



May 13th, 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you are keeping well. This month's newsletter is quite long and detailed as it reflects the very busy final term at school. We would appreciate if you could take the time to read it. Thank you.

Resignation

Annette Hardiman, as many of you know, is on Career Break this year and it is with a heavy heart that we announce that Annette has resigned from her post. Annette has taught in Kilrickle National School for almost 18 years, and she has been at the forefront of school life during her time here. Annette dedicated herself to Special Education teaching and learning during her time in Kilrickle N.S. and more recently to infant teaching and learning. Her kind, caring and warm nature will be missed around the school. On Graduation Day, Thursday, June 23rd we will be making a small presentation to Annette. We would like to wish Annette the very best in her future.

Centenary

As we celebrate our Centenary, we are asking the **boys and girls to find a past pupil who is willing to share their memories of their time in Kilrickle NS.** These pieces can be kept anonymous if you wish and we understand that not all families will be able to find someone to interview.

We ask that this past pupil do the following:

1. Read this sample interview that was done for the magazine [here](#).
2. Get the person who is completing the interview to click [this link](#) and type a similar account of their life and times at Kilrickle National School. The more detail the better.

An interview can be recorded on a mobile phone also and sent to the school. Sample questions, if needed, are attached [here](#).

Before and After School Services

If you wish to avail of the schools morning and after school services, please see our website for further information <https://www.kilricklens.org/breakfast-club-after-school>. Elaine Rowley, who runs these services, can be contacted on 087 -1352582.

Hurling and Camogie

Hurling in the morning will resume as normal for children from 1st class upwards at 9.00am this Monday. Currently Mr. Gibbon's room are training with Liam Gordon of Galway GAA at 9:30am. Their last session will be Thursday, May 19th.

Hurling will continue then with Liam Gordon for children in **1st – 3rd class on the school Astro** for the following dates and times: **Please bring your own hurl and helmet.**

- Thursday, May 26th - 9.30am -10.30am
- Thursday, June 2nd – 9.30am – 10.30am
- Thursday, June 9th - 9.30am -10.30am
- Thursday, June 16th - 9.30am -10.30am

There will be a school **hurling blitz for the boys from 3rd Class upwards on Thursday, May 18th in Cappataggle at 10.30am.** It concludes at approximately 12pm.

There will be a school **camogie blitz for the girls from 3rd Class upwards on Thursday, May 25th in Cappataggle at 10.30am.** It concludes at approximately 1pm.

If you can assist in the transportation of children to and from Cappataggle on either of those days, please let me know: mrgibbons@kilricklens.com Thank you.

Swimming Dates

Below is a reminder of the remaining swimming dates that are left this year.

Week 4: 20/05/2022 - Friday 11 - 12 noon

Week 5: 24/05/2022 - Tuesday 11 – 12 noon

Week 6: 02/06/2022 - Thursday 1 - 2 p.m.

Week 7: 07/06/2022 - Tuesday 12 - 1 p.m.

Week 8: 17/06/2022 - Friday 11 - 12 noon

Sponsorship of Jerseys

We are delighted to announce that McInerney's Supervalu, Loughrea have kindly agreed to sponsor a set of O'Neill jerseys for the school. We expect to have the new set of jerseys before the end of the school year.

Graduation

This year's 6th Class graduation ceremony takes place on the final day of term – **Thursday, June 23rd**. The ceremony will begin at 10.00am. We would like to invite all parents of those students graduating to the event. We would appreciate if you could forward on any pictures that you may have of our 6th class students from their time in school to mrgibbons@kilricklens.com

Summer Tours

The children in 5th and 6th classes will be going to Delphi this year for their summer tour. This is a two-night stay. **The children will be leaving Kilrickle N.S. on Wednesday morning, June 8th and returning on Friday, June 10th.** We ask that parent consent forms for the Delphi trip be sent as soon as possible.

Also, children from **Junior Infants – 4th Class will be attending the Let's Go Camp in the Kingfisher Club in Galway. The bus will leave Kilrickle N.S. at 8.50am and will return to school at 5pm.** A payment request for the Let's Go tour has been sent out.

School Works

As you have already seen we have erected a new sign outside our new classroom. Also, work has commenced on re-seeding the grass area along the astro.

Open Day

There is a school Open Day this Wednesday, May 18th at 2pm. This is for new pupils who will be attending our school in September. If you are aware of anyone who this may be beneficial to please let me know – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com.

Booklists, Reports and Calendar

Booklists will shortly be made available online and school reports will be ready to collect from the school office on Wednesday, June 15th. Any reports not collected on that day will be posted home. The school calendar for 2022/23 can be viewed online - <https://www.kilricklens.org/booklists-and-calendar>

Transition from Primary to Secondary Talk

There will be a talk given by a member of the National Parents Association of Ireland on the transitioning from primary school to secondary school. This talk will take place in Kilrickle National School on **Wednesday, May 25th at 7pm.** This is open to parents of 5th and 6th class students primarily but if other parents wish to attend, they are more than welcome to do so. If you plan to attend, please confirm with me mrgibbons@kilricklens.com before this coming Wednesday, 18th May. There is no cost to attend. We need at least 3 parents to attend for the meeting to go ahead.

Manning Cup

As you are already aware the **Manning Cup will be taking place Tuesday 24th May from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Bushfield, Loughrea.** In the coming week children will be partaking in track and field events in school to determine if they will qualify for the tournament. If they cannot attend, we ask that they inform their class teacher, or you may like to email your child's class teacher.

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First Confession/Communion/Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls in 2nd class who made their First Confession on Thursday, May 12th in Kilrickle Church.

A reminder that Communion is on Saturday, May 21st at 11am. **All children are involved in the ceremony and therefore we ask that they be in the church for 10.45am.**

There will be refreshments for everyone in the hall after the Holy Communion and the Parents Association would like to ask parents who don't have children making their Holy Communion for their help, please. They are looking for parents on Friday evening May, 20th from 7-8pm to help clean the church, clean and decorate the hall and on Saturday morning, May 21st at 11.30am, to help with the Communion party. Hopefully there will be enough volunteers, so parents only need to come either Friday evening or Saturday morning. Any help would be greatly welcomed and appreciated so if you can help, please call/text Mags on 0868932853.

Bishop Duignan has asked that all schools who are preparing for Confirmation this year conduct a Service of Reflection and Preparation for the Celebration of The Sacrament of Confirmation. **This is a very short ceremony that will take place on Tuesday, May 24th at 2.20pm in Kilrickle Church.** If possible, a parent or guardian of the candidate being confirmed should be present. Please let me know if you cannot get someone to take your place on Tuesday, May 24th.

Also, Confirmation will take place on Friday, May 27th at 3pm. Infants in Ms. Gallagher's class can wait the extra hour in school that day and make their way to the church with the rest of the choir that afternoon. **We expect that the ceremony will be completed at approximately 4pm.**

If your child cannot attend and you haven't done so already, can you please let your child's class teacher know.

ESB Notice

Unfortunately, **we will have to close the school on Monday, May 23rd** as the school is without electricity. Schools are mandated to close by the Department of Education if they are without electricity.

May Altar

We would appreciate any fresh wildflowers for our school May Altar.

Google Calendar

As you can see there are a multitude of important dates coming up. **Therefore, we have created a Google Calendar link [here](#) so that you can see exactly what is scheduled, day-in, day-out.** If you wish this can be linked directly to your own Google Calendar by pressing +GoogleCalendar in bottom right hand corner of the screen after opening the link. By downloading Google Calendar App you can view it more clearly.

School Website and Facebook Page

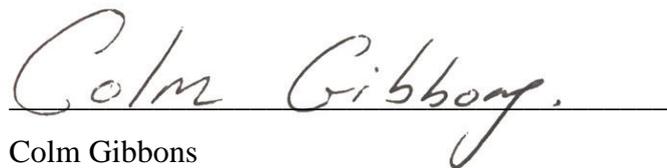
Please keep up to date with other various events by visiting our school website or by viewing our school Facebook page.

<https://www.kilricklens.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kilricklens/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this important newsletter. Have a nice weekend.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colm Gibbons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

Kilrickle N.S.