



26/04/2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and thank you very much for your donations for the flower boxes and school garden – they are very much appreciated. The final months of school tend to be quite busy and we would therefore ask that you take note of the below.

Coral Leisure

Tomorrow, April 27th, staff from Coral Leisure in Ballinasloe will be coming to the school. They have organised a fitness day for the children. All events will take place during school times and on the school grounds. There is no fee to be paid and the children should come dressed in their uniform as normal.

Credit Union

Children can deposit money into their Credit Union accounts **each Wednesday morning** at school. This service will be fully operational from next Wednesday. You can contact your child's class teacher to receive an application form should you wish to start an account for your child.

Swimming

As you are aware swimming classes will begin **this Friday** in Coral Leisure Swimming Pool in Ballinasloe and will continue for the **next eight Fridays**. The children are asked to wear their school uniform as normal. Those children in Ms. Gallagher's room should wear their school trousers or a tracksuit bottom so as to facilitate a quick change of clothes. All children need to bring swimming gear, a swimming hat, towel and a plastic bag for wet clothes. All the classes in the school will be going. The bus will depart the school at 10.15am. The classes will begin at 11am. The children will have returned to school by 12.30pm. If you haven't paid swimming we would appreciate if you would do so by Friday.

Standardised Testing

Each year all primary school students, from First Class upwards, complete standardised tests in Maths and English. These tests will be **starting on Tuesday, May 9th** and will be completed by the end of that week. These results will be sent to parents with your child's school report at the school year.

Communion and Confession

First Confession takes place on **Thursday, May 18th at 2pm** in Kilrickle Church. Parents of those children partaking in the Sacrament are invited to this ceremony.

This year's First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 27th in Kilrickle Church at 11.00am. **We ask that all students be present** on that day so that those not making their First Communion can sing in the school choir. The ceremony should conclude by 12pm.

The children who are making their First Communion are asked to **bring their baptismal candle to school this week.**

School Booklist

The Government will be funding all schools in the purchase of schoolbooks this year. Therefore, parents will no longer need to buy schoolbooks or copies. Schoolbook lists will not be issued at the end of the school year but will be on our website to view.

Parents will need to purchase stationery. Clarification on this will be provided in June.

Bank Holiday

The school will be closed this Monday, May 1st and again on Monday, June 5th as they are both public holidays.

Blitzes

Cumann na mBunscol blitzes will be taking place **during the month of May**. These blitzes are for the boys and girls in 3rd Class upwards. The dates, times and locations are outlined below. We would appreciate if parents could provide transportation for these dates. If you are available to drive children to a blitz please let me know – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com

Hurling Blitz – Monday, May 8th at Mullagh Pitch. Time TBC

Camogie Blitz – Tuesday, May 23rd at Cappataggle Pitch. 9.45am – 12.30pm approximately.

Football Blitz Boys – TBC

Girls Blitz Girls – TBC

Open Day

The School Open Day will be held for next year's Junior Infants on **Wednesday, May 17th from 2pm and 3pm**. The parents of children who are enrolled for September 2023 will be in attendance. If you are aware of anyone who you think may like to enrol their child in our school for September please ask them to contact – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com so they can attend our Open Day.

May Altar

During the month of May we will be asking the pupils to bring in wild flowers for our May Altar.

Manning Cup

The Manning Cup is an athletics competition that takes place in Loughrea Athletic grounds each year. This year's event takes place on **Thursday, May 18th at 6pm**. Children from all classes partake in various track and field events. However, a limited number of children can be selected from each school. Therefore, we ask you to let us know in advance if your child will not be able to attend that evening before a school team is selected.

Hurling With Stephen

Hurling with Stephen will continue as normal. Mr. Kelly's class will finish hurling with Stephen on Tuesday, May 9th. Mr. Gibbons class will be hurling with Stephen each Tuesday from May 16th until the end of the school year. Ms. Gallagher's class will continue to hurl with Stephen until the end of the school year also.

Athenry School Visit

In the coming weeks the boys and girls in the Senior Room will be studying the Normans. A trip has been organised to visit Athenry Castle on **Tuesday, June 19th**. All children in the school will be going and the trip will take place during school hours. Access to the castle, its grounds and guided tour is free. However, the price of the bus will need to be covered and an online payment request of €6 will be sent to your shortly.

Dave Swift, from Heritage Ireland, will also be coming to the school on **Wednesday, June 14th** to talk all classes about the Normans and Medieval Life.

Sport's Day

It is hoped that Sport's Day will take place this year on **Wednesday, June 21st**. This is weather dependant. It will take place in the community pitch and as always families and members of the community are welcome to attend and even take part!

School Tour

A reminder that our school tours will be taking place on **Thursday, June 15th**. Ms. Gallagher's Room will be going to Sliabh Aughty Centre and Mr. Kelly's Class and Mr. Gibbons class will be going to Emerald Park (Tayto Park). We ask that payments be made for these tours at your earliest convenience. Payments can be made in cash or online.

School Graduation and Final Day of Term

The final day of term for this school year is **Friday, June 23rd**. School will finish at 12pm on this day. The final day of term will also coincide with the 6th Class celebration ceremony.

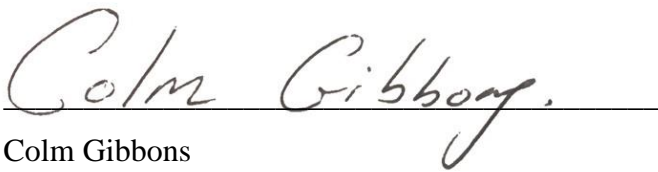
School Return

We will be returning to school on **Thursday, August 31st** for the 2023/24 school year. The full school calendar will be soon available on our website.

Google Calendar

As you can see there are a great deal of events occurring in the coming weeks and thus, we ask that you keep an eye on the school Google calendar - <https://www.kilricklens.org/booklists-and-calendar>. All of the above dates are linked to the calendar and you can view it here for your own convenience.

We hope that you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colm Gibbons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

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