuck shop in the kitchen of the complex where sweets, crisps and drinks will be available for students to purchase. There will be a variety of games for all the children to participate in such as tin smash, penalty shootout and many more. There will also be games to play on the pitch Parents are welcome to call in during the day if they wish. For more information on the programme please visit

https://www.juniorentrepreneur.ie/

Infants from 10-11 o'clock

1st and 2nd from 11-12

3rd and 4th from 1-2

*School Garden:*

We will be having a school planting day on the 6th of June. The children will participate in planting shrubs, plants etc in the garden. Parents are also more than welcome to participate on the day. We are also looking for donations of plants for planting if you have snips or unwanted plants at home or wish to donate a plant please send them into school before the 6th of June.

We are also looking for the donation of old tractor/lorry tyres to use as planting boxes. If you have old tyres you could donate, please contact the school office. Thank you!

M and M productions will be visiting the school on Thursday the 9th of May to deliver a wonderful musical adaptation of the story of

**The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**  
by L. Frank Baum

*Fundraising for the school yard:*

As part of our continuing fundraising for the development of the school yard we will be hosting a school Art Exhibition on Friday the 10th of May. Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase a piece of their child’s/children’s Art work. All money raised will go towards playground markings in the school yard. The children’s individual work will be framed in a black frame. Each picture will cost €5. The pictures will be displayed on the school windows next week for parents to view. Parents are also welcome to visit the exhibition on the day.

A company has been contacted and a date set over the summer holidays for yard markings to be placed in both yards. A local artist has also been asked to paint a new mural on the school wall. The shed at the side of the school will be repainted and developed as an outdoor learning area.

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The new parents’ information night will take place at 5pm on the 23rd of May. Our new infants will be joining us the following morning for induction

The 12th of June is provisionally booked for Sports day, weather permitting.

Our sponsored walk will take place on June the 14th.

6th class Graduation will take place on the 20th of June.

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Ailish McKeown