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Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to the midterm break ahead.

Raffle and Table Quiz

As a school community, - we are always striving to provide the very best for the children — from outdoor play and sports equipment to updated classroom resources. Unfortunately, the funds we receive from the Department of Education do not cover these extras, so we rely on the generous support of parents, businesses and community for various fundraisers throughout the year.

This year, **both the Parents' Association and the Board of Management are working together** to support two key fundraising events — the **Table Quiz** and the **Christmas Raffle**. The proceeds from these initiatives will go directly towards improving school facilities and resources that benefit every child.

We would therefore greatly appreciate your support for our two upcoming events, the proceeds of which will go directly towards enhancing school facilities and resources.

- **Table Quiz:**

A Table Quiz will take place on **Friday, November 7th** in the school hall at 8pm. We would love to see as many parents as possible attend and support this event. More details on the night can be found on: <https://www.kilricklens.org/quiz>

- **Christmas Raffle:**

The school raffle will be drawn on the night of the **Christmas Play**. Each family will receive **two books of raffle tickets** to sell, although there is **no obligation** to do so.

We are very grateful to both local and national businesses for sponsoring prizes. The top prizes are as follows:

- **1st Prize:** €400
- **2nd Prize:** €300
- **3rd Prize:** €200
- **4th Prize:** €100

Raffle tickets will be distributed to families before the end of the week, along with a letter containing further details.

If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor prizes — cash or otherwise — please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Fancy Dress Day

As always, on the last day of term before the Halloween holidays, we will hold our **Fancy Dress Day**. All pupils are invited to come to school in costume, and there will be **prizes for the best costume in each classroom**. We are looking forward to a fun and spooky day this Thursday!

School Shows

Our annual **School Shows** will take place on **Thursday, December 11th**. The first performance will begin at **6:15 p.m.**, with doors opening at **5:45 p.m.**

Due to limited space in the school hall, **each family will have the option to purchase up to four tickets**. After midterm, families will receive an envelope to return with payment and details of how many tickets they wish to buy. Any remaining tickets will be sold from the school and thereafter on the night should tickets be available.

There will be **two plays** on the evening:

- **(Junior Infants – 2nd Class):** *[Title to be announced]*
- **(3rd – 6th Class):** *Cinderella Rockafella*

The **school raffle draw** will take place at the end of the performances.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted once again to support the **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal**. Information leaflets have been sent home with each child. Completed shoeboxes will be collected on **Monday, November 10th**. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

Google Calendar and School Website

To stay up to date with school events throughout the year, please visit:

[School Calendar](#)
[School News Updates](#)

Cyber Talk

Thank you for the excellent response to our upcoming **Cyber Talk**. This event is a collaborative initiative between several local schools.

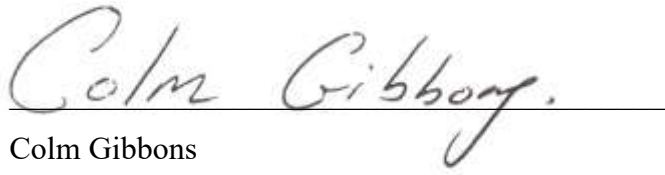
You can still register your interest [[here](#)]. We are awaiting final confirmation regarding the time and cost, and will update families once details are confirmed.

Reminder

The school will be used as a **polling station this Friday**, so the **last day of term is this Thursday**. Also, please note that **on Friday, November 7th, school will finish early at 12:30 p.m.** Parent teacher meetings are scheduled to begin on the week starting Monday, November 17th. You should have received a message about booking a slot.

Have a lovely mid-term break.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Colm Gibbons", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

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