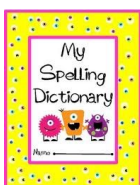


Anti-Bullying Month

During the month of November, the children have been learning that bullying is repeated, intentional, negative unwanted behaviour which can be verbal, psychological or physical. They have also been learning how to prevent negative behaviour escalating into bullying, how to challenge bullying and the procedures that are in place in the school to deal with it. They have discussed and done some activities on friendship and on how to support and help each other be happy in school. We will be holding two assemblies at the end of the month to share what we know about this important topic. Please take time to read the attached Bullying Prevention Guidelines for Parents. The KETNS Anti-Bullying Policy is available on the school website.



Spelling

Changes are currently being made to the teaching and learning of spelling at KETNS. Instead of weekly spelling lists, the children will very shortly begin keeping a personal alphabetised dictionary (copy book) of troublesome words. We will be sending home a detailed letter of explanation shortly. There will also be a workshop on spelling, for parents, in early January.

Opening Times

School opening times are from 9am to 1:40pm for Junior and Senior Infants and from 9am to 2:40pm for all other classes. Children can be dropped from 8:50am. **Teachers are at school before 8:50am but are unavailable to supervise the children as they are preparing classes and attending to other school business.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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Whole School Evaluation Report



We are very proud of the Whole School Evaluation Report which is now available on the school website; click on News in sidebar of Welcome page. It is very encouraging and affirming of all the great work that takes place at KETNS.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings are taking place this week. Time slots are ten minutes long. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss your child's successes and areas for improvement.



November Birthdays

Brendan (5th) - Nov 2nd
Fern (JI) - Nov 3rd
Kaine (SI) - Nov 3rd
Tamer (2nd) - Nov 12th
Ethan (JI) - Nov 17th
Elliot (2nd) - Nov 17th
Darog (3rd) - Nov 17th
Ciaran (4th) - Nov 17th
Conor (3rd) - Nov 23rd
Hannah-Beth (SI) - Nov 29th



Calendar

Nov 27th - Dec 5th Hanuka
Dec 2nd - 6th Parent Teacher Meetings
Dec 2nd - 6th Book Fair
Dec 3rd - International Day of Persons with Disability
Dec 8th - Carol Singing at Steeltech, 2-3.30pm
Dec 10th - Human Rights Day
Dec 11th - International Mountain Day
Dec 18th - Christmas Show
Dec 20th - Start of Holidays - close 12.30pm
Dec 21st - Winter Solstice
Dec 25th - Christmas Day
Jan 6th - School reopens

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Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held after school all this week in the Resource Room (2nd prefab).

This is a great opportunity to purchase children's books and help fund raise for the school at the same time.



Cake Sale in Aid of Philippines Disaster

Cake Sale, organised by 4th, 5th, and 6th class, was held last Friday afternoon, in aid of the Philippines disaster. Donations will be made through UNICEF. We were delighted to take in €716 euro. Thanks to all who supported.

Christmas Show



The children are busy preparing a variety of acts for this year's Christmas Show

which will be held on Dec 18th, in Kilcornan Hall, starting at 7pm. A big thank you to Ciaran and all at Kilcornan for accommodating us in the hall.

Galway Simon Community Food Appeal



Donations of dried/tinned/non-perishable food would be greatly appreciated for this local charity. Please put donations in the labelled box at the top of the stairs.

Reindeer Food

4th to 6th class have been busy making Reindeer Food again this year. It costs €2 euro a bag. If you would like to purchase some or have a contact who would like to take a box to sell, please get in touch with the school. Boxes of 18/bags of 20 units are also available. This is an important fundraiser for the school and we would really appreciate your support. Thank you to the PA for their support with this enterprise.



Green School's Update



The Green School Committee has been very busy this month.

Class inspections: We are happy to report that children are making a big effort to use the correct bins in their classrooms and teachers are reporting that all classes are making a real effort to save energy by remembering to close doors and turn off lights during break times. Well done to all classes! Energy monitors keep up the good work!

Energy Flag Update: We have completed our action plan. This document outlines all the steps we intend to complete in order to achieve our next flag. The Green School's notice board is under construction - we hope to have it on display very soon. You will be able to keep up-to-date with all the work of the committee through the board and most importantly keep an eye on the action plan. James and Carraigh are busy putting an energy survey together for students to complete. Other committee members are eagerly designing badges for the

committee and posters for display in our school to raise awareness about energy. Indira and Cirdan will be closely monitoring the electricity meter in the main building and Aibhlin and Jack will be monitoring the meters in the prefabs. Will let you know the results.

We are happy to announce that SEAI will be returning to the school in December to do energy workshops with Senior Infants and Third Class.

Energy Tip: Turn your thermostat down by 1 degree and see the difference it makes to your heating bill.

Be Green, The Green School's Committee.

Thank You

Thanks to families who have donated science and maths resources. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to Derrick May for giving badminton lessons.