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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Please take note of the following:

Credit Union Table Quiz

The children in Mr. Gibbons' and Mr. Kelly's rooms will be preparing for the upcoming Credit Union Table Quiz that will be held in **St. Brigid's College, Loughrea on Saturday 27th January 2024 at 7pm.** Two teams of four from these classrooms will represent the school at this event. You will be notified if your child will be competing on a team.

Science Kits

The school will be looking to purchase Science Kits in the coming weeks. The cost of these kits will amount to almost €1,300.

Earlier this month Sarah Coughlan in 5th Class won an Art Competition run by JFW Renewables. Sarah won a €50 Smyths voucher and €500 for our school. Well done Sarah.

This money will be used to purchase the above Science Kits. The Parents Association have also donated €500 towards the purchase of these kits and the Board of Management will fund the balance.

These kits will be an invaluable resource to the whole school.

Gymnastics

Gymnastic classes have begun. **They will take place each Monday up to February 19th.** The exact dates can be found on the school Google Calendar.

School Closures

The school will be closed on the following dates this term:

Monday, February 5th - Bank Holiday.

Thursday and Friday February 15th and 16th - School Midterm

Friday March 8th - School will be used as Polling Station for Referendums

Monday, March 18th - Bank Holiday

Open Night

As you are aware the School Open Night will take place on **Thursday, January 25th at 7pm**. We would **appreciate that if you have a child enrolling in September 2024 that you attend**. We would also appreciate it if you could **inform those who may be interested in enrolling their child in our school about our Open Night**.

Children in 6th Class are welcome to assist with teas and coffees on the night. If they wish to assist we ask that they wear their school uniform.

Pre – School Enrolments

The school **pre-school are currently accepting enrolments for September 2024**. If you are looking to secure a place for your child for September please ring the school phone during pre-school hours or contact Patricia Kenny individually by calling – 086 -2485430.

Write a Book

The children from 1st Class upwards will be partaking in the Write a Book Project that is run for by the Galway Education Centre. Schools from all over the county take part in this event each year and it gives children the opportunity to write and self publish a book themselves.

Tin Whistle

Yvonne Barrett's Tin Whistle Classes will **resume on Tuesday, January 16th**. These classes are for children from 1st Class upwards. The cost of these classes are the same as last term:

€25 - 1 Child

€45 - 2 Children

€60 - 3 Children

Payments for the classes should be made to Yvonne directly and if possible be given at the first class - Tuesday, January 16th.

Morning Hurling

Morning Hurling will return after the February Mid Term Break on **Monday, February, 18th**. This is open to all children from 1st Class upwards. This year there will be two groups so all abilities can be catered for and the Tennis Court will be utilised. Morning Hurling starts at 9am and finishes at 9.20am.

Sacramental Dates

Below are the dates and times for the school's sacramental celebrations for Communion, Penance and Confirmation. **We ask that all children be present for the Communion and Confirmation celebrations as children from all classes are needed to sing in the school choir.**

First Confession - Thursday, May 2nd at 2pm

First Communion - Saturday, May 4th at 11am.

Confirmation - Friday, May 17th at 3pm

St. Brigid's College Musical

Children from 4th, 5th and 6th class will be attending the matinee of **St. Brigid's College TY Musical "Shrek" on Wednesday 17th January at 10 a.m.** A bus has been organised by the college and the cost is €10 / student which includes the entry fee and a goodie bag also.

Google Calendar

We have a busy term ahead and therefore we ask that you keep an eye on the school's Google Calendar - <https://www.kilricklens.org/calendar>

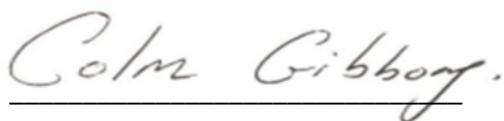
Grandparents' Day

We will be hosting **Grandparents' day in our school on Thursday, March 7th** . More information on this day will soon follow.

Catholic Schools Week.

We will have a **school mass on Friday, January 26th in the church at 2pm.** This will be part of Catholic Schools Week celebration. All are welcome to attend.

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



Colm Gibbons

Principal

Kilrickle National School