

KNOCKANEAN N.S

Newsletter

May 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Award of Science and Maths Excellence:

The school has received this national award for the fifth year in a row. This award recognises the achievements of primary school children and their teachers in the application of science and maths in the classroom. As well as keeping a log of all science work for the year, pupils this year had to show how they integrated Maths into their experiments.. It also required the school to show how it used technology in the teaching of science and how they investigated engineering in the classroom. All the classes in the school contributed in some way towards the finished log book and it is only fitting that their work should be acknowledged. Well done!! Many thanks to all the teachers who contributed to this project over the past number of months and to Sinéad.



Primary Schools Poetry Competition:

Congratulations to the following pupils from 3rd class who reached the final of this competition:

Amy Reynolds, 'Frost'

Aoife Sullivan, 'My Crazy Hair'

Xavier Tomaszewski, 'Christmas Colours'

Kate McDonough, 'Magic Box'

Knockanean won the best overall school and Amy Reynolds won a prize for the best recited poem. Well done to all the boys and girls in 3rd class for their tremendous effort!

Congratulations!



Active Schools Week:

Active School's Week in the school will take place the week of June 11th – June 15th. During this week all the classes will be timetabled for different activities such as a running challenge, parachute games, circuits at lunch time, wake up shake up mornings, gymnastics, tennis with Tennis Ireland coach, Ann Marie D'Arcy, yoga with Antoinette Butler. Thanks to Sinéad and Shona for organising and coordinating this week.



Junior ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME

On April 26th, 6th class travelled to the Tracey's West County Hotel for the JEP showcase. All schools that took part in the project attended this event where they were presented with a flag, plaque and individual certificates of participation. Money from this project was donated to the following: Pieta House, Jack & Jill Foundation and The Mater Foundation

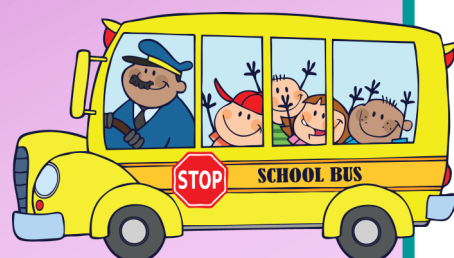
Croagh Patrick:

6th class will embark on their annual climb of Croagh Patrick on May 31st. Thanks to John for organising the trip and to all the teachers and parents who help out on the day. Over the past five years in consultation with the 6th class, money raised has been spent on specific projects- call it 6th class legacy to the school! More details in June newsletter.

School Tours:

As you can see from the following school tours are under way at the moment!

1 st	Tue May 29 th	Galway Aquarium
2 nd	Wed June 20 th	Shannon Leisure Centre
3 rd	Thurs May 31 st	Mullaghmore and The Planet
4 th	Mon May 28 th	Pure Skills Galway
5 th	Tue May 29 th	Ardnacrusha
5 th	Mon June 18 th	U.L Adventure Centre
6 th	May 31 st	Croagh Patrick
6 th	June 13/14/15 th	Inis Oirr
Sen Inf	Tue June 13 th	Moher Hill Farm
Jun Inf	Thurs June 21 st	Burren Nature Sanctuary



Sacraments:

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Sixth class and in Second class on making their Confirmation and Communion on April 14th and April 28th respectively. All the hard work and preparation paid off on the day. Thanks to the class teachers, John, Ms. Horgan and Ms Griffin for preparing the class, to the SNA's who helped out and to Amy and the choir for the fabulous music on both days. Thanks also to the Parents Association for organising the catering in the school on the day.





- ♦ **Camogie/Hurling:** The schools camogie and hurling team have not reached the knockout stages of their league this year.
- ♦ **Golf:** On June 26th Knockanean NS will play Barefield NS in the third year of this Ryder Cup style golf competition between the two schools!!! This will take place in Ennis golf club.
- ♦ **Yoga:** Antoinette Butler has already done 1 yoga session with the whole school and will do two more before the end of the year .
- ♦ **Girls Football :** Congratulations to the 6th class girls who reached the final of the 7 aside football earlier this term. Unfortunately they lost out to Bansha/ Clohanes on the day.
Knockanean Girls play Gaelscoil Mhíchil Cíosóg in the West Clare Division 1 final in Cusack Park on June 11th
- ♦ **Tennis:** On May 10th Ann Marie Darcy, Tennis Ireland held a tennis workshop for 5th and 6th classes. Ann Marie will return on June 14th and hold a similar workshop for Infants – 4th class.
- ♦ **Swimming:** The annual schools swimming gala will take place in Ennis pool on Mon June 11th at 11.00 a.m.
- ♦ **Croke Park :** As a result of our girls team finishing runners up in the 7 aside football, Ellis O Flaherty was chosen to represent the school in the exhibition game at half time in either the All Ireland Football semifinal or All Ireland Ireland final.

Parents Council:

- ♦ Sunday June 24th Family Fun Day
- ♦ Monday June 18th Maureen Griffin booked to talk to parents on internet safety. Time and venue to be confirmed.

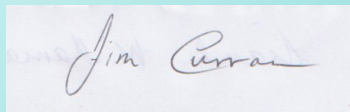
General Data Protection Regulation

All personal information which schools hold is protected by the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003. On the 25th May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and corresponding legislation reinforces the existing position. In light of the new legislation, new policies and procedures are being developed to ensure that Knockanean National School is compliant in respect of Data Protection.

Dates to remember:

- ♦ June 4th - 8th Bank Holiday Break. School closed
- ♦ Thurs June 21st O'Mahony's book shop will stay open until 7 p.m. As in previous years the school gets 10% of the sales from Knockanean Parents. We hope you can support us by getting your school books on that day. If you can't collect the books on the day, ring in your order and pay for the books on the day and still support the school at no extra cost to you. If you go to O' Mahonys on the 21st, please say you are from Knockanean School
- ♦ Wednesday June 20th Induction day for new Junior Infants
- ♦ Tue June 19th Sports Day (Weather permitting)
- ♦ Fri June 29th School closes for the Summer holidays

Yours Sincerely



Jim Curran, Principal

