



e-ZINE April 2019 Update

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 4th 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. Homework passes will be issued to each parent/couple who attend for each child in the school. **Unfortunately, due to the nature of the content of this talk, children are NOT allowed under any circumstances.**



Bake Sale and Easter Raffle



Our annual cake/bake sale, this year organised and run by Ms Horkan's 5th and 6th class, will take place Wednesday 10th April. As always we would love every family in the school to donate either home baked or shop bought cakes and goodies for sale; all items should be sent/brought into school at 9.20am on the day of the sale. Parents are asked to please give their children some money (in loose change please as the school no longer holds money on the premises to give out as change) for them to spend at the sale. We will also be holding our annual Easter raffle for each class to win an Easter Egg; raffle tickets are 50c per strip or 3 strips for €1; tickets will be on sale from Monday 8th April from class teachers. All proceeds will go to the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. As always, your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Further information on this year's Trócaire Campaign can be found on www.trocaire.org.



Applications are now open for the hit RTÉjr show Donnacha's TWO TALENTED and applications will close on the **10th of April**. Adare Productions are looking for the country's most talented youngsters age 5-11 years of age to take part. Singer or dancer, solo or duet, all applications are welcome. There are no judges, no competition just a chance to showcase the best talent Ireland's kids (and their chosen grown ups!) have to offer. The show sees kid take charge and mentor a chosen adult member to join them on our stage. To apply interested parties can register online and submit their short audition clip at- <https://submit.link/heBzR>.

Host rugby legend Donncha O' Callaghan will be on hand to steady the grown-up's nerves, as talented youngsters showcase their talent, before taking on the challenge of mentoring their chosen adult family member to join them on the big stage. For more information contact 01 2843877 or visit the RTÉjr website for more information.



St Louis Community School

The St Louis soccer team won the Connaught Soccer A Senior Final recently which means Best School Soccer Team in Connaught. Members of the team, some of whom are former pupils of Knock NS, will visit each classroom in the school on Friday 12th April to show off their trophy to everyone.



Spar FAI Primary 5's

Well done to our boys and girls teams who played in the qualifiers held recently at CMS Park (Kiltimagh/Knock UTD ground). All teams played superbly. One boys team got to the semi-final, the other boys team, who they lost to, were from St. Aidans NS, Kiltimagh. The girls also played very well, winning one of their games. Our thanks go to Noel McHugh and Eamon Byrne for all their work in training the teams in recent weeks.

Extracurricular Activities



Football

The local finals football matches will be played shortly. Details, including training sessions, other than already scheduled, will be advised in due course.



Athletics

All classes will attend athletics in Claremorris as follows:

1st and 2nd(a) class (incl Sarah and Niall): Tuesday 2nd April

5th(b) and 6th class: Friday 5th April

Junior Infants (incl Kian): Tuesday 9th April

Senior Infants: Tuesday 7th May

4th and 5th(a) class: Thursday 9th May

2nd(b) and 3rd class (incl Cian & Josh): Wednesday 15th May

Cost is €5.50 per child please, covering entry to the track and return bus fare.



Cycling Safety

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



Hurling Blitz

The hurling team will shortly participate in a Cuman na mBunscoil hurling blitz. Date and details to 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

The hurling team 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 is now complete. Group B training: continues for 6 weeks from 21st March.



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.

Other Activities



Music for 3rd to 6th class pupils

Please note slight change to schedule of lessons, as (2) has been re-scheduled: (2) Monday 8th April, (3) Monday 29th April, (4) Monday 13th May, (5) Monday 20th May and (6) Monday 27th May. Only those who have paid for music by 14th 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:



Easter will take place on Friday 12th April.

May: Mary's month

June: End of Year

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



Sacraments

Do this in Memory of me mass at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th April in the Parish Church. Meeting in St John's Rest and Care Centre at 7.30pm on the Thursday 11th April.

Communion Retreat: 11th April.

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



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.

The Haven: Thursday 6th June to Waterpoint and lunch at Maple Moose, Enniscrone

Senior Infants: Friday 7th June to Turoe Pet Farm, Loughrea, Co Galway.

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

Thank you to those who have paid deposits or made full payments for the above tours. However, there are some 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 and for train fares in advance.

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.



Farm Safety Talk

All classes will attend farm safety talks during school on Thursday 2nd May.



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.



Heritage in Schools Scheme

We will shortly have visits from two specialists under this scheme, as part of the SESE curriculum; where all classes will take part in a Habitat Study and a Music through the Ages session.



Graduation Mass

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



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.



Cash for Clobber

Our next Cash for Clobber collection will take place on 21st 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 16th, Friday 17th and Monday 20th 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 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 Election Day: School closed on Friday 24th May to facilitate upcoming European elections.

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