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EASTER NEWSLETTER 2026

Welcome to our Easter Newsletter. It doesn't seem so very long ago that we were returning to school after the Christmas holidays and now Easter is upon us.

School Activities

Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country Running

Well done to Eleanor who represented our school at this competition recently and ran a great race in extremely challenging conditions. Maith thú!

FAI 5s Soccer Competition

Our Boys' and Girls' soccer teams competed in this competition on the 24th of February and the 24th of March in Killarney Celtic FC. Both teams played some fantastic soccer and were very narrowly beaten in their groups. Thanks to Betty for all her hard work and encouragement.

Cumann na mBunscol Mini Sevens

Well done to the boys and girls who participated in the Mlni 7s football competition in Kenmare on Friday 20th of March. Both teams played very well and with the girls being lucky enough to secure a place in the County Final in Austin Stack Stadium in Tralee on Thursday, 26th of March.. We were so proud of our pupils for their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. Míle buíochas to our mentor, Dan Healy.

Hurling / Football Skills

We're very lucky that we have access to GAA coaches who visit our school every fortnight to teach the children football and hurling/camogie skills. Many thanks to Emma and Kate for all their work with the children.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge recently and the children had the opportunity to take part in a number of activities. The highlight of the week was our Lá Glas on Thursday, 12th of March. We had a St Patrick's Day themed assembly, led by the pupils in 1st and 2nd classes and then each class performed a song for us. This was followed by a céilí in the afternoon, which was great fun! Thanks to all our teachers for co-ordinating the day. Check out our school Facebook Page to see some of the amazing talent here in Kilgarvan.

Credit Union Quiz

Well done to our three quiz teams who participated in the Credit Union Quiz on Sunday, 8th of February in The Great Southern Hotel in Killarney. The teams performed so well and should be very proud of their efforts. Thanks to Ms Moriarty for preparing the teams so well.

Stand 4 Féile

On Friday, 20th of March we all stood in solidarity with our clubs and county to show support for Féile by taking part in Jersey Day. Míle buíochas to all who contributed towards our amazing total of €400.

Global Goals Week

Children from Junior Infants to 2nd Class enjoyed taking part in Global Goals Week 2026. Each morning the classes joined a one hour Zoom session where they learned about different global topics and how we can all help make a positive difference in the world. Over the five days, the children explored several of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 15: Life on Land, Goal 1: No Poverty, Goal 5: Gender equality, Goal 4: Quality education, Goal 13: Climate Action and Goal 2: Zero Hunger. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged as they learned about caring for our planet and supporting one another

Scór na bPáistí

Well done to the children from our school and their mentors who represented Kilgarvan in Scór na bPáistí recently. The children represented Kilgarvan GAA in the ballad group, music group, recitation and singing competitions and were a credit to their school and club. Ar fheabhas!

School Assemblies

In the last few months we have started organising whole school assemblies once per month. These

assemblies are led by particular classes and children are given the opportunity to celebrate their successes with the whole school. Certificates are also presented to pupils from each class who make a particular effort in an area. In February we celebrated kindness, in March we celebrated Gaeilge and in April we are focussing on team work and being a good team player. We're delighted to see the children growing in confidence as they perform and take part.

Upcoming Events

Science Adventures:

We're looking forward to our next visit from Mr Chuck Delpier on the 30th of April.

Music Generation

All the children in the school are participating in music classes once per week led by Caroline Reidy, our Music Generation teacher. The Infants classes are working on body percussion and a pre-instrument programme, with Senior Infants having progressed to the ukulele. All other classes play ukulele and have the opportunity to try out other instruments as well. 5th and 6th classes are preparing for the 6th class graduation ceremony in June. We're very grateful to Grousemount Community Fund and our Parents' Association for funding this very worthwhile and beneficial initiative.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place between Thursday 16th and Tuesday the 21st of April. All children will be given the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and choose some books if they wish. More information on this after Easter.

School Tours

The class teachers are in the process of organising school tours at the moment. All school tours will take place during the week of June 15th to to June 19th. Further details to follow.

First Confession and First Communion.

The children in 2nd Class will have their First Confession on Wednesday 22nd of April, in St Patrick's Church, Kilgarvan at 1.30 pm. First Communion will take place on Saturday, 9th of May in St Patrick's Church, Kilgarvan.

Standardised Testing

The dates for standardised testing for all classes are as follow:
1st – 6th classes Monday 18th – Friday 22nd of May

Please make every effort to have your children in school on the above dates. If children are absent for any reason other than illness it may not be possible to re-arrange testing for them.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Ms Moriarty and the pupils of 5th and 6th classes have had a very busy term preparing and working on their JEP Project. The children came up with wonderful business ideas and plans and on Thursday, 19th of March they presented their ideas to three Dragons. We were lucky to have Katy Lynch of Kenmare Medical Aesthetics and Shane O'Sullivan from Five Star Fitness join us on the day. Both are highly successful entrepreneurs and they were very generous with their time and advice to our Junior Entrepreneurs. After much reflection and discussion it was decided that the 5th and 6th Class Junior Entrepreneur product for this year would be Worry Rocks. The children will make and market these products in April when we return to school.

Hot School Meals

We're happy to say that Carambola will start to deliver hot meals to our school on Monday, 20th of April. Parents will be able to order through the Carambola App. Children will receive cold lunches as usual during the week beginning Monday, April 13th

Agree to Agree Progress

Our school continues to engage with this important project. We have gathered feedback from students, parents/ guardians and school staff and we are now working on developing an Agree to Agree Policy for our school.

Coffee Morning

Our annual Coffee Morning will take place on Friday, May 29th. This is an important fundraiser for our school and is also a very sociable occasion, giving people in the community a chance to chat and catch up with their neighbours. This event is organised by our Parents' Association and is a central event in our school calendar.

A planning meeting will be held in the coming weeks and we would ask that as many parents/ guardians attend as all children in our school benefit from this fundraising event. Last year funds raised by the Coffee Morning provided many extra learning opportunities and experiences for our pupils, including Gymnastics, Music Generation and Science Adventures. The funds also contributed to new

school fencing around our yard, making the environment safer for our children. This year we hope to use some of the funds to develop an outdoor learning space and sensory garden.

Active/ Wellbeing Week

This year's Active/ Wellbeing Week will take place from Monday, 8th of June to Friday, 12th of June. We're planning lots of fun activities and will be discussing the week's events with the pupils, and particularly with our Student Council members very soon!

Roll Time

A reminder that in line with Department of Education & Skills rules, children who arrive at school later than 10.30am will be marked absent in the school roll book for that day. Children arriving later than 10.30am are recorded as a late arrival.

Our school start time is 9.20am. Please make every effort to ensure that your child arrives to school on time.

Mobile Phone / Address

Please inform the school of any changes to your mobile phone number or if you have changed your address.

School Drop Off

Morning Supervision begins in our school at **9:10 am**. Please ensure that children, whether being dropped by parents, childminders or buses, are not left unattended at the school gate, or its environs, before that time, as the school cannot accept responsibility for their safety until official supervision begins at 9.10 am. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Homework Reminder

Homework is assigned from Monday to Thursday and plays an important role in supporting your child's learning. It helps to reinforce skills taught in class, promotes independent learning, and strengthens the connection between home and school. Homework also provides a valuable opportunity for parents and guardians to stay informed about their child's progress.

We encourage families to support positive homework habits by praising effort, providing a quiet and comfortable space for work, and ensuring that homework is completed to the best of your child's ability each evening.

Please remember to sign your child's homework diary nightly. If your child

is experiencing any difficulties, do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Healthy Eating

Our school has a healthy eating policy in place. The children are encouraged to bring healthy snacks to school. A small treat is permitted on Fridays only.

Party Invitations

Please do not send in Birthday Invitations for distribution in school.

Communication with Class Teacher

If you need to communicate with your child's class teacher, **please do so directly** via Aladdin.

Facebook Page / School Website

Don't forget to check out our school Facebook Page to keep up to date with all the activities in our school. Also, all our policies are available to view on www.kilgarvanschool.ie.

A Reminder!

Parents are asked **not to send their child to school** if they are unwell. If your child is running a temperature, requiring medication please keep them at home. Children can become very upset if unwell in school and illnesses can spread quickly to others within a classroom. Please be mindful of the vulnerable members of our school community and check HSE guidelines regarding returning to school after tummy bugs, colds etc.

Easter Bunny

There was great excitement in the Infant Classes on Friday as we had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, just before school closed. He brought Easter eggs for all the pupils and staff and posed for photos with all the classes. Thanks to the Parents' Association for helping the Easter Bunny to purchase the Easter Eggs!

Happy Easter

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter! We look forward to welcoming all the girls and boys back to school on Monday, 13th of April for another busy term.