



# St. Kilian's Senior School Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

### PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Our Annual parent/teacher meetings will be held during week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017. All meetings will be outside of school teaching hours. Teachers will be arranging appointments after midterm.

### €T.A.S.K.S. LOTTO

The lotto returned this month. Mile buíochas to the organising committee for managing the lotto and to the staff of both Senior and Junior schools for their attendance every Thursday evening in the Kingswood lodge to ensure the draw runs smoothly. A special word of thanks to Yvonne Dunne for selling so many tickets every week and a warm welcome to Louise Martin who joins the committee. Please ask your child to take a lotto envelope every Wednesday and return it on Thursday for inclusion in the draw. Go n-éirí t-adh leat.

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management of St. Kilian's Senior School wish to inform all parents and guardians that:

- The Board of Managements Annual Review of the School's Child Protection Policy was completed on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- This review was conducted in accordance with the Department of Educations' Child Protection Procedures for Primary Schools.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Whatever the task, the pupils of our school are always enthusiastic about volunteering and helping to ensure our school is a great place to be. Our Student Council is made up of the four Sixth Class Captains and their Deputies, who were recently elected by the Sixth class pupils, Congratulations to:

### STUDENT COUNCIL 2017/2018

Class Captains:	Deputies:	Class:
<i>Yuliya Petruk</i>	Chloe Harding	Ms Hamill's
<i>Cillian Lowth</i>	Jamie Corrigan	Ms Hamill's
<i>Ella Meleady</i>	Charley McCann	Mr Lalor's
<i>Callum Hurley</i>	Cian Redmond	Mr Lalor's

### GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Having successfully completed our work on the Biodiversity flag, we have moved on to a new theme.....

### GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: LITTER AND WASTE

Our new committee are:

**6<sup>th</sup> Class:** Chloe Harding, Max Moran, Shane Cleary, Niamh Dolan

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:** *Evie Donegan, Alex Meehan, Kyle Farrell, Casey McGovern*

**4<sup>th</sup> Class:** Jack McDonald, Abi Toner, Kerrie Keogh, Sol Stuart, Holly McGrath, Orestas Intupas

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class:** *Jake Connell, Megan Purcell, Cillian Jones, Ameila Tomaszewska*

will be helping their classes work towards our **6<sup>th</sup> Green Flag.**

### SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The school librarians ensure our library is kept ordered and tidy and that we get the best out of this wonderful resource. Our Librarians for 2017/2018 are:

**6<sup>th</sup> Class:** Mark Anghel, Ella McCrory, Stuart Heron, Megan B. Murphy

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:** *Isaac Johnson, Sophia Duffy, Conor Hamilton, Hannah Morris*

**4<sup>th</sup> Class:** Ryan Saunders, Kayleigh Kennedy, Eoghan Bradley, Alexis Roberts, Abi Toner, Jack McDonald

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class:** *Emma Renehan, Luke Barry, Jessica Rafferty, Jake Connell*

## **HALLOWEEN**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October the student council invites all our pupils & staff to come to school in Halloween costume. We are encouraging the children to keep it creative, original & simple. Face paints, sharp items or electronic gadgets may not be brought to school on the day.

The Student Council has arranged for a "CREEPY CATWALK & DANCE OFF" event for the classes in the hall. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Children are asked to contribute €3 to cover the fun activities & treats. All proceeds will then help purchase new comfortable bean bags for the library.

## **CURSAÍ SPÓIRT**

### ***What a great start to our sporting calendar in St. Kilian's SNS.***

Our cricket coaching began with 3<sup>rd</sup> class. They just finished their training sessions. Coaching will continue with sessions for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes over the coming weeks. The children really enjoy these sessions and are a great introduction to the game of cricket. We are very fortunate to have the support of Cricket Ireland and a wonderful coach – Diarmuid.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October SARI- Sport Against Racism Ireland launched their anti discrimination training in St. Kilian's SNS. We were joined by Damien Duff & Brian Kerr on the day. Our two 6<sup>th</sup> classes had great fun while also learning some incredibly important life skills. 5<sup>th</sup> class also took part in the training workshops on Friday. Check out the great pics on the school website!

Our senior Gaelic Football team played exceptionally well this year. The boys got to the quarter final stage, narrowly missing out on a place in Croke Park. On the way they had some memorable matches. Their first victory against St. Martin de Porres got them off to a great start. A trip to Bray gave us all a fright but the lads maintained composure and won by a point. This was followed by another good win against Holy Rosary. It must be said that the boys showed great team spirit both on and off the pitch. A special mention to their Captain Brad Pender Lawless who according to Mark, "pushed us all to our limits". Well done to all of the lads! A very big thank you also to Mr. Lalor

& Mr. Heneghan for giving their time after school to manage and train the team.

## **SCHOOL POLICIES**

### **Parents are reminded that:**

- In the interests of the safety of pupils, all visitors to the school must enter by the main door and wait. Access to the school through the end and side doors is for pupils and staff only. Adults are not permitted to access classrooms during school hours.
- Mobile phones are absolutely prohibited on the school property. If you need to contact your child during school hours, please contact our school secretary Karen on **01-4510100**.
- Dogs (whether on a lead or not) should not be brought onto the school grounds. Assistance dogs are the only exception.
- In order to minimise the spread of germs, pupils should have their own hand towel (face cloth is ideal) & disposable tissues in their bags.
- Should your child wish to cycle to school, please ensure that they wear a helmet. Bicycles should be securely locked to the bicycle racks. Cyclist must dismount at the school gates. The Board of Management cannot assume responsibility for any damage to or loss of bicycles left on school property.
- School begins at 8:50am; there is no supervision of pupils before this time. School finishes at 2:30pm. If your child does not walk home, please ensure that you have arranged a place to meet.

## **JACK & THE BEANSTALK**

Over 70 of our pupils successfully auditioned to take part in our Christmas Pantomime, Jack & the Beanstalk. Rehearsals have already begun and St. Kilian's thanks Aoife Carney and Geraldine Pender for offering their expertise. More details will follow soon.....

## **TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWE'EN**

- If you see materials such as pallets or tyres being hoarded in advance ring South Dublin City Council 01 4149000 or email [info@dublincoco.ie](mailto:info@dublincoco.ie)
- Ask your parents or whoever owns the house not to allow fireworks or bonfires near it.
- Contact South Dublin City Council if you see a bonfire being built close to a building, trees, overhead cables, etc.

- If a bonfire gets out of hand, dial 999 for a fire brigade emergency.
- Make sure that when you are “trick or treating” or attending an event that you have a responsible adult with you.
- When going out at night make sure that you have reflective material on you so that you can be safely seen by motorists.
- Do not buy or use fireworks.
- Keep your pets indoors on Halloween night.
- Do not light or go near bonfires.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- On Halloween night the Dublin Fire Brigade and Ambulance Services is called out about 770 times. It’s usually only 80.
- People often build bonfires too close to houses and to electric cables and they also make them too big.
- More than €1 million was spent on cleaning up Halloween bonfires and fireworks last year.
- Dozens of children were left with serious burns and hand injuries last year. Most of these children are aged between 10 and 12.
- These injuries can occur from fireworks that aren’t properly manufactured and obviously bought on the black market.
- Facial injuries also occur from explosions with bonfires from gas cylinders.

#### **WELL BEING**

Pupils in our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes have set their learning and personal goals for the school year. Regular reminders of their aspirations helps children remain motivated, engage in self assessment and recognise their own unique strength & weaknesses. The pupils also created personal mottos to inspire themselves daily. We are all developing our emotional language. Recently the school has highlighted honesty, leadership & teamwork. Cultivating character strengths helps develop positive emotions and confidence.

#### **KINGSWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Parents of our 5<sup>th</sup> classes should note that applications for enrolment in Kingswood Community College for 2019 will be open on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Parents can apply online at [www.kingswoodcc.com](http://www.kingswoodcc.com)

#### **GUITAR LESSONS**

Mr. Heneghan & Ms Duggan will be starting guitar lessons after school once we return from the mid term break. The cost will be €10 per lesson for a term of 5 weeks. Each week there will be one lesson. Your own guitar will be required. Any skill level can be catered for. Mr. Heneghan will be going from class to class next week to take names of people interested. The lessons will be for 30 minutes and will take place on a Wednesday after school.

#### **CHOIR**

Our school choir are busier than ever this year! Choir members from fourth, fifth and sixth class are currently preparing for the Peace Proms 2018 choral festival. This takes place in the RDS in the spring and is a great opportunity for the children to join with other school choirs and perform with a live orchestra. The children are really enjoying the material so far, which includes pop medleys, Disney classics, musical numbers and lots more!

#### **MATHS WEEK**

Maths week takes place from the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of October. The aim is to give children a more positive attitude towards maths and help them realise that maths can be interesting and fun. The children will take part in a variety of activities such as: Maths trails, quizzes, daily maths puzzles, guess the answer to the daily maths question and maths stations.

#### **STORM OPHELIA**

Our school building survived, relatively unscathed, after storm Ophelia, buíochas le Dia. Emergency messages to parents/guardians regarding school closures are sent by text & email. Please ensure that we have the mobile phone number and email address that you regularly use.

Please check the school website for regular updates!

[www.st-kilians.com](http://www.st-kilians.com)