



St. Kilian's Senior School Newsletter

OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from all the staff at St. Kilian's SNS, we trust you are all keeping well during what is left of annus horribilis 2020.

From an operational perspective, we are delighted to have reached this term end in such a positive fashion when taking into consideration the various challenges and impediments schools have faced since re-opening since the 27th of August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all St. Kilian's SNS staff, parent body and of course our pupils to date for their obvious dedication in clearly adhering to the guidelines so diligently, evidenced by not one positive Covid-19 case in our school throughout the term to date. If somebody had told me we would be in this position at Halloween, without a confirmed case I'm afraid I would not have shared their optimism. But thankfully, thanks to an incredible collective effort we have succeeded in achieving this after eight weeks of uninterrupted continuous schooling.

A special word of thanks to Margaret Meagher, Karen Masterson and Paul Owens for their support and commitment over the summer in ensuring that the school was ready to re-open in late August. This term demonstrates what can be achieved through working together towards common goals, the most vulnerable members of society have clearly and rightly been at the forefront of all of our thinking.

Yes it has been very difficult, and the hardest part is yet to come as we face into next term, but if we are to keep our school open and keep all members of society safe, we must keep going as we are, as trying and as difficult as that may be.

So again, thanks to all for playing their part in ensuring that the school has stayed open and has run so smoothly under what has been the most challenging of circumstances in living memory for all of us, try to enjoy the break and make the most of it as best you can.

Take care all,
Barry Frisby

ADMISSIONS/ENROLMENT


Enrolment for 3rd class for the year 2021/2022 began on **Monday 19th of October (09.30)** and ends on **Monday 9th of November at (14.30)**. Applications will **ONLY** be accepted each morning from Monday to Friday between 09.30-10.00 from the dates above (with the exception of Monday 26th until Friday 30th as the school will be closed for the Halloween break). Applications will be accepted through Karen's window each morning for the above dates from 09.30-10.00. We thank all adults for adhering to the 2 metre distancing rule and for wearing masks for the limited time they will be on school grounds.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Our Annual parent/teacher meetings will be held the week beginning Monday 9th November 2020. All meetings will be outside of school teaching hours as per arrangement with the teachers for a voice call or a zoom as per parents' choice. Appointments/slots are currently available through Aladdin connect.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2020/2021

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 this year have a difficult year ahead but we are sure they will have some creative ideas.

Names	Class:	
James O'Reilly	Ms. Reilly's	
Aimee Guy	Ms. Reilly's	
Ruby Meleady	Ms. Reilly's	
Luke Barry	Mr. Lalor's	
Conor O'Reilly	Mr. Lalor's	
Alesha Lynch Roe	Mr. Lalor's	

HALLOWEEN

On **Friday 23rd 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 "spooky walk in the park" for the classes, a treat for home time and created a pair of table quizzes for the entire school to participate in.

THE ROAD TO THE AVIVA

Third and fourth class have a new challenge called 'Road to the Aviva'. The Aviva Stadium is 21km from St. Kilian's Senior National School. This is almost the same distance as a half marathon. To improve children's fitness and well-being we have decided to complete a half marathon over the next 40 school days. The children will complete 500 metres a day. The emphasis will be on improving overall fitness and health. The students have been advised to bring in old runners everyday. There will be a strong likelihood that these runners will get wet as the weather changes. The children will be encouraged to walk, jog or run the distance each day depending on their fitness level.



KINGSWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Parents of our 6th classes should note that applications for enrolment in Kingswood Community College for 2021/2022 and the Admission Notice are available on the KCC school website.

<http://www.kingswoodcc.com/page/1st-Yr-2021-Application/49891/Index.html>

Applications for enrolment for 2021/22 will be open from 1st October 2020 until 30th October 2020 @3:40pm.

TALLAGHT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Applications for enrolment for 2021/22 are open from 1st October 2020 until 23rd October 2020.

CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION

Every year the students of St. Kilian's participate in the Kilnamanagh Credit Union's Art Competition, this year will be no different, all the classes undertook and submitted their pieces for the theme "Imagine more" on October 13th 2020.

BOOK FAIR LAST FEBRUARY

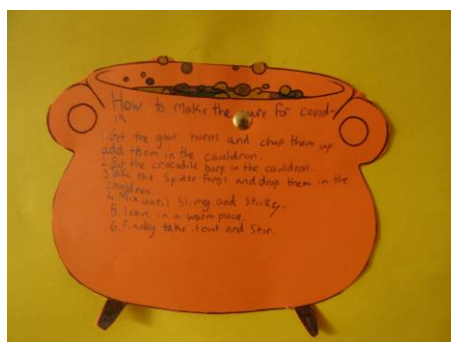
We are delighted to say that with the funds we raised from the book fair last February we were able to purchase class sets of fiction and non fiction novels for all class groups.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

We would like to give you an update from the Parents' Association. Thanks to your support last year, we were able to present cheques for €3,500 each to the junior and senior schools. This was less than we would have hoped for but unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions we had to postpone/cancel some substantial fundraisers in the second half of the school year.

We are delighted to see the children back in school after the extended break and are sure they're enjoying seeing all their friends again. This year our fundraising activities will be different to our normal formats – regrettably we can't hold our Christmas fair but hopefully it will return in 2021! Most of our fundraisers this year will take place online – we will be in contact with details, keep an eye on your emails! In the meantime, if you would like to contact us our email is stkilianspa@outlook.com With best wishes, The **Parents' Association**

SOME HALLOWEEN ART



www.st-kilians.com for more pictures from around the school.