

Kilcolgan Educate Together.

November 2012



Farewell to Lisbet



It was with great sadness that we said farewell to our friend and colleague Lisbet last Tuesday. She will be remembered for her kindness, patience and wonderful rapport with children. Thank you to the children who yet again showed their maturity and sense of responsibility during Lisbet's funeral service. Their musical tribute to Lisbet was outstanding. We were very proud of them all. Thank you to Lisbet's family for inviting us to be part of her service.

Opening Times



A quick reminder to parents/guardians that school opening times are from 9.00a.m.—1.40 p.m. for infants and 9.00a.m.—2.40 p.m. for all other classes. Children can be dropped off from 8.50 a.m. While teachers are in school before 8.50a.m. it is preparation time and they may not be in their classes. They are therefore unavailable for supervision until 8.50 a.m. Thank you.

School Calendars

Our school calendars are now available for €5 each and are selling fast!. Thanks to Áine for the fantastic idea and all her hard work in organizing and completing the project. Thank you also to Andrew who agreed to take the photos and did such a super job on them. Please send back your order form if you would like to put in an order. Calendars are available in the classrooms to view.



Calendar



Diwali ~ 13th November
Parent/Teacher meetings ~ week beginning 3rd Dec
Christmas Fair ~ 9th Dec
Christmas Show ~ 19th Dec

November Birthdays



Kaine ~ 3rd	Kaya ~ 19th
Tamer ~ 12th	Oisín (6th)~ 29th
Elliot ~ 17th	Hannah-Beth ~ 29th
Daróg ~ 17th	



Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place the week beginning 3rd December. Please arrange a mutually suitable 10 min slot with your child's teacher.

Ethos Conference

This year's Educate Together ethos conference took place in Dublin and Limerick on the 17th November. Some Board of Management members and teaching staff attended. We were very proud that again this year one of our teachers presented at the conference. Mary spoke on Student Led Conferences. We have already very successfully introduced these conferences to our school and there was great interest from the teachers who attended from other ET schools.



Recent Trips

We have had a number of trips lately which involved varying costs for parents.

2nd/3rd/4th classes ~ Coole Park €2.50 per child (bus)

5th/6th class ~ Sea to Sky €5 per child (bus)

Whole school ~ Baboró €10 per child (show + bus)

If you have yet to pay for any of the above trips please send money to your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



Reindeer Food

The P.A. have agreed to produce this year's Reindeer

Food which is available for sale now at a cost of €2 a bag. If you would like to purchase some or have a contact who would like to take a box to sell please contact the school. Boxes are available or bags of 20 units are also available.

These bags are particularly handy if you feel you could sell some to a work group or family group. Boxes and bags are now ready at the school. Our aim is to feed as many reindeer as we can again this year! This is an important fundraiser for us and we really appreciate the P.A. taking on the project. They have produced an excellent product to a very high standard. Thank you to Ann Hill who was very involved in the project last year and kindly agreed to pass on her expertise and magic recipe this year.



Science But Not As We Know It



As part of the Science and Technology Festival we will have a visit from the Science Circus Show this Thursday. The children got to see a variety of shows based on the solar system. The shows took place in an inflatable planetarium and the presenters were very impressed with the level of knowledge floating around Kilcolgan Educate Together!.



Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday 9th December from 11 till 2. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help but we continue to need volunteers. If you can help in any way or if you would like to run a stall on the day please contact Patsy on 087 2220611 or Siobhán on 087 9795590. We also need brick-a-brack (all sorts of unwanted gifts and things you no longer need) and cakes. **Cake Sale:** (Please contact Siobhan Moylan 087 9795590 and let her know what you'll be baking if you can help out in this way. NB: keep a list of ingredients (i.e. nuts).



Christmas Show

This year's Christmas show is being organized by the P.A. and will take place on Wed 19th Dec in Kilcornan Hall at 7.00 p.m. Put the date in your diary!

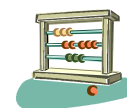


Talk on Cyberbullying and e-safety



There will be a talk on cyberbullying and the use of social media by children on Tuesday 11th December at 7.00 p.m. The talk will be presented by Brendan Smith from the Digital Enterprise Research Institute at NUI Galway. We hope as many parents/guardians as possible will come to the talk as it is a valuable opportunity to get important information around this area. We will also be sending home a 'Family e-safety kit' soon with information and guidelines around keeping children safe while using the internet. Thank you to Annie Rosario for bringing this pack to our attention.

Maths Resources



We are currently updating our maths resources and would appreciate if anyone has something from the following list that they may have at home and would be willing to donate to school; Lego, Duplo blocks, maths games (in good condition with all pieces intact), bathroom or kitchen scales, tape measures, containers with marked measures for use in the capacity topic, height charts sand/egg timers and various lengths of ribbon, string, twine etc for measuring activities.

Secondary School

Information about the Galway Educate Together second-level school start up group and the outline of the Educate Together vision for second level can be found on www.get21s.org. Interested parents can also fill in the Expression of Interest form online or email info@get21s.org for more information.

News from the Board

There is ongoing work in relation to premises and we hope to have some information very soon.

Thank you to all the volunteers helping out in the classrooms, in the Parents association and fundraising, it is the involvement in all these aspects of school life that makes the school what it is. On that note we have sanctioned the purchase of many more classroom resources in the past two months, which would have been impossible without the continued effort towards fundraising.

Welcome to Kiran Sarma who has recently joined the board of management, he is in the role of parent rep. There were no elections as he was the only nominee.

Thanks to Anna who has been updating the website and many other jobs while on leave, she will be back in place as principal after [Christmas](#). It has some new information on what is going on in the classrooms



Cash For Clobber

Final drop off date for bags of clothes is 30th Nov. We will resume collections again after the Christmas holidays. Please leave bags under the tunnel.



Bag Pack

Our recent bagpack in Londis Kinvara raised €85. Thank you to those volunteers who helped out on the day.

Green School Tip



Switch off and plug out appliances when not in use. Appliances left on standby continue to use a reduced amount of electricity.

