



14/10/21

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that your children have had a very good first term.

Pre-School and Morning/After-School Club

Both our Pre-School and Morning/After School services are up and running. Morning supervision is available from 8am each school morning and again from 2pm – 5pm each school day. You can contact Elaine Rowley on 087 1352582 if you have any queries regarding this. If you have any queries regarding the Pre-School you can contact Tina Clarke on 087 4151763.

Halloween and Mid-Term Break

The children will finish their first term on Friday October 22nd at 3pm and 2pm, as normal, for the infant classes. We ask that the children dress up in their Halloween costume for the last day of term. The Parents Association have kindly sponsored Goodie Bags for all the children on the day and also they have denoted Smyth's Toys Vouchers to the best costume from each classroom.

Parents Association

I would like to wish the very best of luck to our new Parents Association. Thank you to Mags Larkin, Nicola Edwards and Caroline Keena who have kindly volunteered to take over the Parents Association.

Summer Reading Programme

Well done to all the children who engaged in the Summer Reading Programme and congratulations to all the prize winners. Thank you to Ms Lusted for organising this.

Christmas Plays

It is expected that we will be able to run the School Christmas Plays on Monday, December 20th in the school hall. We are hopeful that Covid restrictions will not impact on this event however we are still have to ensure that it is a safe event. Further information will be given closer to the event.

Inspection

As you may already be aware we had an Incidental Department Inspection on Wednesday last, October 6th. We received extremely positive feedback from the Departmental Inspector. **He noted the high standard of teaching and learning that is ongoing in Kilrickle N.S and complimented all involved who contribute to this.** Great credit must go to the staff, parents, teachers, Board of Management and children who always ensure that these high standards are continually met within our school.

Pitch

Further progress will begin soon on the school pitch and we expect to have our Astro Turf completed in the coming weeks.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We hope to hold parent teacher meetings on the Week Beginning November 22nd. These meetings will take place in the school building during this week. However, if you would prefer a Zoom call instead this too can be arranged. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you after the mid-term break to set up a suitable time and date to conduct this meeting.

Sacramental Celebration

Congratulations to our eight third class pupils who celebrated making their First Confession and First Holy Communion in September. Thank you to Mr. Kelly who prepared the pupils so well for these celebrations. Thank you also to all those who helped contribute to these celebrations.

Rugby and Hurling

Hurling sessions will continue with Liam Gordon in Kilrickle Community Pitch for the children from 1st class – 3rd class each school Friday until Friday, November 26th. That session will be the last of the year.

Coaches from Connacht Rugby will be coming to the school every Thursday from October 21st for three weeks to train the children basic rugby skills on the school Tennis court. This will be for pupils from 1st class upwards. This will be done during school hours.

Centenary Group

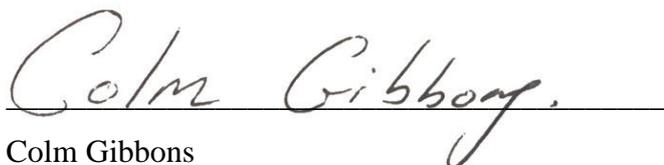
As mentioned earlier in the year, the school will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2022. We hope to create a committee that will organise events for our school's centenary. **We would appreciate a number of parents to be involved in the committee.** If you have interest in supporting this please email mrgibbons@kilricklens.com.

School Website

Please keep an eye on the school website to keep updated on the all the wonderful activities that are ongoing within the school: <https://www.kilricklens.org/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter and have a lovely week.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



Colm Gibbons

Principal

Kilrickle N.S.