

September –October 2023



## Welcome back to school everyone

Hello everybody!!

What a September we have had in Scoil an Chlochair. It has been a very exciting month for us. We have our new student council up and running. The county champions Kilbeggan Shamrocks have visited us twice, we have had two great assemblies, tag rugby, football, Grandparent's Day, walks and lots in between.

The children and teachers have been working so hard in school. I have been amazed by all the wonderful work I have seen in the classrooms and out on the display boards. Many children have visited my office and brightened up my day with their great work. I can't wait for more visits this month. Thanks to all the children, parents and staff for the support and kind words I have received this month. It is very much appreciated.



# Reminders

## Arrival at school in the morning

Please ensure that the children are on time for school. School starts at 8:50am each morning. The school gates will open at 8.40am. Once a child enters school he or she may not leave without permission. Please make sure the children arrive on time.

## Our School Uniform

It is important that the children wear their full school uniform every day. The official school uniform is: Navy pinafore, skirt or trousers, Blue blouse/shirt/polo shirt, Navy jumper/cardigan (Navy shorts in warm weather)

This uniform must be worn each day except on PE day when a plain navy school track suit (i.e. runners, track suit/shorts, blue polo shirt and sweatshirt/jumper) should be worn

## Healthy Lunches

I want to thank all the parents and children for making such a conscious effort to send in healthy lunches for the children every day. We need to make sure that this continues for the rest of the school year. If you send in cakes or buns with the children for birthday celebrations, they will be sent home in the children's lunchboxes. With regards to birthday party invitations, could you please ensure that these are given to children outside of school hours. If children are left out or not invited to a party, this can be very upsetting for children.



## Contribution

Thank you so much to all the families who have paid for educational resources and insurance. If you haven't done so already could you please do so by the end of October.

Educational Resources, Aladdin Connect and photocopying	€40 for 1 child €70 for 2 children €85 for 3 or more children
Allianz Pupil Personal Accident Insurance	€8.00 per child

Please pay the total amount in **September 2023**.

### Payment Methods

Parents may pay by EFT to Scoil an Chlochair, Bank of Ireland, Bridge St, Tullamore IBAN: **IE46BOFI90190943774700**

Please use your child's name, class and ED as reference (eg Florrie Gill 3rd ED). If you have children in more than one class, you can make one payment for all.





# Dates for your diary



## Sport

- John Byrnes-Tag Rugby-Every Wednesday
- Philip Kiernan- GAA - Every Thursday
- Swimming for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>- from Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February for 5 weeks
- Goal Jersey Day-Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October (please bring in 2euro)

## Ceremonies

- 6<sup>th</sup> class Confirmation Retreat- Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October
- 6<sup>th</sup> class Confirmation-Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024
- First Holy Communion- Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2024
- "Do This in Memory of Me" Masses-22<sup>nd</sup> of October/26<sup>th</sup> of November/14<sup>th</sup> of January/4<sup>th</sup> of February/21<sup>st</sup> of April

## Halloween 2023

- The children should all come to school in their costumes on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. We will go on a witches walk around the town.
- The children may bring in sweets with them on this day.



# Student Council 2023-2024



The Student Council elections took place on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children who were elected. We must also remember all the candidates who were not successful. They all made a fantastic effort also. I had the pleasure of listening to their speeches and I was blown away by the ideas the children have. Remember that the student council represents the entire student body. I am very excited to see what the student council will do this year. Their first fundraiser will take place on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. They will host a bake sale to raise money for Lego and playground equipment. They are also running a competition for best dressed teacher on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. No pressure everyone!!!! This will be a great fun-filled day I'm sure.

# Parent's Association

## Tractor Run

The Parents Association have organized a tractor run on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. This promises to be a great day out. Please support this wonderful fundraiser. Please follow their Facebook page for more information and updates.



Parents Association Fundraiser

Kilbeggan National School  
Scoil an Chlochair

**Tractor Run**

on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Venue - Apple Green Filling Station  
Registration @ 12:30pm  
Roll out @ 2pm

Face Painting!

Entry €25

Hotel Giveaway!

followed by live music in  
McNamara's Bar @ 8:30pm  
with  
Neil Moran, Pádraig Bohan  
+  
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Huge Raffle on the night!

....and more!

**Please Support!**

Permit Granted

## Halloween Disco

There will be a Halloween Disco in the GP room on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October from 7pm until 9pm. This disco is for 2<sup>nd</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class. During the school day from 12:30 to 1:30pm the children from Junior infants to 1<sup>st</sup> class will enjoy a disco in the GP room. This promises to be lots of fun for everyone.

Thanks to all the members of the Parent's Association for all their hard work. There will be a Parent's Association AGM in November.



# More interesting news

## Junior Infants

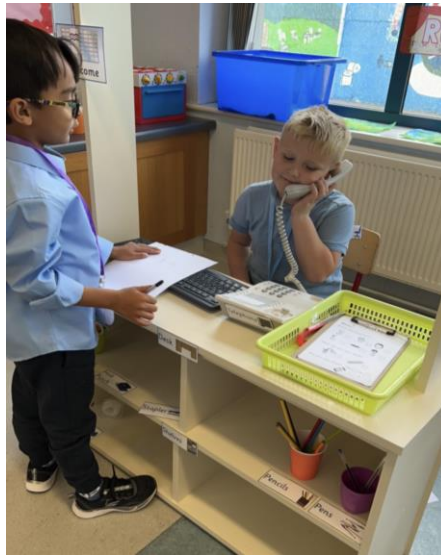
In Junior Infants, we have been busy settling into school, getting to know each other and becoming familiar with school routines. We have been doing lots of rhyming, counting words in a sentence and counting syllables in words. We are getting really good at reading our names and are working on writing our names. We have done lots of sorting: sorting by colour, by shape and by size. We are now qualified to sort all of our family's socks. 😊 Learning by play is a big part of our day. Our September play theme was Myself and My Family / Dinner Time. Teacher ate many pretend burgers, eggs, hotdogs, doughnuts, etc and drank lots of pretend cups of tea!





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In Senior Infants Yellow, we have been very busy learning our sounds and blending them to read and write words. We have also been working hard revising the stories of the numbers 1-5 before we begin learning the story of the number 6 in the coming weeks. Our theme for September was The School Office and the children were very busy manning the phone during Role-Play, creating iPads and laptops in the Junk Art Area and building classrooms in Construction with Senior Infants Green. We enjoy having both classes together for Aistear every day.



We had great fun during our Science experiment 'What Do Magnets Attract?'. We found out that not all keys attract to magnets and that opposite sides of the magnet attract. We really enjoyed making patterns on the Magnet Boards.



# In Senior Infants Green...



What a month September was!!!!

Senior Infants Green have been super busy revising and learning so many new things such as:

- Numbers & Patterns
- Mé Féin & An Scoil
- Kind words, Kind feet & Kind hands
- 'What do Magnet attracts?'
- And so much more.



We were so excited to welcome the county champions to our school. Well done Kilbeggan Shamrocks!



## The Class Favourite: Aistear

The children have had great fun and engagement with Aistear. This month we focused on the theme: 'The School Office'

Watch Out Florrie, we have some candidates to fulfil your role !!!





# More interesting news

## 1<sup>st</sup> Class

1<sup>st</sup> class have been getting used to the longer school day. Playtime in the afternoon has really helped us to settle back into the routine of school. The Play Doh, LEGO and kinetic sand have been a huge hit.



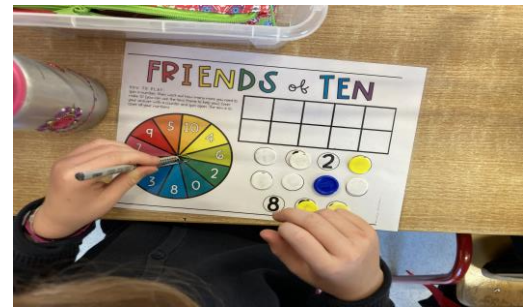
In September, we welcomed a new student into our class. Ramona has settled well into Scoil an Chlochair and has made lots of new friends.



Congratulations to Evan Keoghan who was voted the Student Council Representative for 1<sup>st</sup> class. We are very proud of him.

In maths we've been working very hard on our addition and had some fun exploring lots of different 2D shapes.

We have really been enjoying art in 1<sup>st</sup> class. Last week we created some pointillism masterpieces inspired by the four seasons which we had read about in our English story called 'Four Seasons in One Day'.





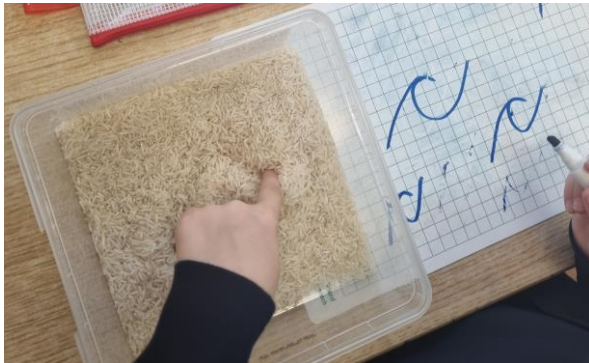
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

In September, 2<sup>nd</sup> class welcomed some new friends into our class; Joao, Dominion, Liam and Pedro. Everyone gave them a warm welcome and have been so helpful with showing them school routines and helping them make friends.



We have started to learn cursive handwriting and the children are very excited to work through the letters. We trace the letters in rice to incorporate kinaesthetic styles of learning. This is the children's favourite part!



Congratulations to Cian who will represent 2<sup>nd</sup> class in this years student council.

We enjoyed a class walk to the harbour as part of 'Walk to School Week'.



We have been busy preparing for our first "Do this in memory of me" mass on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. We are practising our prayers and songs everyday.





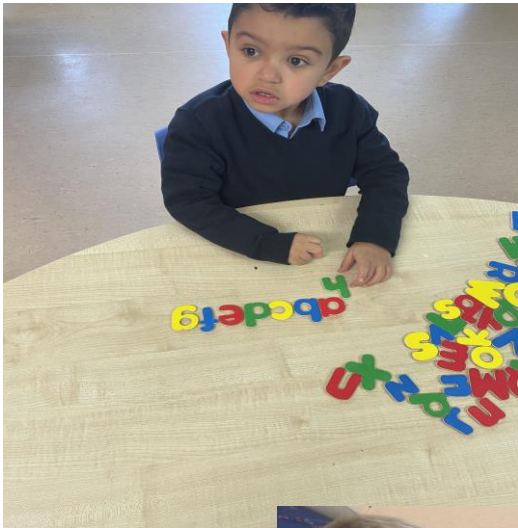
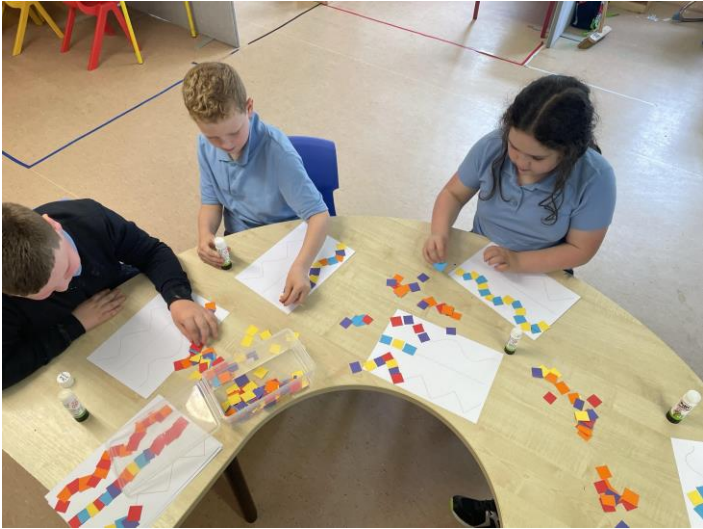
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## Butterfly Room



We have been settling back into the butterfly room and our respective classes. We have also welcomed a new child, Yuri, who is part of the junior infant class and the butterfly room. September has been an exciting month. In addition to our class work, we have had trips to the church, the coffee shop, Centra & library over the past few weeks. We are enjoying our weekly cooking and trying out some new foods while also enjoying participating in some art work. Looking forward to October. 😊







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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

We have had to say goodbye to Esther who is moving to a school in Mullingar. The whole class and I will miss Esther and her lovely smile and wish her well in her new home and new school.

We are starting GAA with our coach Philip from the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. We are looking forward to brushing up on some skills and having lots of fun. We also really enjoyed welcoming the County Champions to our school after their great win.

We have had a busy start of the year in 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Our coffee afternoon on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September was a great success the children enjoyed having a treat and a chat together over a board game. I would like to thank everyone for the donations which will help towards materials for our STEM project.

Congratulations to April and Asher who will be our Student Council Representatives for 3<sup>rd</sup> class this year. Well done to all the candidates who put themselves forward. I was very impressed with the effort each and everyone put in. Hopefully you will be excited to nominate yourself again next year.





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## 4<sup>th</sup> class

In 4<sup>th</sup> class we have been busy preparing for our STEPS Young Engineering project. This is a STEM project for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class pupils across Ireland. In groups the children must come up with a way to improve their local community or the life of someone in their local community. We had a coffee afternoon to raise money for funds to buy materials needed for this project. The children made delicious goodies and we had a great afternoon. Thanks again to all the parents for your efforts and generous contributions.

Congratulations to Caelan and Abaigeal who will represent 4<sup>th</sup> class on this years student council.

In September we took a trip to the harbour. It was a very hot day. We spent the morning playing football, running around and having fun. We are looking forward to more trips to the harbour during the year.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from the Kilbeggan Shamrocks football team. We are delighted that they won and we wish them the best of luck in the Leinster Championships.

4<sup>th</sup> class have started tag rugby and are thoroughly enjoying it. Additionally we will be participating in this years Mullingar Voices. This is a singing show produced by Mullingar Art Centre for primary school children. We can't wait to get practicing.





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Some pictures from 4<sup>th</sup> class





# Last few pages...

## 5<sup>th</sup> Class

Fifth class began the school year on a wonderful footing, with some great work. We all enjoyed the last of the warm weather, with a walk to the harbour.

Along with the rest of the school, the class also enjoyed celebrating Kilbeggans fantastic football win!



Congratulations to our school council representatives for this year, - EllenJo and Evan. Also, well done to all those who gave fantastic speeches.

Congratulations also to Cian Seery, in his fantastic pitch and putt achievement. Cian won the Westmeath Pitch and Putt Juvenile Strokeplay, for 2023.





## 5<sup>th</sup> Class

Fifth class also had the opportunity to take part in a full day tag rugby blitz, in Tullamore with 6<sup>th</sup> class. The day was a great success and the class thoroughly enjoyed it.

Finally, a big thank you to Mr Davey and 6<sup>th</sup> class for hosting is for a lovely mornings Kindness Café.





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## 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Commitment Ceremony – well done to all who participated in the mass. Congratulations to Aodhán and Amy who will represent 6th Class on this year's Student Council.

We will be making trips to our local library. Class can now borrow books. Thank you to all who contributed to our Kindness Café. It was a great success. 5<sup>th</sup> class were very impressed. The trip to Tullamore Rugby Pitch was great fun. The sun shone.

We took a walk to the Harbour on one of the hottest days in September. Some played in the sun, while others took to the shade.

We are learning the tin whistle again. Practice, practice, practice.

The school hoodies should be with us soon. We were delighted to welcome the champions Kilbeggan Shamrocks to school. It was very exciting.





# Kindness Cafe

