

🍁 **September** 🍊 **October** ☁️ **November 2024**

🍁 Fáilte Romhaibh Thar n-Ais 🍁

A very warm welcome back to everyone 🙌. It's been a busy number of months but great to be back in full swing again. Here are a few things that we've been up to!

👂 ISL Week 👂

This year the whole school embraced the theme of ISL week 'A World Where Deaf People Can Sign Anywhere'. Each child drew a picture of a world where everyone could use and understand sign. These fabulous drawings are on display for all to admire..



😊 Welcome Naíonán Bheaga 😊

A very warm welcome to our 11 new Junior Infants, who have been very busy the past number of weeks familiarising themselves with their new routines. They are really enjoying using their imaginations during free play and listening to alternative fairytales too! We would also like to extend a huge welcome to Lorcan, who has joined the buachaillí agus caillíní i Rang 4.



🕊️ Confirmation 🕊️

Confirmation for Rang 6 will take place on Wednesday 2nd of April in Castleisland Church at 12pm. Our school will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Gaelscoil and Scoil Íde, Curranes on the day.

🏰 First Holy Communion 🏰

Rang 2 will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 24th of May at 2pm in Cordal Church. All children from 3rd to 6th class will be participating in the choir on the day. If parents could ensure that children are present at the choir on the day, it would be very much appreciated 🙏

📊 Maths Week in Kilmurry NS

- Ms O'Connell put us through our paces during Maths Week with early morning brain teasers to wake us up for the day. Classes were also on the hunt for answers in some very interesting 🧐 and challenging maths 🧩 trails! Number plates were also scrutinised and Ms Kearney has officially got the oldest wheels in town. 🚗

✍️ Handwriting Heroes ✍️

We are very proud of the wonderful progress that we have made and continue to make in our school's handwriting. Keep up the great work everyone 🙌. Congratulations to our September Handwriting Heroes, Dara, Bridget, Fiadh, Emma, Sadhbh, Tyler, Maeve and Aisling. Congratulations also to our October Handwriting Heroes, Ayla, Matthew, Millie, Fiadh, Calum, Aoibhe, Aoife and Adam.



📦 Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to Ms. Lynch for coordinating this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. There were 58 shoeboxes donated and also donations made online. Thank you all for your kindness.



🏆 Cara Credit Union Winners 🏆

Huge congratulations to Amy and Aoife in Mr. O'Sullivan's class. Both girls collected awards on Friday night in Manor West Hotel for their fabulous art work. Well done girls. 🎨



🏆 Brendan Martin Cup 🏆

We were delighted to officially welcome Mags, Aishling, Cáit and our very own Ms. Lynch with the Brendan Martin Cup to the school back in September. We are so lucky and privileged to have such fantastic role models in our school and community.



🍁 Congratulations to our Halloween Competition Winners



Polling Station

Kilmurry NS will be closed on Friday the 29th November, as the building will be in use as a Polling Station for the upcoming General Election.

Child Protection Review

The school are currently undergoing our annual review of our Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment. If you have any questions or queries in relation to this document, please email the school at office@kilmurryns.ie by 28/11/24.

Enrolments for the 2025/2026 School Year

The enrolment process for the 2025/2026 school year is now open. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact the school for an enrolment form. You can also enrol via a link on our website www.kilmurryns.ie

Kind Donation

A sincere thank you to John Clifford, Cúl Cabs, for his very kind donation of €250 to the school again this year. His support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Mass

Our annual Christmas Mass will take place in the church at 9.45am on Friday 20th December. It should finish between 11.40am and 12pm. Children are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers on the day. Transport will be arranged for children attending breakfast club and afterschool on the day. Everyone is welcome to attend our Christmas Mass.

Christmas Decorations

Next week we will be putting up our Christmas Tree here in school. Each year, we get the children to create the decorations for the tree. We would be delighted if children could bring in some homemade decorations to spice up our tree and give it that wow factor!!

October Birthdays

Rang 1: **Julia, Fiadh, Millie**

Rang 3: **Evie**

Rang 4: **Alesha, Aoibhe**

September Birthdays

Naíonán Bheaga: **Jack, Mia, Emily**

Naíonán Mhóra: **Sophie**

Rang 1: **Aideen**

Rang 3: **Daniel**

Rang 4: **Niamh, Sonny, Eamon**

Rang 5: **Cyanna**

Roll Call Protocol

Just a reminder regarding Roll Call. Roll Call is taken at 10.30am every morning. Even if you send a note through Aladdin to say your child will be arriving late due to an appointment, we cannot mark your child present until they are on the school premises. This is for insurance purposes. When your child arrives in school we then amend the roll and mark the child present and record the arrival time on Aladdin.

Kilmurry NS is a NUT FREE school

As we have children in the school with peanut and sesame seed allergies, please do not send any of these nut related foods to school. Thank you.

STEM ar Scoil

Kilmurry NS are one of five schools in Kerry to be chosen to participate in the STEM ar Scoil project. This project aims to promote STEM activities in school and is funded by the Irish American Partnership. Rang a 5&6 recently had a work shop with Michelle Culloty. They carried out various inquiry based science activities.

Brú Columbanus

Thank you to everyone who supported our Halloween Dress Up day in aid of Brú Columbanus. A wonderful €176 was raised on the day.



SVP CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year's Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday 6th of December. We ask that children bring in €2 each, which will go towards the charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Alternatively, donations can also be made on the Radio Kerry website at

<https://www.radiokerry.ie/jumperday#>

November Birthdays

Naíonán Bheaga: **Eddie**

Rang 1: **Robyn**

Rang 2: **Kyle**

Rang 4: **Saibh, Lorcan**

Rang 5: **Aidan, Jack**

Rang 6: **Aisling**

Parents Association 2024/2025

A sincere thank you to all parents who attended this year's first Parents Association meeting. A sincere thank you to the following parents who have kindly offered to stay on for another year:

- **Chairperson:** Mags Fitzgerald
- **Secretary:** Aileen O'Connell
- **Treasurers:** Siobhán Culhane & Liz Keane

They are always happy to welcome more parents to their meetings.

Next Parents Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Parents Association will take place on Tuesday 3rd December at 8pm. They would really appreciate your support and presence on the night. All parents are welcome



Christmas Movie Night

The Parents Association will be holding a movie night on Friday 13th of December at 7pm. Entry is €5 per child.

Our Student Council will choose a selection of movies for each class. From this selection, each age group will vote on their favourite movie to show on the night.

The Student Council also suggested that children could bring their own treats and wear their pyjamas and bring blankets and pillows on the night.

The Parents Association are looking for volunteers to help out with supervision during the movies and at collection time on the night. If you are free and willing to help out please contact a member of the Parents Association. Thank you

Meet your Student Council



David, Alisa, Kian, Maeve, Denny

Our school's Student Council was created at the end of the last school year and they have come up with some great and innovative ideas.

- Christmas Movie Night, where children choose the movies
- 'Have your Say' box, where children can put forward ideas and suggestions to the Student Council
- Every Yard is your Yard, where children once a month can play in any yard they want to
- No written homework when the weather hits 22degrees

Hot Chocolate



A huge thank you to Ms Brosnan for organising a lovely surprise for us all last Friday. Some say she was inspired by a recent dance video created by children in the school. She treated us to some delicious hot chocolate. It went down a treat, especially with the frosty cold weather outside.

Christmas Hampers

Last year we had a hugely successful Christmas Hamper Draw, with just over €1,700 raised, which went to the cost of buses throughout the year. The Parents Association will be organising it again this year. It will take place after our Christmas Mass on Friday 20th of December. If you know of any businesses that might be willing to donate to this fundraiser, letters seeking donations will be available from the school.

Gaelbhratach



Anseo i Scoil Mhuire, is breá linn Gaeilge agus an teanga a úsáid. We were delighted to be accepted into the Gaelbhratach programme, which recognises the use of Gaeilge throughout the school. This is a two year programme, where by at the end, the school will be awarded with our first Gaelbhratach flag. Ms O'Sullivan and her coiste Seán, Jill, John, Abbie, Róisín and Abi will be organising various activities throughout the year to promote Gaeilge sa scoil.



Munster Rugby

Aoife from Munster Rugby will be carrying out workshops with children in 3rd to 6th class over the next number of weeks. She will be in school every second Thursday, starting this Thursday the 28th.

