

Killashee School Newsletter April & May Updates

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have reached our final term, and as always, it's proving to be a very busy and exciting time at Killashee. We are reaching the end of our swimming block for classes 2nd to 5th. Our Spanish classes for 3rd -6th finish up this week, we thank Ms Aisling Cardenas for all of her hard work. The children have had great fun learning Spanish. Standardised testing has now been completed. We are looking forward to a very busy June with school tours, 6th class Graduation, Active School Week and of course our School Sports Day on Friday 13th June, (weather permitting). This will be the last week of formal written homework; we would still encourage our pupils to read over the month of June. Our older pupils may be busy with revision homework and projects. Please take a few minutes to read through the updates and important reminders below. Please note the 045 881636 phone line fault has been fixed by Eir, they are continuing to work on the 045 882239 number which either goes directly to voicemail or continues to ring your end and not in the office. Your patience is appreciated. Please remember to mark your email from school to prevent to going to spam.

Attendance Reminder

Please ensure all absences are recorded and up to date on the Databiz app. If a reason for absence is not entered, it will default to "unexplained." This is especially important as we prepare for our annual returns to TUSLA at the end of the term. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are having difficulty entering the reason for absence.

Sporting Highlights

GAA

- **Boys U10** faced tough opposition in their pool this year. They played very well and many of them enjoyed their first experience in a Killashee jersey. Thank you to Ms. Ennis for taking the boys.
- **Senior Girls** performed exceptionally well, narrowly missing out on progressing from the pool stages. Well done to all of the team.
- **Senior Boys** reached the semi-finals against Ballyshannon NS and played brilliantly, though it wasn't their day, there was some great skill on display. Thanks to Mr. Corcoran for taking the team.
- **U10 Girls** will compete in a blitz in June – more details to follow. As there is no Cumann Na mBunscol competition for U10 girls a group of local schools have come together to organise this competition.

Tennis

- Congratulations to both **girls' and boys' doubles teams!** The boys reached the **Leinster semi-finals**, just missing out on progressing after a closely contested tie-breaker.

- Our **mixed doubles competition** at Naas Tennis Club was an enjoyable day for all. Huge thanks to Mr. Sheehan for coordinating a successful tennis season and to the various teachers who accompanied them to the competitions.

Cross Country

- Well done to all children who took part in the athletics competition just prior to the Easter holidays– over 100 students from various schools ran on the day. A big thank you again to Mr. Sheehan for his dedication and organisation.

Building Updates

As per our previous emails our school will be part of the **Retrofit** Scheme during the Summer months under the Pathfinder Project. We are still looking for **parent volunteers to assist with moving materials on Thursday, June 26th**. Thank you in advance for your support.

Summer Camp

The staff of Killashee will host a Summer Camp for the first two weeks of July. Please note that the venue for this will be St. David's NS. Flyers have been issued to the various classes. Please contact Mr. Corcoran or Ms O' Connor directly for further details.

Art Competition Winners.

Congratulations to 6 of our Junior Infant pupils who all won prizes in the Sight Savers Competition and headed to Dublin to collect their plaques and framed art. Well done thanks to Ms Quinn for entering.

Moat Performances

Congratulations to the pupils in **3rd, 4th, and 6th classes** for their fantastic performances in Moat Theatre. Special thanks to **Mary Power Cooney** (drama teacher), class teachers, SNAs, and office staff for their hard work in bringing the production to life. It was an enjoyable night for everyone.

First Communion

Congratulations to our pupils in 2nd Class who received their First Holy Communion on 10th May. Well done to Ms Guing and Ms Mc Loughlin on all of their hard work. A special thanks to the parents in First Class for hosting refreshments back at the school.

Junior Infants 2025/2026

We were thrilled to welcome 46 new Junior Infants to the Killashee family during our recent **Induction Day**. Thanks to the 6th class student council and all of the 6th class helpers on the day. Welcome to the families joining us! Our new Junior Infant teachers will be Ms. Quinn and Ms. Cassidy for the 2025/2026 school year.

Staffing Update

We will have a number of staff vacancies to fill for the upcoming school year. Interviews will be held over the Summer months. Class teachers for 1st–6th will be confirmed once the full team is in place. We are also still awaiting our SNA allocation from the Department of Education for the 2025/26 school year.

Fundraising

Family Race Day

A fantastic day was had by all at our Family Day at the Racecourse. We're still receiving contributions – all funds raised will go toward repaying the astro pitch loan. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bake Sale

Well done to 6th class who hosted a bake sale in May as a fundraiser for the PTA.

Congratulations to 6th class who held a breakfast morning and raised €100 for ChildLine. Thanks to Ms Cassidy for organising this event.

International Day

We're excited to host our International Day this Thursday! Children have been learning about their chosen countries, decorating classroom doors, and preparing songs or poems in various languages. We look forward to seeing the wonderful stalls on the day. Many thanks to Ms. Bostrom and Ms. Ennis for organising this event.

Change of Contact Details

If you have changed your phone number, address, or any other contact information, or **do not plan to return** to Killashee for the 2025/26 school year, please **contact the school office** as soon as possible so we can update our records.

Signing Out Children Early

If you need to collect your child early, you must come into the school office to sign them out in person. Children cannot be released to the main gate under any circumstances unless they have been officially signed out. Phone calls to the office requesting your child go to the gate are not sufficient – this is to ensure the safety of all children. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

School Closure.

Our school will be closed from the 2nd -6th June. We will re-open on Monday 9th June at 8.45am. Wishing you all an enjoyable break.

Lost Property

We have an ever growing pile of lost property located in our wheelchair toilet. If you are missing tracksuit tops, fleeces, water bottles or grey jumpers please come in and have a look. We have done our best to return items with names on them, unfortunately we are adding to it most days. Unclaimed items will be donated and recycled after the Sports Day (13th June).

Kind regards,

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