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Dear Parents,

Please see attached April Newsletter for your attention. Please take note of this information.

School Bus Applications – Important Reminder

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are encouraging all parents to apply for a school bus place this month. The closing date for applications is **Friday, May 8th**.

Parents can register their children for the school bus using the provided link:

<https://www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport>

We strongly encourage **all families** to apply, as this will greatly support our efforts to secure a school transport service for the September 2026 school year. This is an important priority for our school.

School Closures – Important Dates

A reminder that the school will be closed on the following dates:

- **Thursday, April 30th** – Primary Curriculum Planning Day
- **Monday, May 4th** – Bank Holiday
- **Friday, May 29th** – School Closure
- **Monday, June 1st** – June Bank Holiday

Looking ahead, the school will close at **12 noon on Tuesday, June 23rd** for the Summer holidays. This day will also coincide with the **Sixth Class Graduation**.

Please make a note of these dates.

School Google Calendar – Stay Updated

We encourage all parents to keep a close eye on the school Google Calendar, which is linked [here](#).

There are many upcoming events over the next eight weeks, including blitzes, Sports Day, school tours, and other important activities. It is important to stay informed so you are aware of the dates when your child may be involved in specific events.

All key events for the coming weeks are available on the Google Calendar. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

However, I am highlighting these very important dates:

- **5th & 6th Class**
Trip to Delphi (2 nights)
Tuesday, June 2nd – Thursday, June 4th
- **2nd to 4th Class**
Baysports (*Please note change of date*)
Friday, June 12th
- **Junior Infants to 1st Class**
Loughwell Farm Park, Moycullen
Thursday, June 4th

Details and pricing for each tour have already been sent directly to families, based on the tours their children will attend.

School Garden and Window Boxes

Thank you to all who contributed so generously towards flowers, compost, vegetables, and seeds for our school garden.

Over the past two weeks, there has been a huge effort from both staff and pupils in preparing the garden and planting the window boxes.

We greatly appreciate everyone's support.

Pathways, Fencing and Grass Seeding

As you may have noticed, considerable groundwork has taken place on the school grounds during the Easter holidays and the week immediately afterwards.

A new pathway has now been installed, which is a fantastic addition to our school. **We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Patricia Kenny for her support in helping to facilitate this.**

In the coming days, the **grass will be reseeded**, and a **new fence will be erected alongside the school garden.**

Thank you to all parents for your continued support with these improvements—it is greatly appreciated.

Drumcondra Standardised Testing

As outlined in our previous newsletter, the **Drumcondra Standardised Tests** will take place from **Tuesday, May 26th to Thursday, May 28th.**

These assessments are very important, as they help inform our planning for Special Education Teaching (SET) allocation for the coming year.

We kindly ask that every effort is made to ensure pupils are present on these days. If your child is unable to attend, please inform the school well in advance so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Kilrickle Kidz Summer Camp

A reminder that Ms. Gallagher will once again be running the ***Kilrickle Kidz Summer Camp*** on the school grounds from **June 29th to July 3rd.**

The camp is open to children aged **4 to 12 years**.

If you would like to register a place for your child, please do so by emailing Ms. Gallagher at mskgallagher@kilricklens.com or by contacting Sarah via WhatsApp on **087 274 3582**.

Parents Association – First Holy Communion Preparations

The Parents Association is seeking support from parents in preparing for the celebration following the **First Holy Communion Mass on May 23rd**.

Help would be greatly appreciated with setting up the hall in advance on **Thursday, May 21st at 9pm**, as well as with preparations and clean-up after the event.

- Parents of **Third Class** pupils are kindly asked to assist with serving tea and coffee on the day.
- Parents of **Second Class** pupils are invited to provide refreshments (e.g. buns, cakes, etc.). These can be dropped to **Mr. Gibbons' office by Thursday, May 21st**.

If you are available to help in any way, please reach out to a member of the Parents Association.

Please see the attached letter for further details.

School Choir – First Holy Communion

A reminder that we would greatly appreciate the participation of all pupils who are **not making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 23rd** in the school choir.

Children taking part in the choir should arrive at the church **no later than 10:45am**. The ceremony will begin at **11:00am** and is expected to conclude at approximately **11:45am**.

Following the ceremony, children can be collected from the **community hall**.

Thank you for your support.

Confirmation – 5th and 6th Class

As you are aware, many pupils in **5th and 6th Class** will be making their **Confirmation on Friday, May 22nd at 11:00am**.

Pupils receiving the sacrament do not need to attend school that morning and should arrive at the church with their families at approximately **10:45am**.

We would appreciate if siblings of those being confirmed could take part in the choir for the ceremony.

After the ceremony:

- Pupils who participated in the choir will return to school.
- Pupils who have received their Confirmation may go home, and if they wish, their siblings may also leave with them.

Reports and Book Lists

School reports and book lists may be collected from the school office from **2:00pm on Tuesday, June 16th**.

Manning Cup Athletics Event

The **Manning Cup** is an annual athletics event held in Bushfield, Loughrea. Pupils from **Junior Infants to Sixth Class** may qualify to take part.

If your child qualifies for an event, you will be notified directly.

Please note that this year's event will take place on **Thursday, May 21st at 6:00pm**, the day before Confirmation. The event is expected to conclude before **8:00pm**.

If your child qualifies but is unable to attend, please inform the school in advance so that the place can be offered to another pupil.

School Photographs – Next School Year

School photographs for the new school year will take place on **Tuesday, September 8th**.

Lost and Found

There is currently a large number of items in the school's lost and found, located in **Mr. Gibbon's room**.

These items, including **unnamed school uniforms**, will be placed on the school railings at home time over the coming days. Parents are welcome to check for and take any belongings.

Please note that any uncollected items will be disposed of after one week.

May Altar

As May is fast approaching, we encourage children to bring in wild flowers or other flowers for our **May Altar**, which is located in the school hallway.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Stay Up to Date

The school is very busy at this time of year. To keep up to date with all activities and events, please visit our **school website** and **Facebook page** using the links provided.

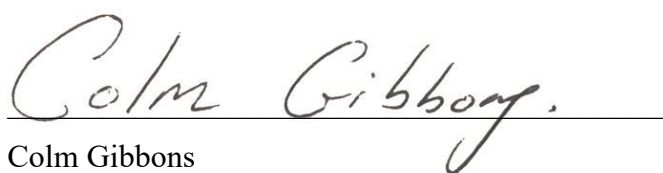
We encourage all families to check these regularly.

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

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This Newsletter and all previous newsletters are linked here: <https://www.kilricklens.org/newsletters>

Have a lovey weekend,



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