



23/05/2024

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children of second class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday last. Logan O Connor, Mary Jane Murphy, Maeve O Connell, Reece Sheahan, Bláithín Murphy, Ollie O Halloran, Oran Riordan, Kyle Koziel, Grace Guerin.

Lee Strand Tokens

The school needs a lot more **tokens** to qualify for free school journals. So please keep collecting the tokens from Lee Strand Milk cartons and bring them into school.

Book Scheme

The Department of Education are granting €80.00 per child to the school to buy/cover books and copies. This is a 17% decrease on last year's grant. Children will need to buy stationary including glues, whiteboard markers, colours, pencils, folders etc. Arts Crafts / Photocopying and online subscriptions will be charged separately.

New Infants (September)

There will be an open day for infants who are due to start school this September from 2pm-3pm on Tuesday, the 11th of June.

School Tour

Children from Junior Infants to Third Class will go to Active Kingdom in Tralee on the 29th May. Children from 4th-6th class will travel to Ballyhass Lake on the same day.

Millstreet Athletics

This will take place on 17th June. All children from 4th-6th will go by bus. Two pupils from each of the the younger classes will also travel to the event.

Tag Rugby

The pupils in 5th and 6th class enjoyed the tag rugby organised by Kanturk rugby club, on Friday, the 10th of May. A great day was had by all. A big thank you to Kanturk Rugby club for organising the day.

Graduation / End of Year Mass

End of Year mass and graduation ceremony will take place on **12th June**. Time to be confirmed.

Fire Safety

Visit from Cork County Fire Service in Millstreet

A huge thank you to Jennifer and David from Cork County Fire Service in Millstreet for giving a visit to our school. They showed the kids the duties involved in being a fire fighter, the gear they wear and how pupils and families can be safe in their own home environment.

School Initiatives



Karl and John who work with the company Vestas visited our school in April and spoke to the pupils about renewable energy. They talked about the benefits of wind energy and the work they do to maintain the wind turbines at one of the local wind farms. It was very interesting and the children really enjoyed it.



We have carried out lots of activities this year in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Mrs. Keane sent in our application for review which documented all the work we did throughout the year. We got notified last week that we have successfully achieved our Curious Minds silver award. We will receive this in the post in the coming weeks. Well done to all the teachers and students!!



From January to May the children from 3rd to 6th class have been learning German with Mrs. K. O'Sullivan. Among other things, they learned to greet each other, talk about their hobbies and the weather. In their final lesson, Mrs. O'Sullivan brought in some German treats, like 'Salzstangen', 'gebrannte Mandeln' and 'Manner Waffeln' and the classes made their own German waffels with 'Puderzucker' to get a taste of the German cuisine.





The Green Flag Committee submitted their final application documenting all the hard work carried out over the last two years on the theme of "Water" in Knocknagree school during the month of March. We got the great news in April that we were successful in securing a second Green flag for our school. We were invited to attend the National Green Flag awards ceremony in the Raddison Blu Hotel in Cork recently where students Killian Moynihan and Denis Donnelly accepted the flag from An Taisce. We are looking forward to having a flag raising ceremony in school in the coming weeks.



The pupils in 5th and 6th class have completed the Blue Star programme. Through this programme, they learn about the EU, its history, geography as well as the constitutional and creative elements of the European Union. The children enjoyed participating in the interactive quizzes and engaging in project and group work.



Run Around Europe Challenge

At Knocknagree National School, we are participating in the Run Around Europe European Challenge where children run laps around the school, accumulating kilometres as they journey to different destinations across Europe. The excitement is evident as students cheer each other on, pushing themselves to reach each destination. This initiative isn't just about physical activity; it's about exploring the world, one step at a time.

Music Concert

The pupils from 1st to 6th class will host a music concert next Friday, the 24th of May at 11:30am. This is organised by their music teacher from Cork ETB Ms Noreen O Connor. The pupils will be accompanied on the day by Noreen and John Dennehy (Cork ETB School of Music)

After School Childcare/Homework club

We will continue to have an after-school service in the school after the holidays. This is run by Lisa Riordan from Lisa's Little Lions. Lisa will be taking registrations for this in September. The service will run from 2pm to 6pm Monday to Friday during term time and the breakfast club will start at 7:30pm Monday to Friday from September 2024.

Parents Association

We are grateful to everyone who supported our clothes collection in April. €900 was raised from this initiative.

Congratulations to the twelve children who received their First Holy Communion on Sat 9th of May- we hope you enjoyed your celebratory balloon and treat bag.

Please get involved! Parental input is always welcome and we are happy to hear any ideas and suggestions you would like us to explore.

Parents Association Financial Report January 2024 to June 2024

Date	Income Activity	Expenditure Activity	Amount
March 2024		Easter Eggs and Hampers	€165.96
March 2024		'No Dogs' signage for school gate	€44
March 2024	Easter Raffle		€152.20
April 2024	Clothes Collection		€900
May 2024		Irish Dancing	€960
May 2024		Painting and decorating of sensory room	€400
May 2024		Communion Balloons and Treat Bags	€45.90
June 2024		Animal Shack visit	€190
June 2024		Lego Workshop	€560

Ard na Crusha

The pupils from 5th and 6th class and the Green schools committee will travel to Ard Na Crusha Hydroelectric power station on Wednesday , the 19th of June.

Visit to AIB Millstreet

The pupils in 1st, 2nd 5th and 6th class will travel to AIB Millstreet on the 14th of June to observe the workings of the bank and see what is done inside the counter behind the scenes.

Animal Roadshow

The Animal Roadshow will visit all classes on the 18th of June this has been funded by the Parents Association.

Lego Workshop

All pupils will enjoy a lego workshop on Friday the 14th of June, funded by the Parents Association.

Dancing

Áine Murphy dancing teacher taught the children Irish dancing for six weeks. We wish to thank the Parents Association for funding this event.

School Half zips

The school half zips will be available from O' Keefes Drapery shop in Ballydesmond from July.

Lotto Fundraiser

Please continue to support Our Lotto Fundraiser at

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/knocknagreens/>

The monies raised from this fundraiser enables us to buy essential equipment, maintain facilities and provide a variety of learning opportunities to the pupils in Knocknagree N.S.

Instagram

Knocknagree N.S are now on Instagram so please follow us on

https://www.instagram.com/knocknagreens/?igsh=MTdjdm03eTgzNjV3ZA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Wednesday 5th June

Children will go home from school early on Wednesday 5th June at 1.55pm to facilitate staff meeting.