

A message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the festive season approaches, the staff and management of Killashee MDNS extend our warmest wishes to all families in our school community. This time of year offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the values we hold dear: kindness, gratitude, and togetherness.

Our school is enriched by the many cultures, traditions, and beliefs that each of you brings to our shared community. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, another holiday, or simply enjoying this special time of year with loved ones, we hope it brings joy and peace to your home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Killashee community for your support and commitment to the work of the school during the last term. In particular, I would like to thank the parents who have given of their time, in big ways and small, to contribute to the work of the school through the many activities they have organised during the year. Your input makes a significant contribution to the vibrant character and atmosphere of our school. Thank you!

I would also like to acknowledge the support and work of our school's Patron Body and Board of Management and thank them for their enormous commitment. The Board of Management and Patron members give generously of their time and expertise to support and enhance the essential work of the school.

I am privileged to lead a dedicated and enthusiastic team of staff who have a genuine passion for ensuring the best for each individual pupil in our school. Their work and enthusiasm for Killashee is truly amazing.

I also thank Orla and Mary in the school office, along with Christy our caretaker who look after us all in the day to day organisation and administration.

Finally, I thank the boys and girls who I know, will continue to strive to achieve their potential in 2025.

I would like to conclude by wishing everyone a restful break and a bright, prosperous, and healthy New Year. Beannachtaí Na Nollaig oraibh go léir.

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All Weather Playing Surface Update

Work on the pitch is progressing well. We have reached the stage where we are drawing down our €75,000 loan to complete the works. This loan will be repaid over several years, and many Killashee pupils will benefit from this initiative for years to come.

To support these repayments, we have a dedicated fundraising committee that organises events and activities. We are eager to welcome parents from all classes to join us, share ideas, and help with future event planning.

Could you be that person? If so, please feel free to email me with your expression of interest at <u>killasheemfox@gmail.com</u>. We would love to have more parents involved, as your dedication will directly benefit your child and the school community.

What the pupils have been up to?

Credit Union Art Competition Winners



A number of classes entered this competition. We had winners in 1st and 6th classes. Congratulation to Amelie, Charlie and Millie from 6th Class, Charlie, Ezra, Emma, Sophia and Aoibhinn from 1st Class. Amelie and Charlie were also runners up in the regional rounds. There is lots of artistic talent in Killashee. Well done to all those who entered.

Peace Proms

5th & 6th Class travelled to Blanchardstown to the National Indoor Arena for a rehearsal for Peace Proms on Thursday, 10th December. They were very impressed with the conductor's ability to manage so many schools and his beatboxing talents! They are making great progress and we look forward to seeing them perform on Saturday 1st February in the RDS.





Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair took place in the school on Thursday, 12th December, from 6-8pm. What a great atmosphere there was. A huge thank you to the Parents Association for decorating and organising this event. So much work goes on behind the scenes in getting this off the ground. It is always one of the highlights of the year for our children.

Charity

Each year, 6th class pupils chose a charity to support. This year, they chose the Irish Cancer Society as their charity. The children wore their Christmas jumpers and Winter Woollies on Thursday, 12th December, and made donations. The final amount raised for the Irish Cancer Society was €550. Well done to all pupils and staff.

A Trip to the Moat Theatre



Junior Infants, Senior Infants, and 1st Class are looking forward to their trip to the Moat Theatre to see *Santa and The Three Little Pigs* on Wednesday, 18th December. It is the first bus trip for our Junior Infants. Thanks to the Parents Association who agreed to cover the bus costs for this trip.



The Gaiety Panto

2nd-6th Classes will go to the Gaiety Theatre in January to see *Peter Pan* on Friday, 10th January. Payment for tickets will be opened on the app next week, and the Parents Association will cover the bus costs for this trip. Please let your child's class teacher know if they will not be here for this event.

Rugby Blitz

Best of luck to all of our teams participating in the rugby blitz on Tuesday 17th December (weather permitting). We hope you enjoy the day. Thanks to Mr Sheehan for his work with the various teams.



Senior Infants Performance

Senior Infants will perform their play on Friday, 20th December, in the hall at 10am. There will also be singing from both the Junior and Senior choirs.

Approximate timeline:

10.00-10.20am Senior Infant Play

10.20-10.40am Junior and Senior Choirs performance

Finishing Times

To help ease traffic congestion on the day:

Junior & Senior Infant (and their siblings) will finish at 12 noon

The rest of the school will finish at 12.30pm

You are free to collect your child(ren) after these performances, but please let your child's class teacher know in advance.

Reminder:

2nd-6th Class will be going swimming in the New Year. Dates and details for each class to follow next term.

