



## e-ZINE March Update / April 2019

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



### Cyber Bullying & Internet Safety Training Sessions

All classes will attend talks/training sessions on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April during school. A session for parents will take place at 7pm on the same date; we strongly recommend that parents attend this talk about a very important subject. If you wish to attend, please return your confirmation of attendance slip as soon as possible please, if not already done so.



### Cadbury Crème Egg Easter Chicks

Kevin Concannon, Knock Shrine Sacristan, is raising money on behalf of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust by selling Cadbury Crème Eggs inside a colourful knitted Easter Chick. To assist Kevin in his fundraising efforts the school is selling these eggs and chicks at €3 each, available until at least the Easter holidays. If children or parents would like to support this cause you can purchase them from the school office. Thanking you in advance for your kind generosity.

### Parent Survey

Lollipop Lane Creche and Montessori in Kiltimagh have asked if parents of our school would like to take part in a survey in relation to after school care for families, and trying to establish whether there is need in the area. Please go to the school website and click on the link in the 'Parent Survey' post.



As usual, we will hold a Bake Sale and Easter Raffle to fundraise for the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Details of exact dates will follow. Further information on this year's Trócaire Campaign can be found on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

## Extracurricular Activities



### Hurling Blitz

Congratulations to the students from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who participated in the recent hurling blitz held in Tooreen and got through the final. Thanks to Adrian Hession for his help with training over recent weeks. Training continues each Tuesday during school and finishes on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember to bring training gear including helmets and hurleys if you have them.



### Spar FAI Primary 5's

The boy's qualifiers for this tournament will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and the girl's on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at CMS Park (Kiltimagh/Knock UTD ground) for those pupils from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who have already registered to take part. The cost for return transport is €4 per child please, which is being subsidised by the school.



## Athletics

All classes will attend athletics in Claremorris as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>(a) class (incl Sarah and Niall): Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Junior Infants (incl Kian): Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Senior Infants: to be confirmed  
2<sup>nd</sup>(b) and 3<sup>rd</sup> class (incl Cian & Josh):  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>(a) class: to be confirmed  
5<sup>th</sup>(b) and 6<sup>th</sup> class: to be confirmed  
Further details including costs will follow in due course.



## Cycling Safety

We are the process of arranging cycling safety sessions for some classes; details to follow in due course.



## Kenny Folliard Memorial Cup

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



## Vinny Judge Memorial Hurling Tournament

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



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



## GAA Football Training

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

## Other Activities



## Scór na bPáistí

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Scór na bPáistí East Mayo divisional rounds which took place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in Kilmovee. Children participated in most categories and performed to a very high standard. The school won the Ciaran Byrne Memorial Trophy, awarded to the Best Overall School on the night. Thankyou to Mrs Tansey, Anne McLoughlin and Mrs Freyne for all their help over the last few weeks working with the children in preparation.



## Music for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils

Please note change of dates for lessons this term: (1) Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, (2) Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, (3) Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, (4) Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, (5) Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May and (6) Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Only those who have paid for music by 14<sup>th</sup> March will be taken by Anne for lessons. 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.



## PARISH & PASTORAL NEWS



Schedule of our School Assemblies at 12noon:



Lenten will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



Easter will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

As always, parents, grandparents and family members are invited to join us.



### Sacraments

Congratulations to the students from 2<sup>nd</sup> class who received the Sacrament of First Penance on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Congratulations also to the students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class who made their Confirmation on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Thanks to Archbishop Michael Neary, Fr Richard, Fr Terence, Ms Coyne, Ms Sarsfield, Mrs Tansey, Mrs Gorman, Mrs Coyne, Una Nolan and the Parish choir for their beautiful singing, the Parents' Association and everyone involved in all their hard work and preparations for making these Sacraments so special.

Do this in Memory of me mass at 7.30pm on Saturday: 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Church. Meeting held in St John's Rest and Care Centre at 7.30pm on the Thursday before mass.

Communion Retreat: 11<sup>th</sup> April.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in the Parish Church.



## School Tours



Class tours will take place as follows:

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

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

**Senior Infants:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Turoe Pet Farm, Loughrea, Co Galway.

**Ms Gorman's 5<sup>th</sup> and Ms Horkan's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Dublin.

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.

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.



### Knock Airport Runway 5k Fun Run/Walk

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 5pm. All proceeds to Jack & Jill Children's Foundation, Hope House and CROI. Register now on [www.irelandwestairport.com/runwayrun](http://www.irelandwestairport.com/runwayrun). Sponsored by Portwest. Special rate for families.



## Farm Safety Talk

All classes will attend farm safety talks during school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.



is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please check out [www.mayo.ie](http://www.mayo.ie) for events taking place around the county. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> everyone may wear **Green** and **Red** to school in support of Mayo Day.



## Graduation Mass

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



## Aldi Play Rugby Stickers

Many thanks to everyone who sent in Aldi stickers; we have now collected all we need, please do not send in anymore. Thankyou.



## Cash for Clobber

Our next Cash for Clobber collection will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> May. 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 any day between 9.00am and 9.15am or 2pm to 3pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May **ONLY**. 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

**Easter:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**May Bank Holiday:** School closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**European Election Day:** School closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to facilitate upcoming European elections.

**June Bank Holiday:** School closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Summer Holidays:** School closes at **12noon** on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

As always, we would invite you all to refer to the school website, [www.knockns.ie](http://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](mailto:admin@knockns.ie)