

February 2025

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As the days grow longer and the signs of spring begin to bloom, we are delighted to share the latest updates from our school community. The month has been filled with lots of events, fantastic achievements, and wonderful moments of learning and growth for our students. We are so proud of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by our pupils, teachers, and parents, and we look forward to a term filled with more learning, fun, and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do it without you!

Kind regards,

Marian

In Memory of Ms. Ann Fleming

It is a sad time for our school community as we mourn the passing of Ms. Ann Fleming, a beloved teacher and colleague for many years. Her dedication, kindness, and impact on our school will always be remembered. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her children and all of her extended family during this difficult time. A memory book has been placed in the foyer for anyone who would like to share a memory of Ann. We will gather these messages and pass them along to her family in the coming weeks. May Ann rest in peace.

Swimming Schedule

Children from **2nd to 6th class** will begin swimming lessons at Kildare Leisure Centre on **Tuesdays** (beginning 4th March for 6th Class). Swimming is a mandatory component of the school curriculum and can only be excused if a child has a medical condition. Children who have been medically advised not to swim will remain in school and complete assigned work in another classroom.

Children will be transported by bus to and from K Leisure according to the following dates:

6th Class Swimming Dates (Tuesdays)

- March 4th, 11th, 25th
- April 1st, 8th

2nd to 5th Class Swimming Dates (Tuesdays)

- April 29th
- May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th



Payment can now be made through the Eolas App. The total cost for swimming for pupils in 2nd, 3rd and 4th class is €53 for 5 lessons. The pupils in 5th & 6th will pay €43 as they had a credit of one swimming and one bus run remaining from last year.



Spanish Classes

Spanish classes for 3rd to 6th classes began Thursday 27th February and will be facilitated by Ms Aisling Cardenas as part of the Say Yes to Languages Programme. This programme will run for 10 weeks up until 15th May. We are looking forward to practicing our Spanish in the coming weeks.

Dates for Your Diary

Half Day Closure: **14th March**. School will close at 12 noon for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and their siblings and 12.30pm for the rest of the school to facilitate staff training on the BÍ Cinealta programme.

AGM for The Friends of Killashee School Ltd: The AGM for our Patron body will take place on Thursday **13th March at 8pm** in the school hall.

Killashee Fundraising Committee are delighted to announce our next fundraiser— Family Fun Race Day—taking place on **Sunday, 18th May 2025**, at Naas Racecourse.

We will celebrate world book week next week with 2nd class leading assembly, the book fair will arrive on Friday 21st March. More details to follow closer to this event.

Funathon

We are thrilled to announce that our pupil fundraising efforts have been a huge success, raising a total of just under €1200. Big congratulations to everyone who contributed, and a special shout-out to our incredible children who helped make this possible.

Prize Winners from the student raffle, where every child received a ticket were;

- Tessa & Olivia (4th Class) – Congratulations on winning Penny's vouchers
- Charlie (6th Class) – Well done on earning Smyths vouchers
- Evan (5th Class) – A big round of applause for winning Smyths vouchers
- Larry (6th Class) – Enjoy your prize of being Principal for a Day

We would also like to extend our thanks to all the stall holders in 3rd -6th classes for their fantastic support and contribution. Your hard work helped make this event such a great success.

Peace Proms

On 1st February, we had the privilege of attending a spectacular event held at the RDS, where over 2,500 children came together to sing with the Cross Border Orchestra. The atmosphere was electric and it was truly a magical experience for all involved. A special thank you goes to our dedicated teachers—Mr. Sheehan, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. O'Connor, and Ms. Bostrom—for attending and supporting the children over the Bank Holiday weekend. Your commitment and enthusiasm made the event even more memorable for everyone. It was an unforgettable day filled with music, energy, and community spirit. We're so proud of all our students who participated!



Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz took place on Friday, 7th February at Toughers, and we are delighted to share that both of our teams performed brilliantly. Both teams finished fourth in their categories and were just narrowly pipped for 3rd place. Huge congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and determination. A special thank you to Mr. Sheehan for his dedication in organising and preparing the children for this challenging event. We are so proud of how the students represented the school.

GAA Skills Training

Junior Infants, Senior Infants, and First Class will be starting GAA training with local coaches from Two Mile House over the next couple of weeks. This is a great opportunity for the children to get active, learn new skills, and have fun while participating in the sport. We look forward to seeing them develop their teamwork and GAA skills.

6th Class: Emergency Roadshow Vehicles

On Wednesday, 26th February, Garda vehicles visited our 6th class, as part of the Naas Community Policing initiative. The event featured emergency personnel from An Garda Síochána, Civil Defence, and the Order of Malta, who gave talks and showcased their equipment and vehicles to the students. It was an informative and exciting experience for everyone involved.

FAI Soccer Tournament

On the 26th and 27th of February, pupils from 5th and 6th class took part in the FAI Soccer Tournament. A total of four teams competed—two boys' teams and two girls' teams. We are thrilled to announce that one boys' team successfully progressed to the next round. A huge well done to all the players for their fantastic effort and teamwork. Best of luck to the qualifying team in the next stage of the competition!

