

Kilcolgan Educate Together.

September 2012

Welcome Back

A belated big welcome back to everyone especially all our new pupils and their families. We hope everyone had a great time over the holidays and that a good rest was had by all. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Joanne O'Reilly, our new teacher in 2nd class. We are delighted to have her on board and we hope she will be very happy in our school.

Traffic/Parking

- We recently sent out a note re. traffic and parking near our school. If you didn't receive one copies are available from Noreen. We would like to remind you of the main points.
- Please do not cross the N18 road at O'Donoghue's Pub.
 - Please follow our 1 way traffic system, entering at Rafftery's Rest and exiting at O' Donoghue's Pub
 - Please don't park opposite school gates and allow room for a car to pass while buses are parked for drop-off and pick-up.



Calendar



17th Sept ~Rosh Hashanah
25th/26th Sept ~ Yom Kippur
26th Sept ~ European Day of Languages
26th Sept

30th ~ Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)
17th Oct ~Annual School Meeting

September Birthdays

5th Sept ~ Cian (6th)
6th Sept ~ Eoin (2nd)
6th Sept ~ Eden (SI)
7th Sept ~ James (5th)
8th Sept ~ Eimear (JI)
9th Sept ~ Naima (2nd)
13th Sept ~ Kenny (2nd)
13th Sept ~ Isabella (6th)



15th Sept ~ Louis (JI)
15th Sept ~ Fieera (2nd)
18th Sept ~ Hannah (5th)
21st Sept ~ Karina (1st)
22nd Sept ~ Joseph (JI)
23rd Sept ~ Róisín (SI)
30th Sept ~ Moya (4th)



Annual School Meeting

Books/Sundries

Almost all book and sundries money has now been paid. However there is some still outstanding. If you have not paid to date please give the following amount to your child's teacher or to Noreen. Junior/Senior infants €100 for books and sundries and €70 sundries for all other classes. Thank you.

The Board of Management will be holding our Annual School Meeting in school on Wed 17th October at 8.00p.m. All parents/guardians are invited. There will be a childminding facility for those who need it. There will be tea/coffee afterwards. Hope to see you there.



Pupil Absences

If your child is absent from school please phone or send a written note on return to school. We are obliged to report an absence record of more than 20 days and have to fill in a coded reason for absences e.g. illness, holiday, family reason etc.

Rosh Hashanah/ Yom Kippur

We are currently learning about the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah which is being celebrated at the moment. It is a ten day festival to mark the start of the Jewish year. On the tenth day the festival comes to a close with the celebration of Yom Kippur.

Thank You

Thank you to the parents who helped out during the holidays. Your help was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Allen, Deirdre and Seán for the fantastic work done on the top area of the yard. It was a lovely surprise for children, parents and staff on their return to school..

Baboró

We have applied to take part in the Baboró theatre festival in Galway again this year and are awaiting acceptance. If we are accepted the shows will take place during the week of the 15th Oct and will cost €10 per child including bus fare.



What a wonderful job we all did on fundraising, from April to June we raised over €6.500. A big Thank You to everyone, we're a great team.

The Cash for Clobber raised over €1,000. It has been so successful we're going to continue all year, Noreen has bags if you need them, but any bags will do. We will take clothes, sheets, curtains, towels, handbags, shoes. Please try to have bags weighing under 8kg. You can leave bags inside school gates at any time during school week.

Auction of Promises Friday November 9th Kilcolgan Castle

We have some promises and gifts already and would love lots more. If you can offer a service or donate an item for sale please contact Siobhan 087 9795590 or Patsy 087 2220611

Christmas Fair Sunday December 2nd

It's a great family and community day. It's the place to buy your Christmas gifts, nab designer clothes at knock down prices, have lunch, meet friends over coffee and cake. Would you like to run a stall, bake or cook for the food stalls, donate or volunteer help, please contact Patsy 087 2220611

Bag Packs

We raised €2,750 in bag packs. This is a brilliant fundraiser, the only cost is time, the money comes from outside the school community and it raises the profile of the school. We are hoping to do another bag pack in October and we have one booked for February. Please volunteer 2 hours of your time, contact Patsy 087 2220611

New Fundraising Ideas

This could be your chance to shine, do you have a fundraising idea that you would like to run. Let us know, we love to support new ideas. We now have a "New Ideas" box in the school to encourage parents and children to get their thinking caps on or email Patsy at sales@tarabookco.ie

Comments and Feedback

We would love to hear from you with any comments of feedback on fundraising to date, and for the future, email Patsy at sales@tarabookco.ie

 **Green School Tip** 

Unplug your phone charger and other equipment left on stand-by. Equipment on stand-by uses up to 20% of the energy it would when fully on.