



e-ZINE March 2019

Please refer to the School Calendar section of this e-Zine for all school closure dates



Recent Development

The DES recently sanctioned a large extension to our school to encompass three additional classrooms, renovations to the existing school and enhanced outside play area. A Design Team has been appointed and it is envisaged that construction will commence by the end of the year.

Full Day School Closure

The school will be closed on **Friday 15th March**, to facilitate teacher in service training.



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and is a dress up day in school. All the children may dress up as their favourite book character. They have been given free book tokens, which can be redeemed at participating book shops, including The Shop, Ballyhaunis. Each token entitles the holder to one free book from the list.

Extracurricular Activities



Hurling Blitz

4th to 6th classes will participate in a hurling blitz at Connaught GAA Centre on Thursday 14th March. Details to follow.



Spar FAI Primary 5's

The qualifiers for this tournament will take place on Friday 29th March at CMS Park (Kiltimagh/Knock UTD ground) for those pupils from 4th to 6th class who have already registered to take part. Details of training sessions and transport costs will follow.



Kenny Folliard Memorial Cup

This will take place in Aghamore on Friday 31st May. Further details of the event and training sessions will be advised in due course.



Vinny Judge Memorial Hurling Tournament

4th to 6th class will participate in this tournament in Tooreen on Monday 17th June. Details to follow.



Handball Training: For signed up pupils from 6th class, each Thursday from 3pm to 4pm. Group A training: begins 24th January for 6 weeks Group B training: begins 21st March for 6 weeks.



GAA Football Training

For 4th to 6th class pupils continues each Thursday during school (weather permitting), All participants must remember to bring their full training gear, including gum shields/mouth guards.



Hurling

Training for 4th to 6th classes continues each Tuesday during school. Please remember to bring training gear including helmets and hurleys if you have them.

Other Activities



Music

Music lessons, for 3rd to 6th class pupils who have returned permission slips and payment, resume on Thursday 7th March, for 6 alternate weeks; thereafter the lessons will take place on Mondays and not Thursdays on the following dates: Apr 1st, 29th; May 13th, 20th, and 27th). Please remember to bring instruments on music days.



Irish Dancing: For all age group children, each Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm, €3 per child please, payable directly to the dancing teacher. **There is no dancing on 6th March 2019.**



PARISH & PASTORAL NEWS



Sacraments

Confirmation: Friday 8th March at 12noon in the Basilica.

Do this in Memory of me masses at 7.30pm on Saturday: 13th April in the Parish Church. Meetings held in St John's Rest and Care Centre at 7.30pm on the Thursday before each mass.

Communion Retreat: 11th April.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 11th May at 11am in the Parish Church.



Schedule of our School Assemblies at 11.30am, dates to be advised

March: Lenten/St Patrick's
April: Easter
May: Mary's month
June: End of Year

As always, parents, grandparents and family members are invited to join us at our assemblies and masses.



School Tours



Class tours will take place as follows:

Ms Coyne's 1st and 2nd and Ms Sarsfield's 2nd: Wednesday 22nd May to 'Let's Go' at Breaffy House Sports Arena.

Ms Sarsfield's 3rd and Ms Gorman's 4th: Thursday 23rd May to Shannon River Adventure, Roscommon.

Thank you to those who have paid deposits or made full payments for the above tours. However, there are many deposits still due for payment; we would be obliged if these deposits could be made immediately please, as the school has already paid out these deposits to the tour companies.

Ms Gorman's 5th and Ms Horkan's 5th and 6th: Thursday 20th June to Dublin.

All other class tours will be announced as they are arranged and details of all tours will be issued in due course.

Confirmation slips will be sent out to each class as appropriate, to be returned promptly by the date(s) given, this is to confirm numbers of pupils who will be attending each tour so that we can work out costs as economically as possible.



is Saturday 4th May. Please check out www.mayo.ie for events taking place around the county. On Friday 3rd everyone may wear **Green** and **Red** to school in support of Mayo Day.

Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6th class will be held in school on Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm.



Aldi Play Rugby Stickers

We have collected all and our poster is now complete. Many thanks to everyone who sent in stickers.



Cash for Clobber

Our next Cash for Clobber collection will take place shortly. Again, we are collecting old but usable clothes, pairs of shoes (**in a separate bag please**), hats, bags, household linen, towels, etc. Just put any of these items into cash for Clobber or any refuse sack and bring it along to the school **hall when we announce the date**. Ask your family and friends if they have any items to contribute. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new Chrome books. Bags will be sent home with the children in due course. If you run out of cash for clobber bags, you can use any refuse bags. If you do not have anything to put in the bags please return the bag to the school.



School Calendar 2018-2019

In Service Training: School closed Friday 15th March to facilitate Teacher training.

St Patrick's Day: School closed Monday 18th March.

Easter: Monday 15th to Friday 26th April.

School closes at **3pm** on Friday 12th April and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 29th April.

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 6th May.

European Elections: Friday 24th May. It is yet to be confirmed whether or not the school will be closed.

June Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 3rd June.

Summer Holidays: School closes at **12noon** on Friday 28th June.

As always, we would invite you all to refer to the school website, www.knockns.ie, for news and regular updates from the school, including pictures, videos etc from our various events and class activities. Email queries should be directed to admin@knockns.ie