

Kilcolgan Educate Together.



April 2013

Enrolments



We are currently taking enrolments for the coming year. If you or anyone you know would like information please phone the school where we will be happy to speak to you. Pre-enrolments for future years are also continuing and as we offer places on a first come, first served basis it is important to pre-enroll any siblings you may wish to attend our school. Pre-enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website and again Noreen will be happy to speak to anyone who would like further information.



Féilire

School closed on 6th and 7th May
and also 3rd June

International day ~ Thurs 23rd
May

Sports Day ~ 14th (or 21st) June
(weather dependent)

School closes for Summer holidays
on Fri 28th June @ 12.30p.m.

Laethannta Breithe Aibreáin



2nd ~ Toto	19th ~ Arthur
5th ~ Jack (SI)	22nd ~ Max
13th ~ Amber (4th)	23rd ~ Abigail
15th ~ Aoibhín	29th ~ Megan W
16th ~ Kaelan	30th ~ Alice

Student-Led Conferences

Starting Time



A reminder to all that school begins at 9.00 a.m. Teachers will accept children from 8.50 but supervision is not available before this time. While teachers may be in school earlier than this time it is a time for preparation and team teaching meetings and they are therefore unavailable to supervise children.

Our Student Led Conferences took place on the 12th, 13th and 14th of March and were again a resounding success. Thank you to everyone who took part and was so positive about the experience. Yet again the children of our school did themselves and us proud. Thanks to Mary for her co-ordination of the conferences and all her support to children and staff in the lead up period.



Selecting Books



Every child is unique and each book has a unique impact on each reader. Books can be rehearsals for real life, they open our hearts and our minds to other experiences, sometimes when we are ready and sometimes unexpectedly.

Nobody knows your child better than you do. We advise parents to observe the social content and reading level of the books which your child selects would like. If you would like advice on this please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

Easter Bonnets

We held our Easter Bonnet Parade on the 22nd of March with the money raised on the day going to Educate Together Head Office and their 'One Day' fundraising drive. This money will go towards supporting the work which head office does on behalf of all ET schools. There were fabulous creations on the day. Well done to everyone who took part. Philip Tracey had better watch out!!!

Talent Show



Our Seachtain na Gaeilge talent show took place on the 15th of March and the children of the school provided us with a great afternoons entertainment featuring singing, dancing and many other talents. We even had a 'keepsy uppy' item as Gaeilge. Well done to everyone and to Rachael and Angelica for their wonderful presenting on the day. Bhí said go hiontach ar fad.

Summer Fair



This year's Summer Fair takes place on Sunday 9th June. If anyone would like to take a stall or volunteer their time to help out please contact Siobhán on 0879795590 or Patsy on 0872220611.

Lá Idir-Naisiúnta



It's almost time for International Day again. This year we will be celebrating it on Thursday 23rd May. We are hoping to have lots of countries represented on the day. If you would like to help on the day by either setting up a stall or helping out with one we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Eimear in school.



Lá Spóirt

We are hoping to have our sports day on Friday 14th June but we are also keeping the 21st free in case the 14th doesn't work out weatherwise. Aongus is coordinating the event in conjunction with the P.A. They will be looking for help closer to the date and will keep everyone up to date re. venue and activities etc.

Educate Together

The Educate Together A.G.M. will take place on the 25th May in Swords Educate Together school. Information for anyone interested in attending can be found on the Educate Together website.

Student Council

Elections took place in February for our student council. They were hotly contested with a lot of candidates standing and a massive amount of campaigning. Some candidates even had campaign managers and we were treated to super campaign posters around school. Our new council is now up and running.



Write-a-book

Genevieve's Joanne's and Aongus' classes took part in the write-a-book competition recently. The children put in huge effort and produced work of a very high standard. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the winners, Asha in 2nd class, Adib in 4th class and David Mullins in 6th class. Congratulations also to Yanis, Indira, Rosa, Naima, Aibhlin, Abigail, Ellie, James and Angelica whose entries were highly commended.

New website



A new website has been set up on www.helpmykidlearn.ie which is a site packed with ideas to help your child learn every day. It is a good opportunity to get some new ideas and to help make learning fun.

School Self-Evaluation

School is undertaking a school self evaluation in the teaching of English and to this end we have sent home a survey sheet with each child. We would appreciate if you could fill in this survey and return it to us as soon as possible as it is important to us to have your feedback and we value your opinions and thoughts on this area.



Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards



We are currently compiling our science log to send with our application to the Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards. We are very proud to have won this award each year since our school opened and have our fingers crossed for success again this year. Our log involves documenting the work we have undertaken in science and maths this year. It includes lots of interesting experiments we have carried out in our classes.

Nuacht ón mBórd Bainistíochta

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank Gwenn, who recently resigned as PA chairperson, for her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the school during her time as chair.

The Board has decided to prioritise fundraising for an Astroturf pitch next year. To this regard a new 'green envelope' system will be piloted shortly asking families to make a once off voluntary contribution.

The BoM discussed the use of WiFi in the school and acknowledged that there is little we can do at present to improve the situation. We will look at more suitable arrangements in a new building.

Thanks to all who attended the Whole School Meeting – see attached minutes.

A big thanks also to everyone who helped out at the recent bag pack in Oranmore. Supervalu bag pack raised €897.

The BoM is seeking applications for a bus escort and also SNAs. Ads are up on the school website.

Work towards the new premises is ongoing. An engineer has been appointed and is liaising with the Council and the Department regarding modular buildings as have been approved by the Department.

The BoM would like to acknowledge and thank the teachers, especially Mary, the parents and not least the children for engaging with the Student Led Conferences. The BoM are very pleased to have such a positive initiative running in the school.

Cash For Clobber



Our Cash for Clobber initiative continues. It has become an important revenue generator for us. If you would like to drop off a bag please ensure that the correct bag is used. Noreen has a large stock of them upstairs at the moment. We would also ask you to drop the bag to the top floor as bags are being damaged under the tunnel and it is also in the interests of safe keeping. Thank you.



Green School Tip



Wait for the dishwasher to be full before you switch it on - a half full one uses the same energy as a full one.