



KILLASHEE MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the midterm break next week, I would like to take a moment to wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable holiday. It's a great time for the children to recharge, enjoy some fun activities, and embrace the festive spirit of Halloween (safely)!

We hope the break brings lots of rest, creativity, and perhaps a few spooky adventures. Thank you for your continued support this term, and we look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for the next exciting part of the school year on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards,

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Meet the committees!

Our committees have now been established for this year, many thanks to Mr Sheehan for his work with the C oiste Gaelach, Ms O' Connor with the Active Schools, and Ms Edgeworth with the Green Schools Committee. Wishing all pupils on the committees a productive year,

Student Council 2024/2025	
2 nd Class	Conor, Luciana
3 rd Class	Ellie, Theo
4 th Class	Fergal, Tessa
5 th Class	Finn, Ella
6 th Class	Saorlaith, Millie, Larry, Daniel

Green Schools Committee 2024/2025	
2 nd Class	Noah, Saanvi
3 rd Class	Clara, Charlie
4 th Class	Eric, Avery
5 th Class	Henry, Katryna
6 th Class	Charlie, Emily, Patrick, Evie

Active School Committee 2024/2025	
2 nd Class	Leo, Poppy
3 rd Class	Charlotte, Freddie
4 th Class	Neo, Seamie
5 th Class	Maddie, Devin
6 th Class	Lorcan, Oliver, Sofia, Cadhla



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Cóiste Gaelach 2024/2025

2 nd Class	Georgia, Cameron
3 rd Class	Mylo, Matilda
4 th Class	Luca, Amy
5 th Class	Peyton, Tillie
6 th Class	Eamonn, Matthew, Kayla, Connor

What we've been up to.

New Maths Curriculum Training

All of our teachers received training in the Primary Maths Curriculum on Monday 7th October. This curriculum presents a fresh vision for children's mathematical learning that is characterised by playfulness, creativity, challenge, risk-taking, collaboration and opportunities for reasoning and solving real-life problems. Some of the new strategies such as Maths Talk are currently being embedded in our classes this year where children verbalise how they reach a solution.

Maths Week

Maths Week took place on the week of the 12th October. The children had the opportunity to develop their maths eyes, engage in stations in the hall and solve challenges in their classroom. There was great fun and great learning. Huge thanks to Ms Cassidy and Ms Scully for organising the activities behind the scenes.



Open Day

We held an open day on Wednesday 16th October. A special thanks to our student council members and to 6th class who spoke so well to prospective parents and children and guided them around the school. All those who came complimented the children on how well they spoke. The children were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. Well done to all pupils and staff for their work on getting this ready. Sincere thanks to our Parents Association for organising refreshments for the morning.





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Garda Safety Workshops



Garda Maureen Nerney visited Junior Infants to Second Class to talk about personal safety, road safety and Halloween safety on Thursday 17th October. There was a lot of information to take in and the pupils certainly learned a lot. Talks about personal online safety will take place for 3rd -6th Class in November.

Shoe Box Appeal

The Parents Association will co-ordinate the Shoebox appeal this year. Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Since 2010, they have delivered over 2.5 million Shoebox gifts to Vulnerable Children across the world. Leaflets will issue to families early next week



Updates

Staffing

We are saying farewell to a friend and colleague, Ms Collette Kirwan, who will officially retire after the midterm break. Collette has worked as a Special Needs Assistant with many children both past and present in Killashee over the past twenty plus years; we sincerely thank her for her years of dedicated service. She will be sadly missed by the Killashee community; we wish her well in her retirement journey. We will hold a school based celebration for Collette later in the year.

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2025-2026

The school will commence taking applications for Junior Infants 2025-2026 on Friday 25th October, please see key dates below. Please see the admissions section on the website. Admissions > Read more> Downloads. The application form, admission notice and admission policy can be downloaded from the website. The main office will have application forms printed should you require one. Please note we are not taking email applications, they can be dropped to the office, the post-box or returned via post. We intend to open two small Junior Infant classes for the school year 2025/2026, with a maximum of twenty-three pupils in each, as we will have two outgoing Sixth classes this year.



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Key dates for admissions to Junior Infants 2025/2026:



The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	25th October 2024
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	15th November 2024
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	2nd December 2024
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission	2nd-13th December 2024

Reminders:

Sundry Charges

Sundry charges have now issued to all classes. Many thanks to those who have paid their so promptly or are paying in instalments. Please use the Eolas App to pay. If you are having any difficulty with the app please contact the main office.

Fashion Show Fundraiser

We are having a fashion show to raise funds for our all-weather surface on Friday 15th November. The fundraising committee have been beavering away behind the scenes and are delighted to announce that the tickets for the fashion show are now live. We are very grateful for all of the committees' hard work.

Link to tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fashion-extravaganza-tickets-1037839013427?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

Halloween Dress Up

Children can dress up for Halloween on Friday 25th October this will be a fundraiser for the Parents Association. Things to remember please: No clown costumes, some children are afraid of them. Children must be warm enough to go out to play at break time in them, remember to bring a coat. Bulky costumes will need to be removed at break times for health and safety purposes. The children can bring (small) props but will need to leave them in the classroom before going to yard. Similarly inflatable costumes will need to be deflated for the classroom and yard. We are looking forward to discovering what the staff theme is this year!





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Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings will take place for Senior Infants to 6th Class the week beginning 18th November (usually the Wednesday and Thursday evenings, individual teachers at their discretion may choose to so some morning meetings that week). Sign up times will issue after the midterm break for those classes. Junior Infant parent teacher meetings will take place in February.

