



St. Kilian's Senior School

Newsletter



DECEMBER 2017

PASSPORTS

Passport application forms for children can be witnessed by a principal or deputy principal of a school once the parent shows photographic ID and signs in their presence. If you need a form witnessed please make an appointment to see Ms. Higgins or Ms. Meagher in advance of calling to the school.

ENROLMENTS

Applications for enrolments in third classes for the 2018/19 school year will be accepted from January 15th to January 26th 2018. Our enrolment policy and application forms are available from our website www.st-kilians.com OR from the school office between 9am and 2pm.

NUAHT

Comhghairdeachais to Isobel McCallion, Yuliya Petruk and Cian Redmond who were recent winners in the Credit Union Art Competition.

Our class Christmas cards were beautiful this year. We hope you enjoy sending them to friends & family. Sales of the cards raised €500 for school funds.

6th classes would like to thank Betty Fitzpatrick for their invitation to the Christmas celebration in St. Kilian's Church. The cakes & treats were delicious.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

St. Kilian's SNS will close at 12:00pm on Friday 22nd of December for Christmas holidays and reopens on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8:50am.

Parents/guardians are asked to note that St. Kilian's SNS will be closed to pupils on **Monday 5th of March** to facilitate staff professional development in the new primary language curriculum.

AN NOLLAG

Now that December is here, we'll begin preparing for Christmas. Our crib is in reception and the student council have decorated our Christmas Tree. The spirit of kindness, generosity and goodwill is always very evident in St. Kilian's SNS. There are absolutely no expectations from staff that children would purchase a gift for teacher.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Mile buíochas to our parents association for organising a wonderful Christmas Fair this year. The fair requires a huge amount of time and work but is always a very enjoyable event for all. Tickets for the raffle for the PS bundle are still on sale you can get them from the office any day up until the 11th of December when the draw will take place. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5.

KINGSWOOD YOUTH CHOIR

Kingswood Youth Choir is looking for your voice. The Choir was established in 2002 and believes that every child can sing. We provide professional voice coaching, voice development and music interpretation. We are now recruiting new members for 2018. If you enjoy singing in a fun and friendly environment, then please come along on Wednesday from 6pm - 7pm in the Church at Kingswood Heights, during School term. No auditions required. For further information please mail kingswoodyouthchoir@gmail.com or drop in to see us on Wednesday.

CUAIRTEOIR

Garda Derek Reilly spoke to all our 4th & 5th class pupils about respectful behaviour in their community. He highlighted the issues of graffiti and trespass.

WINTER READY

Our school opens for pupils at 8:50am each morning. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Our school closes at 2:30pm. The school cannot accept responsibility for looking after any child after that time. Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements for a meeting point.

In the event of an unforeseen/ emergency closure, parents will be notified as soon as possible by text/email and on the school website www.st-kilians.com It is important to make sure our school secretary is informed of any changes to contact details.

School attendance is very important but please do not send a sick child to school. If your child

becomes unexpectedly unwell during the school day we will contact you. Children are not routinely 'kept in from yard' unless they have a physical injury.

Pupils have been reminded that staying well during the Winter needs healthy eating, exercise & fresh air, good quality sleep, good respiratory etiquette (using tissues & frequent hand washing) and that "talking makes us stronger" if they have any worries.

LIBRARY

Our school library has an extensive range of books for pupils to borrow, read and return. Our librarians have noticed that some of our more popular books have been "out on loan" for a long time. Please check bags and bedrooms and if you find a forgotten book with a St. Kilian's stamp please return it for others to read.

T.A.S.K.S. LOTTO

Meanwhile our lotto committee continue to run the lotto draw every week. The jackpot is currently €1,900.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas is coming and St. Kilian's SNS is getting ready.

We wish the pupils of the junior school the best of luck in their concert on 19th of December. Parents/guardians are welcome to collect their family members from the senior school if they would like to bring them to see their siblings /cousins perform.

Santa has been invited to visit the school this year. We understand how busy he is but hope he can fit us in.

JACK & THE BEANSTALK

The pupils are almost ready to put on a spectacular pantomime show in St. Kilian's Senior School Hall on:

Wednesday 13th December at 7pm

Thursday 14th December at 7pm

Friday 15th December at 7pm

Under the direction of Geraldine Pender and Aoife Carney the children are very busy practising their dancing, singing and acting.

All staff are also contributing time and effort to produce stage sets, costumes, and organising advertising, programmes, sweet shop and raffle. Tickets for the shows will go on sale on Mon 4th of Dec at 9am from the school office. Tickets are €10 adult, €5 child & €25 family ticket (2+2). Why not come along and bring friends and family to experience an authentic Christmas Pantomime starring the kids of St. Kilian's. All proceeds will be

used to buy much needed equipment for our new sensory room.

CURSAÍ SPÓIRT

The children of 6th class will start Cricket after Christmas, these sessions 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.

Camogie training continues for the senior team on Thursday's at 2:30 until 3:30. Thank you to Ms. Reilly, Ms. Duggan, Ms. Kavanagh, Dympna & Elaine for giving your time to the girls. Matches will start after Christmas with our eyes on Croke Park!

Soccer trails will be held after Christmas for the team.

GREEN SCHOOL'S

We've been very busy doing survey's in the classes to find out how globally aware our children are. We are also exploring all the different nationalities our school represent.

O welcome, little Christmas Guest,
Dear Jesus, from above:
Upon thy face, so pure and mild,
We see God's smile of love.
Amen

Nollaig faoi Sheán agus athbhliain faoi mhaise
daoibh go léir.

The staff of St. Kilian's SNS wish all our pupils, their families and friends a
"Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year"

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Happy Christmas!