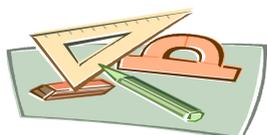


Kilcolgan Educate Together



September 2013

Welcome Back



Welcome back to another school year which we're sure will be full of energy and new learning. We especially welcome the Junior Infants and the new children who have joined other classes throughout the school. Pupils have settled in and are busy learning new things and making new friends. All class information meetings have taken place except for 5th/6th class. That will be scheduled shortly when they are settled in their new classroom. We welcome our new staff members; Sorcha (4th class teacher), Niabh (2nd class teacher), Clare (3rd class teacher), Avril (LSRT), who is standing in for Anna and Irina (SNA), who is standing in for Kate. We also welcome two part-time LSRT teachers, Patrick and Jarlath. Welcome to the team!



New Babies



We welcome two beautiful babies who have already visited school! Heartfelt congratulations to Anna and John on the arrival of Evan, and to Kate and Patrick on the birth of Patrick Aleksander.



Calendar



4th - 6th Sept: Rosh Hashanah
13th - 14th Sept: Yom Kippur
26th Sept: European Day of Languages
8th Oct, 7pm, Homeopathy Talk
10th Oct: Tree Day
16th Oct, 8pm, Homework Workshop

September Birthdays

6th ~ Eoin (3rd)
6th ~ Eden (1st)
7th ~ James (6th)
8th ~ Eimear (SI)
9th ~ Naima (3rd)
13th ~ Kenny (3rd)
15th ~ Louis (SI)
15th ~ Fieera (3rd)
17th ~ Laura (JI)
18th ~ Hannah (6th)
19th ~ Murragh (JI)
21st ~ Karina (2nd)
22nd ~ Joseph (SI)
23rd ~ Róisín (1st)
29th ~ Cuisle (JI)
30th ~ Moya (5th)

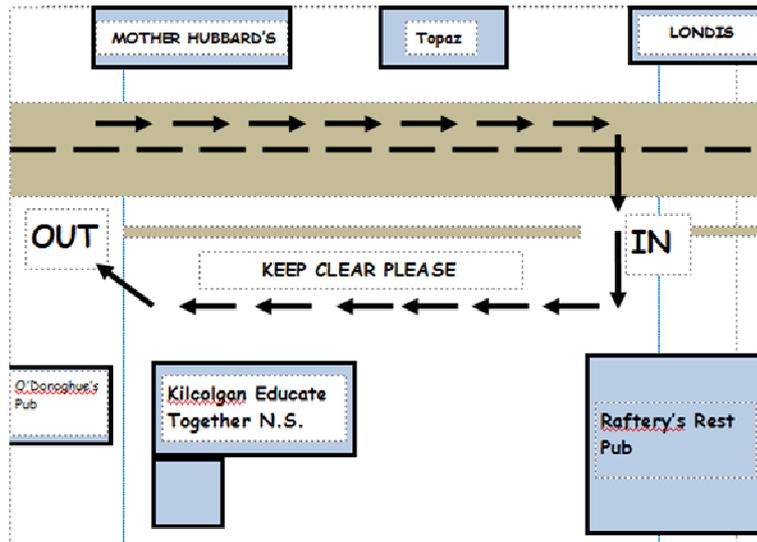


School Website www.kilcolganetns.com

One Way Traffic System

Enter at Raftery's Rest and exit at O'Donoghue's pub.

Please refer to map below.



Driving/Parking

- Please follow the one way system when approaching and leaving school. Enter at Raftery's Rest and exit at O'Donoghue's Pub. The success of this one way system is crucial to the children's safety.
- The area in front of the school gates must be kept clear at all times for school bus pick up and drop off. Space must be left clear to allow cars to pass while buses are waiting to collect or drop off the children.
- Parking in front of O'Donoghue's should only be for the purposes of dropping off and collecting children. If you need to park for more than a short length of time, e.g, if you are coming in to school, please do not park in front of O'Donoghue's - park further down the road towards Raftery's Rest.
- If parking at O'Donoghue's, please reverse into the space to ensure a safe exit.
- Do not pick up, drop off, or park, at the back of O'Donoghue's.
- Avoid dropping children off on the main N18 as it is extremely dangerous for them to walk past cars and buses to get to the school.
- Thank you for reading this important traffic information and please pass it on to anyone who may be collecting your children from school. We look forward to a safe school year.

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Baboró



Book Shelf



Our application for Baboró tickets has been successful, and we will be attending shows during the week of 14th October. Details of shows, times and cost to follow very shortly.



Cash for Clobber

Cash for Clobber, a fundraising initiative, is accepting unwanted clothes from now until further notice. We will take clothes, sheets, curtains, towels, handbags, shoes - start clearing out your cupboards! Please try to have bags weighing under 8kg. You can leave bags inside school gates at any time during the school week.

Books/Sundries

If you have not yet paid for books and sundries, please give the following amount to your child's teacher or to Noreen.

Junior/Senior Infants; 100 euro, 1st/2nd/3rd; 75 euro per child or 140 euro per family,
4th/5th/6th; 80 euro per child or 140 euro per family.



Peanut Free Zone

We have a number of children who have an allergy to peanuts, so we ask you not to include peanuts or peanut products in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for your cooperation.

3rd Class is reading:

Micheal Morpurgo/Enid Blyton/Roald Dahl/JRR Tolkien/Eva Ibbotson/David Williams/Gwyneth Rees/Dr. Seuss

Wow, I'm a Gazillionaire/Pippi Longstocking/Anne of Green Gables/ Harry Potter/Percy Jackson Series/Mr. Gum Series/The Chronicles of Narnia/ Little House on the Prairie Series/Tom Gates Series/The Adventures of Tintin/Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series/ Horrible Histories Series/Horrid Henry Series/The Lighthouse Keeper Series

4th Class is reading:

Enid Blyton/Micheal Grant/Roald Dahl/ Jacqueline Wilson/Michael Morpurgo/ Eva Ibbotson/Lemony Snicket

5th and 6th Classes are reading:

Then/A Murder is Announced/ Announced/The Night Circus/ Skulduggery Pleasant/Goodnight Mister Tom/The Accidental Time Traveler/Running Wild/How to Train your Dragon/Chemical Chaos/The Alchemyst/Middle School/My Name is Brian/ Matilda/Code Name Verity/The Fault Lies in our Stars/Jessica Juniper

Report from Kilcornan

Our class has temporarily moved to Kilcornan while awaiting delivery of our new portacabins. Life in 'Kilcornan Educate Together' is great! We have access to a large kitchen in which we have made pizzas. We go on leaf trails

and best of all, we are building shelters in the woods. Unfortunately, there is no Wifi. Though Kilcornan is great, we can't wait to get back to school!

5th and 6th students

Board of Management News

On behalf of the board, I would like to welcome all the children and parents returning after the summer and to give a special welcome to our many newcomers. You will be aware that our plans over the summer did not all come to fruition in a timely fashion, but after much negotiation we are happy to have the whole school campus kept together with two new classrooms behind the others, with some additional play space. Fifth and sixth class will be coming back into the school on Monday after what I hear was a very enjoyable experience in Kilcornan. Kilcornan deserves a huge thank you for the community spirit in which they invited us to avail of temporary accommodation at short notice.

We have five new staff members and we are delighted to have them and to hear they are settling in well to our school.

Well done to Fionnuala and all the staff for stepping up to the ever changing new arrangements. Thank you also to Anna for all her involvement over the summer. Joanne is the

new teachers' representative on the board of management. The board remains committed in the coming school year to acquiring more long term and suitable accommodation for the school.

The board is committed to the development of the school and to ensuring that it is resourced to the highest standards. There is constant negotiation on the finance available through the department and the funds available through contributions and fundraising. We need your ongoing support to continue to grow the high standards we achieved in the WSE last year. This school came from the vision of a small group of parents led by Louise Kinlen and Benjamin Roquette. Some of us are still on the board and we need the constant involvement of parents in the classroom and out, to ensure its success. We will update you on all developments at the AGM after the Halloween break.

Melinda
Chairperson