

# **Kilrickle N. S.**

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Dear Parents,

Please take note of the upcoming events and dates at school.

## **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

All parents should have received a time slot for their child's Parent-Teacher Meeting, which begins next week. If you haven't received a slot, please contact us at [kilricklens@gmail.com](mailto:kilricklens@gmail.com).

## **Team Hope Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Hope ShoeBox Appeal—over 50 boxes were donated! Your support for this initiative is greatly appreciated.

## **Return Bin**

We have a Return Bin on school grounds for any unwanted Return Logo bottles and cans. Your donations would be appreciated.

## **Cinema Trip – Tuesday, December 17th**

The children will be going to the cinema in Ballinasloe to watch *Paddington*. This trip will occur during school hours, with transportation provided by bus. The cost of the trip, including the cinema ticket, is €10, and an e-payment request will be sent to you soon. The Parents Association will provide treats for the children on this day and they have also subsidised the cost of the trip.

## **Christmas Annuals**

The closing date for ordering the Folens Christmas Annuals is Monday 25th November.

## **Bio-Diversity Day**

On Friday, we will have a Bio-Diversity Day featuring a guest speaker from Crann - Ireland's Tree Charity. This is a fun, outdoor experience for our students to learn about trees, wildlife and local biodiversity. This is done in conjunction with Science Week.

## **Grant Funding**

We have been successful in our application for grant funding from the Education for Sustainability Development and we have received €2,500 for outdoor school equipment.

## **Gaelic Football Training**

Children in Mr. Kelly's and Mr. Gibbons' classes will participate in Gaelic Football training with a coach from Galway GAA Development. Training sessions will occur during class on:

- Tuesday, November 26th
- Tuesday, December 3rd
- Tuesday, December 10th

No additional sports gear is required for these sessions.

## School Closures

- **Wednesday, November 27th:** School closed for a Maths curricular in-service day.
- **Friday, November 29th:** School closed as it will be used as a polling station for the General Election.

## End of Term – Friday, December 20th

School will finish at 12 p.m. on this day. Children do not need to wear their uniforms on this day. School will resume on **Monday, January 6th**. As this is the Feast of the Epiphany, children from 1st Class upwards will attend 10 a.m. Mass at Kilrickle Church. Parents are welcome to join.

## Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parents Association Christmas Card initiative, which has been a great success. A final fundraising figure will be announced shortly.

## Carol Service

Please note that the children's **Carol Service** will take place on **Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.** in Kilrickle Church. We encourage all parents to attend this special event, and we warmly welcome all members of the community to join us in celebrating this festive occasion.

## Parents Association Christmas Raffle

The Parents Association is holding a Christmas Raffle this year. Raffle tickets will be given to the children to sell in the coming weeks. We also welcome prize donations, such as bottles of wine, chocolates, or other hamper items. The raffle will be held on **Thursday, December 19th at 1:15 p.m.** in Mr. Gibbons' room, where Santa Claus will draw the prize winners. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Gymnastics Classes

Starting in the new year, children will participate in gymnastics classes held during school hours in the school hall. There will be 6 sessions, running every Tuesday from **January 7th through February 11th, 2025**. The cost per child is €20 - An epayment link will be sent to you in the coming days.

## Hurling

Hurling with Niall Collins will continue through the rest of the term for Mr. Killy's and Ms. Gallagher's classes. We hope to resume these sessions in the new year.

## Google Calendar

All event dates are posted on the school's Google Calendar. Please follow the calendar to stay updated: <https://www.kilricklens.org/calendar>.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in these activities.



Colm Gibbons

Principal

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