

## Board of Management News

### Annual School Meeting

The boards annual school meeting was held in mid November. The turnout for this was very low giving rise to some concern within the board. We even encourage teachers to attend as it is an opportunity for all those involved to come together and hear what the plans for the coming year are from a management and teaching point of view. This is also the place that we as a board are accountable for the financial management of the school. Twelve out of one hundred and forty seven families were represented at the meeting. Almost all teachers were present. We can analyse this as being affirming of the work done as there are no negative issues that need raising however it is an opportunity to come to give positive support or suggestions and indeed negative feedback when required. At the meeting there were the usual thank yous and the accounts were presented by Deirdre. There was a review of the year and Fionnuala, Mary and Joanne presented aspects of school life such as the achievements and developments in the teaching of the Learn Together curriculum. Parental involvement is one of the cornerstones of sending a child to an Educate Together school. The eight volunteers that make up the board of management need support and feedback to continue their work on behalf of your children.

**Premises:** The final touches to this year's premises are complete and many of you will have observed a visit from Dept personnel and the junior minister for education, signalling that we are already in negotiations for next year, as soon as there is something to report we will let you know.

Anti bullying month is over and the anti bulling policy is getting an update based on new guidelines. We intend to keep the non stigmatising nature of our policy when it is updated. Thank you to Genevieve and Mary for working on this. It will be available for parental comment in the New Year, before it is adopted.

There was a decision reached to use the green envelope method for voluntary contributions again in January. Please continue to support the variety of fundraising that occurs in the school. This is how we continue to have a well resourced school.

Have a really happy holiday, enjoy each other and have lots of cuddles.

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# Kilcolgan Educate Together

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## Nollaig Shona!




As the first term draws to a close we can look back at a busy and productive four months. Time to recharge the batteries and take a well earned rest. We wish all KETNS children and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

### Calendar

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism)  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - School reopens  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Schools Debate - KETNS vs Carnaun: 12pm, Galway Education Centre  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Spelling Informational Session, 9am, at school  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup> - Holocaust Memorial Day  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> - MMR and 4 in 1 boosters for Jun. Infs.  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Chinese New Year (Year of the Horse)

### December Birthdays



Caoimhe (JI) - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Aonghus (6th) - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Darel (2nd) - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Isaac (JI) - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Cole (5th) - 13<sup>th</sup>  
Annabel (JI) - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Edwin (JI) - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Oisin (SI) - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hannah-Mae (4th) - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Alex (6th) - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Molly (2nd) - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Noelle (SI) - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Feilim (1st) - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Carmen (1st) - 30<sup>th</sup>  
Nia (4th) - 31<sup>st</sup>

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## Exciting News at Second Level for Educate Together



The recent announcement that Educate Together has been awarded the patronage of 5 new second level schools is encouraging news for the second level campaign in Galway. This will bring the total number of second level Educate Together schools to 8, and is the result of many years of campaigning by parents groups in the respective areas.

The parents involved in the Galway group continue to highlight the need for a second level school in our area, and over 800 Expressions of Interest (EOI) have now been registered. Anyone who has a genuine interest in seeing such a school established can complete an EOI via the campaign website, [www.get2ls.org](http://www.get2ls.org), and the group can be contacted via email at [info@get2ls.org](mailto:info@get2ls.org).

## Christmas Show

Final rehearsal for the Christmas show was on Tuesday, in preparation for the performance tonight, Wednesday, at 7pm, in Kilcornan Hall, A big thank you to the PA and the parents for all their fantastic help with the props, and for their huge support and help organising the logistics for our concert. Thanks to the children and teachers for all their super work preparing the concert items, Tickets are 5 euro for adults and children go free.



## Thank You

Thanks to KETNS families for supporting the school Book Fair. The children really enjoyed browsing the shelves and bought some excellent books.

Thanks also for supporting the Simon Galway Food Appeal.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Caoimhe (3rd class), on winning the overall prize of a birthday party for herself and 9 friends, in the Burren Nature Sanctuary Art Competition and to Oscar (2nd class), for winning a book token for coming 1st in his section, in the Kinvara Christmas Market Art Competition. Well done!



## Part-time Cleaner

Kilcolgan Educate Together is looking for a part-time cleaner for approx. 18 hours. CV and letter of application to Chairperson BOM, Kilcolgan ETNS, Colgan Court, Kilcolgan. Closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> January.



## Can you help with IT?

We are looking for a parent volunteer who is available to assist with IT issues at school. We would be delighted to hear from you if you think you can help.

## Nollaig Shona agus Athbhlian faoi Mhaise dhaoibh go leir!

