



# KNOCKANEAN N.S

Newsletter

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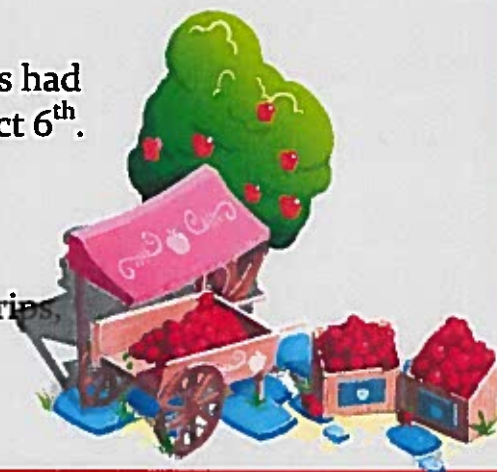
**Dear Parents and Guardians**

**Field Trips:**

**Seedsavers:** The pupils from Mr O Reilly's 4<sup>th</sup> class had a most enjoyable trip to Seedsavers in Scariff on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mullaghmore:** 6<sup>th</sup> class went to Mullaghmore on October 7<sup>th</sup>

Many thanks to the teachers for organising these trips, and well done to all the pupils for their excellent behaviour on these days.



**Personal Belongings:**

Please make sure to put your childrens names on items such as coats, tops, lunch boxes etc. This makes it much easier for us to return the lost item and it greatly increases the chances of you getting them back!

**Halloween Food:**

Please be aware of the whole school ban on food containing nuts / traces of nuts particularly at this time of year coming up to Halloween



**Art and craft /photocopying etc. contribution:** The cost is €40 per child, €65 for two children and €80 for three or more children.

**Pupil Personal Accident insurance:** This costs €7 per child. This is 24 hour cover, 365 days per year and represents excellent value.

**If you have not returned either of the above, could you please do so at your earliest convenience.**







## Intel Mini Scientist:

This competition is an initiative which allows students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes to develop science related projects which are then exhibited at school level. We are having this exhibition on Thursday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> between 1.00 p.m. and 3.15 pm, where members of the school community can drop in and view all of the projects. The pupils have put a huge amount of time and effort into these and are looking forward to showing them off! This display will take place in 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classrooms in the new building so feel free to have a browse!



### **Student Council:**

The following are the members of our Student Council for the coming school year: Aoibhin O Callaghan, Sarah Barron, Thomas Barry (6<sup>th</sup>), Jack O Halloran, Madison Harding, Odhrán Flynn, Eabha O 'Driscoll, Eilis Ni Choileain (5<sup>th</sup>) Grace Herbert, Dara Bohannon(4<sup>th</sup>) They will meet every month with Ms Horgan and myself to discuss their wonderful ideas on school life!



### **Active Schools Committee:**

The following are the members of our Active Schools Committee for the coming year: James Shalloo Murphy, Sean Hayes, Caoimhe Lahiffe, Caitlin Hogan, Aisling Carey,(6<sup>th</sup>) Finnian Cosgrove, Ella Dvorcakova (5<sup>th</sup>) Michael O'Choileáin, Dara Bohannon, Lauren McMahon, Sophie Leahy, Amy Butler (4<sup>th</sup>) We are continuing with the Active School's programme set up last year and this Committee will assist and advise Shona and Sinead on the implementation of the various activities!!!





### **Junior Entrepreneurs Programme (JEP):**

once again Sixth class will be taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme, further details of their activities in this area to follow as the programme gains momentum



### **Super Troopers:**

This programme has been running for the past 2 years and it will continue again this year as part of our Active School initiative. This programme was successfully piloted in over 300 schools, along with teachers and a team of psychologists, nutrition, well-being and physical activity experts to encourage children to learn about a healthy lifestyle and increase their activity levels. It aims to help address that only 1 in 5 children are meeting the World Health Organisation recommended daily guidelines of 60 minutes by setting physical activity homework every night.

Each pupil, after Halloween will be provided with an Activity Journal (Junior Journal for Junior Infants to 2nd Class and a Senior Journal for 3rd - 6th Class). These are filled with fantastic fun activities to do at home designed to help pupils increase agility, strength, balance and overall activity levels along with healthy lifestyle tips/ reflection activities. All the activities set out in the journal can be adapted for any child and any home and are in line with current PE and SPHE curricula. Within these, daily activities are broken into five 6-week blocks (levels) - Orange, Navy, Green, Yellow and Purple.

Every three weeks, there is a longer activity for children to complete looking at the different areas of physical activity, nutrition and overall wellbeing.



### ***The Halloween Party:***

The annual Halloween party will take place in the West County Hotel on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. Admission is €10 per family. There will be a raffle on the night so if anyone wants to drop in a spot prize to the school or on the night, it would be greatly appreciated.







### **Parent Teacher meetings:**

These will take place on Tue Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and Wed Nov 15<sup>th</sup> More information closer to the time .

### **Sport:**

**Girls Football:** The girls have played three matches in their group – defeating Ballyea, Newmarket and Quin. They are now in the semi –final of the competition where they will play the CBS , Ennis.

**Boys Football:** The boys have played four matches in their group, but unfortunately they will not progress past the group stages.

**Swimming:** 5<sup>th</sup> class started lessons on October 18th – November 30th and 4<sup>th</sup> class start on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that the children are brought by bus from the school to the pool and must be **collected from the pool by 3 p.m. sharp by a parent/guardian**

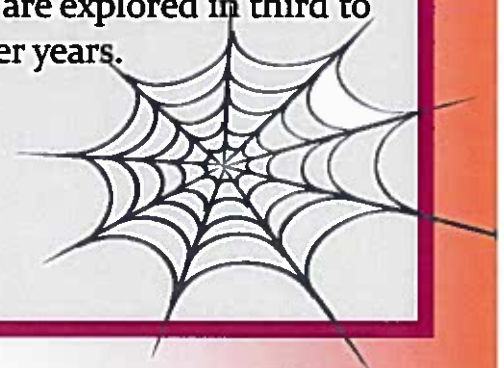
**Cross Country Running:** Congratulations to Éabha O’Driscoll and Charlie Hannon who have qualified for the Schools County Finals on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Futsal:** On Thursday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 4th class had a most enjoyable day in Ennis Leisure World, where they competed against other schools in Futsal.

### **My Learner ID:**

This is a new, unique resource designed for learners from pre-school through to sixth class which we are introducing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes this year. . Designed by developmental and educational psychologists, Dr Suzanne Parkinson, My Learner ID nurtures ‘Who’ and ‘How’ of learning. The series supports children on becoming learners, on articulating perspectives of themselves as learners and their worldview, their experiences of school and on the educative process.

My Learner ID tracks the voice of the child in their journey through education and on becoming a learner. The series addresses the ‘how’ of learning and encourages learners dispositions associated with effective learning. Attention, memory, organisation, metacognition, mind-sets and learning behaviours are explored in third to sixth class. Themes from Aistear are explored in the younger years.



**Dates to remember:**

**Halloween Break:** School closes Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> and reopens Monday November. 6<sup>th</sup>

**In-service for new Language Curriculum School closed November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sacraments:** Talk for parents of Confirmation class 8p.m. on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> in Auburn Lodge Hotel

**Halloween Party:** Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> 7.00-9.00 p.m. West County Hotel

**Intel Mini-Scientist Exhibition:** Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 1.00-3.15p.m.

**Parent teacher meetings:** November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Yours sincerely,

