



## Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

I hope this Newsletter finds you well. Our school is definitely a very busy place at the moment. We are delighted at how our Junior Infants have settled in and we hope that all our new families who joined us this year are beginning to feel part of our school community.

We are very happy that most of our regular activities have now returned. We are facilitating a number of multi-class activities and students are again enjoying Playball and Drama on a regular basis.

Last Monday morning we facilitated our first whole school assembly since March 2020. We were all delighted to be able to gather together again.

We achieve more by all working together.  
*Ní neart go cur le chéile*

Beir Bua  
Maura



## Hello from the PTA!



Hi All,

We would like to welcome you back to Killashee MDNS. We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for the coming months.

We have parent representatives for each class within the school. Each class also has a WhatsApp group. If you are not part of this group, please contact your class rep:

**Junior infants:** Aoife Barnes

**Senior infants:** Una Shanahan

**First class:** Claire Domican & Rhona Brennan

**Second class:** Tamso Doyle & Juliette Mooney

**Third class:** Shauna Kehoe & Lorraine Webberley

**Fourth class:** Kelly Li

**Fifth class:** Aishlinn Godson

**Fifth class MG:** Mairsile Kehoe

**Sixth class:** Kerrie-Ann Mooney & Elaine Downes

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. Please either contact your class rep or the PTA email address: [ptakillashee@gmail.com](mailto:ptakillashee@gmail.com)

## Hello from Our Students' Council

Greetings from our newly formed students' council,

We are looking forward to holding our first meeting this week. We will be chatting with the students in all the classes to know what is important to you.

**Third class:** Henry and Peyton

**Fourth class:** Neela and Oscar

**Multi-Grade:** Finn and Evie

**Fifth class:** Isabel and Jacques

**Sixth class:** Mimi and Robert

## Halloween Performance: Slán Mrs. Brennan

The main stars of our Halloween performance were our first-class students. They entertained everyone with their fantastic acting and beautiful singing.

Second class gave a lovely rendition of a poem dedicated to Mrs. Brennan. Third class showed off their Ukulele skills and lovely singing voices.

Our fourth, fifth and sixth class choir closed the show, singing two beautiful songs, the final song especially written for Mrs. Brennan. We were so proud of all our students on the day. A great team effort from staff, students, members of different boards and parents to make Mrs. Brennan's last day in the school really special

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## The Stars of the Show



## Staff Updates

Ms. Eleanor Brennan as you are aware, has retired and we were delighted to be able to gather to say goodbye and thank you to her on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

We introduce Ms. Marian Fox as our new Deputy Principal. I know you all join with me in wishing her well as she takes up her new position. (Ms. Fox of course will also continue as our sixth-class teacher).

We welcome to our Special Education Team, Ms. Maeve Scully who is back from leave and Ms. Marian Sheehan who joined our staff at the beginning of October.

## A few Reminders

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class students please remember to bring a lose top and trousers and a change of shoes that can be quickly put on over uniforms /tracksuits if you want to play on the pitches.

Let us save energy and help the environment by turning off all appliances when we are not working on them.

## Sports News

### A fantastic effort by both boys' and girls' GAA football teams

A huge congratulations to Mr. Corcoran and the boys from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes who won the County Final in Moorefield. An extremely close encounter which saw the game go to extra time. Killashee just edged it in the second half to come out on top. A huge thank you to all the supporters who were definitely the extra player on the day. Your support really added to the atmosphere.



Congratulations to Ms Fox and the girls' team for making it to the semi-final of the Cumann na mBunscol competition. They were narrowly beaten by Robertstown who progressed to the final.

### Killashee wins the Primary Interschool's Showjumping Competition.

Congratulations to India, Emma, Hannah and Amy and the Chef d' équipe Tamso Doyle for this fantastic achievement.



### Upcoming Sporting Events

We expect that we will be able to enter many more sporting competitions as Covid restrictions have lifted.

We hope to enter teams in Senior Cumann na Bunscol GAA, Cross country, Hockey, Soccer and Basketball later in the year.



## Great to Notice

Our senior students helping out  
our junior students

Children being kind and watching  
out for each other

Children helping staff members

Children using their cúpla focal in  
the classrooms and coming into  
school in the mornings.

Maith sibh gach duine!



## October 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Maths Week gave all the children an opportunity to enhance their mathematical skills through a number of fun activities throughout the week. Classes were given the opportunities to design a 'City scape' from as many shapes as possible.

Prizes were awarded to the winning entries from each class who entered. The 6<sup>th</sup> class were of great assistance to the Junior Infants in guiding them around their first ever Maths Stations in the hall. Well done to everyone for all of their hard work. A great team effort from all staff and pupils. A special thank you to Ms. Cassidy and Ms. Fox for organising the activities.

## Debating Update

Well done to all the pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> Class who have been engaging with Kildare Education Centre and taking part in an interschools debating competition via zoom. The team won their first round opposing the motion that school uniforms should be a thing of the past. They were narrowly beaten on Friday opposing the motion that fines should be implemented for producing food waste. Well done to Alex, Saoirse, Owen, Cian, Franz and Nawal who were excellent speakers and represented Killashee so well over the two rounds. A big thank you also to our timekeepers Niamh and Mika. It was a great team effort with all students involved in the research and rebuttal.



## HEALTHY SEAS<sup>®</sup>

3rd Class enjoyed a special workshop facilitated by Healthy Seas. Students enjoyed an interactive workshop which allowed them to explore pressing environmental issues linked to our seas.





We were delighted this year to be able to take part in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Children were invited to take part in this wonderful project.

The Shoe Boxes is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes from Africa and Eastern Europe. Boxes were collected from school on Friday November 5th. A huge amount of work went into this project, and we collected over 140 boxes. It is lovely to see the children thinking of others and giving so generously.



### Bake Sale



A huge thank you to all members of the school community who made the first Bake Sale of the year so successful. Well done to the Sixth Class for hosting.

The Junior Infants really enjoyed their first Bake Sale, along with all of the other classes of course. The PTA raised a staggering €450. This money will go towards funding various initiatives throughout the school year that will benefit our students.

## Science Week 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November

Science is an important part of a shared better future – helping us to understand our world, inspiring new opportunities, and providing potential solutions. The children got plenty of opportunities to research some scientists, engage in experiments, make hypotheses, and explore their world in a fun and interesting way during science week. Experiment stations in the hall proved a big hit. A huge thank you to Ms. Gould & Ms. Fennelly for organising this.

Throughout the month of November all pupils will be afforded the opportunity to engage with Bee-Bots which are on loan from Kildare Education Centre. These little robots make a perfect starting point for teaching sequencing, directional language, basic commands, and programming to pupils. They help to create and understand algorithms and simple programme creation and execution.

Thanks to Ms O' Connor for organising these innovative little guys!

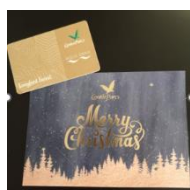


## Christmas Fair



On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December the Christmas Fair makes a welcome return to Killashee MDNS from 6pm to 8pm. There will be lots of fun and surprises on the night. Everyone is welcome.

The PTA will be running the Annual Christmas Raffle, with a Top Prize of a €300 Centre Parcs Voucher. Prizes also include an official signed Man United shirt, Hampers, Gift Vouchers & treats. All prizes are on display in the school cabinet. Tickets are €5 each or 5 tickets for €20 and are available to purchase from your Class Teacher.



## Some dates for your diary

November 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent- Teacher Meetings 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Class	1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pipers Hill College Musical	6 <sup>th</sup> Class
December 7 <sup>th</sup> 6.00 – 8.00pm.	Christmas Fair	School Community
December Date TBC	Visit to Cinema (Thanks to PTA for supporting the cost of the bus)	Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1 <sup>st</sup> .
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas / Colourful Jumper Day (Sixth class charity event)	All classes
December 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10.30 - 11.30am	Christmas Celebration including a drama performance by Senior Infants	All classes and School community
December 22nd	Close for Christmas holidays half day	
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holidays	
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens	
January 13th	Visit to Gaiety Theatre Pantomime ' The Jungle Book'. (Thanks to PTA for supporting the cost of buses)	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Class