



KNOCKANEAN N.S

Newsletter

Easter 2022

Dear Parents /Guardians.

As Easter approaches we are finishing a busy term of the school year. A lot of the newsletter is an account of the terms activities, written by the children. Photos of most of these activities can be viewed on our website, knockaneannationalschool.com .Enjoy

World Book Day:

On Friday the 4th of March we celebrated World Book Day. Everyone dressed up as characters from books or movies there was lots of different costumes such as the Peppa Pig Family, Dinosaurs, Captain Underpants, Footballers and lots more. Mr Curran dressed up as the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz. Bianca made marshmallow hats for 6th class. We watched movies and had lots of fun. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed it.

Eve Crowe, Méadhbh Mockler and Ciara Brooks





65 Roses Day:

On Purple Ribbon Day we raised awareness for people with cystic fibrosis. All the children wore purple. We decorated purple ribbons and roses for the windows. We made roses out of tissue paper. On the day, the whole school stood in the shape of a heart, holding their tissue paper roses. Then the whole school paused for a mindful silence. After that, first and second class and the choir sang the 65 roses song composed by Amy. We took lots of photos and had a disco at lunch time. We raised €835 and this money was sent to the Cystic Fibrosis unit in UHL

By Laura Warner and Síofra Quinn





Green Flag Ceremony:

On March 16th we were presented with our Green Flag for travel by Róisín Garvey. For the Green Flag we started two walking buses every Tuesday and Friday. Over a hundred people walked to school one day. When Róisín Garvey raised the Green flag the whole school came to the front and watched as she raised it. Róisín Garvey took a few pictures with the green schools committee and we had a good time with the other classes. The whole school and parents were praised for their efforts. All classes made a huge improvement with keeping the yard litter free by picking up the rubbish several times a week.

By Fionn O Donoghue and Harry O Connor



Music Club:

Every Tuesday the Music Club meet in Amy's classroom. Pupils from 3rd – 6th take part. We learn new tunes from Louise and Amy and sometimes other teachers join us. Pupils involved play numerous different instruments which creates a beautiful sound. Some of the instruments are split up into groups and this allows us to have harmonies and melodies in the tune. It's really nice again to meet up with your friends and to be able to play as part of a group.

By Leanne Dixon and Ailbhe Curran

Choir:

Every Wednesday after school we meet up and sing new songs together. We are preparing songs for the confirmation and communions in May and are very excited to sing the ones that we have prepared. We work very hard on harmonies and melodies and can't wait to accompany the pupils making their confirmation and communions this year.

By Ella Johnston and Isabelle Mangan





SPORT

Cycling training:

Last Thursday and Friday the 6th class pupils had cycling training. This was coached by Leeroy and Richard. They taught us how to behave when cycling on the road. This training involved how to act at a junction, how to do an emergency stop, how to signal and what side of the road you should be cycling on. The training took place for nearly the whole two days so we didn't have to do any work!!

One of the reasons why we took this cycling training was to help us when cycling on the road or on our way to school especially when we have narrow roads and busy traffic so we have to be careful. Another reason this training is useful is in preparation for our cycle to Tulla later this year. We really enjoyed this cycling training and are looking forward to the trip to Tulla

By Andrea Barry and Luisa Hogan

FAI Spar Soccer:

On Mon April 4th classes from 3rd to 6th went to Gurteen for a blitz. Colm made up teams of 5 or 6 mixed between all the classes from 3rd to 6th. There were girls teams and boys teams. The teams were divided into groups and each team played each other once in the group stages. The four teams that had the most points got through to the semi-final and then the winners played the final. Denis Hynes from the FAI was there for the full day. O' Keeffes kindly sponsored refreshments such as water, crisps, bananas and biscuits and importantly the teachers got coffee! Overall we had a really great day.

By Andrea Barry and Luisa Hogan





Boys Basketball

On 5th of April we went to Gurteen to play in the 1st round of the Marion Keane basketball tournament. The teams there that day were Crusheen, Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosog and Barefield. In the first game we played GMC and we lost narrowly on a score of 7-6. In the 2nd game Barefield defeated Crusheen. In the 3rd game Barefield did us a favour and defeated GMC. That gave us a chance if we won our last two matches which we did defeating Crusheen and then Barefield. That meant ourselves and GMC were in a playoff to see who would advance from the group. The play off was 5 min long and with time up we got a basket which we thought had won it for us but the referee disallowed the score because he said it had gone over time. We then had to go to Golden Basket and unfortunately they got a free throw which they scored. We were devastated and disappointed. Thanks to Joe & Anne for the time they put in to coaching us and to Paul Kennedy of PK Masonry for sponsoring our new basketball gear
By Shay Stubbs and Harry Leahy



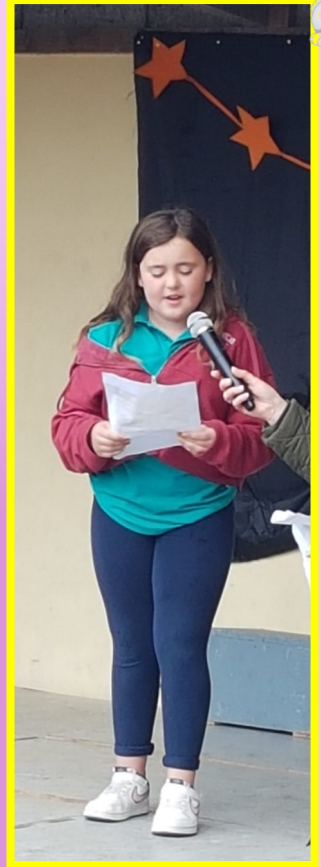


Girls Basketball

At 9:15, on the 7th of April we left for Gurteen to play Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosog ,Barefield and Crusheen in the Marion Keane basketball tournament. We were playing in the first match against GMC and we won 7-4. In the 2nd match we played Crusheen , which we won 16- 0. The final match of the day was between ourselves and Barefield . We knew if we won this match we'd advance from the group. At half time they were 2-0 up. At the start of the 2nd half they scored a 2nd basket to go 4 up. We then scored three baskets in a row and a free shot to win by 3 points. We now go on to the 2nd round after Easter.

By Ailbhe Curran and Ciara Brooks





Realtóg:

Wednesday April 6th was a great day for Knockanean. Realtóg was held out in the shed. By holding it outdoors it meant the whole school could be together to watch it. A lot of people participated and had a great time. Every class performed and all had great acts. There were a lot of different acts such as music, arts, singing and drama. After every act different teachers commented on the act and praised each act for their efforts. Everybody had a really good day.

By Tiernan Garvey and Cathal Ryan



Forest School:

Pupils from both 4th classes will attend this on the following dates 28th April, 5th May, 12th May, 19th May and 26th May.

Forest School allows participants to engage in fun and motivating activities beneath the trees, designed to instil a sense of achievement and to foster a deeper connection to the natural world. The uniqueness of the individual is valued and a high leader to child ratio ensures that each voice is heard and individual needs are met. Veronica and Gráinne, qualified Forest School Leaders, run and oversee all activities. Their programmes are developed using a process of planning-session-observation-review to ensure that what they offer remains fresh and engaging for all participants.

Activities include:

- den building
- storytelling
- nature art and crafts
- scavenger hunts
- bug hunts
- fire-lighting
- tool-use
- rope swing and low ropes
- organised games



ICT:

Just to let you know we've purchased the following to add to the suite of ipads already in the school

- 16 ipads
- 16 keyboards to go with ipads
- 16 headphone (noise cancelling)
- Bluetooth speakers for classrooms



Pilates:

Over the past few weeks all classes have started doing pilates. This is a specific 8 week digital wellbeing programme for all students within the primary school. The programme incorporates simple mat based Pilates exercises along with a focus on mindfulness through guided meditation. Benefits for the pupils we hope will include:

- Increased muscular and skeletal strength
- Improved concentration levels
- Language development
- Enhanced coordination and balance

Policies Reviewed this term: Mobile Phone and Personal Internet Enabled Devices Policy

I want to take this opportunity to thank our school community- parents, pupils, Board of Management, Parents Association and staff for all their hard work, dedication, commitment and help, in what has been a very busy term. Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on April 25th

Jim

