

Kilcolgan Educate Together N.S. School Calendar 2010

JANUARY Thursday 7 th Friday 8 th Tuesday 26 th – Thursday 28 th incl.	School re-opens Close 12.00 – staff meeting Parent Teacher meetings
FEBRUARY Wednesday 3 rd Friday 5 th Monday 8 th Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th	Close 12.30 – staff training Close 12.00 – staff meeting School closed – planning day School closed – Mid-Term Break
MARCH Wednesday 3 rd Friday 5 th Wednesday 17 th Friday 26 th	Whole School Meeting 6pm Close 12.00 – staff meeting School closed – St. Patrick's Day Close at 12.30 – start of holidays
APRIL Monday 12 th Wednesday 14 th Friday 16 th	School re-opens Swimming begins Close 12.00 – staff meeting
MAY Monday 3 rd Friday 7 th	School closed – Bank Holiday Close at 12.00 – staff meeting
JUNE Monday 7 th Friday 4 th Friday 18 th Tuesday 29 th	School closed Close at 12.00 – staff meeting Sports Day (weather permitting) Close at 12.30 – start of holidays
AUGUST Monday 30 th	School re-opens

*From time to time there may be changes to the calendar.
Please keep a look out for notification.*

Green School Tip



Please conserve water especially in light of recent shortages. Remember to turn the tap off when brushing teeth, have a shower instead of a bath and fit dripping taps with new washers.



Kilcolgan Educate Together.

January 2010

Happy New Year

Gelukkig Nieuwjaar
Bonne Année
Frohes Neues Jahr
S Novym Godom
Gott Nytt År
Boldog új évet
Buon Anno
Szczesliwego Nowego Roku
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda
Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit



We would like to wish everyone all the best for 2010 and look forward to lots of exciting events in Kilcolgan ETNS!



January & February Birthdays

25th Jan—Matilda

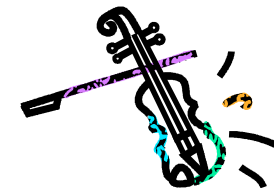
2nd Feb—Eoin Van de Beek

10th Feb—Colm & Rory

12th Feb—Philip

29th Feb—John Anderson

Well Done



Thanks to all who attended our Christmas concert and a big congratulations to the children for their wonderful performance. Big thanks are also due to Fionnuala for co-ordinating and organising the event and to Lisa and her daughters for organising tea and coffee afterwards. We would really appreciate any photographs or video clips that parents may have from the day.



Calendar



Please see our new calendar on the back page

School Website

www.kilcolganetns.com

News from the Board of Management

The Board would like to thank the teachers and staff for making all efforts to keep the school open during the bad weather.

Kate Zemla has been appointed as new SNA.

A number of policies have been ratified by the board and are available upon request. These include: Use of Premises, Health and Safety, Garda Vetting, Induction of Infants, Complaints Procedure, Homework, Code of Conduct for Staff and Volunteers, Work Experience and Data Protection.

February 8th has been approved as the school planning day.

The next BOM meeting is to take place on Feb 9th.



School Closures

School will close early on the **3rd February** as the teaching staff are attending training on the Learn Together programme (our religious and ethical education curriculum) in Galway Educate Together that day. We would please ask parents to ensure they are on time that day as staff need to get to Galway before 1.00.

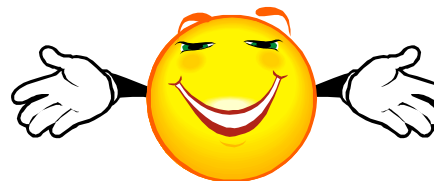
The school will be closed on the **8th February** as the staff is having a planning day and hope to implement some of the training in our own context.

We do appreciate that there has been disruption to the school year with the bad weather and our Minister's decision and that February brings some more unforeseen closures. We hope that parents will understand and we have tried to give as much advance notice as possible. It is the nature of schools that there is some flexibility in their calendars and at times there are events out of our control.

Parent-Teacher Meetings



As you will see Parent Teacher meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the 26th, 27th and 28th January. Please book a slot with your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you cannot attend during these dates or the allocated times please make alternative arrangements with the teacher. Teachers will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate all parents.



Welcome

We would like to welcome Kate Zemla onto the staff as our new SNA. She is working in Fionnuala's room for a few hours a day. We would also like to welcome Michelle, who is undertaking teaching practice in Fionnuala's room.



Science



A big thank you to Mary for organising science training for the teachers. The teachers attended a CASE conference, which stands for Cognitive Acceleration through Science Education on Saturday kindly run by Lorraine McCormack who is currently undertaking a PhD in UCD in CASE. Teachers from schools around the county were also invited and attended.

Enrolments

Letters have been sent to parents who pre-enrolled their children for next year, asking them to confirm that they are still interested in a place. Places will then be offered in February. An information evening is scheduled for the 28th April at 7.30 in the school. If you know of anyone who is interested in a place in the school for next year but has not yet enrolled their child please ask them to contact the school.

Whole School Meeting

Parents, guardians and partners are invited to a whole school meeting on March 3rd at 6pm. This is an informal meeting where members of the Board and staff will be present to answer questions/ discuss current whole school issues or concerns. There will be a child-minding facility available. We will remind you again prior to the meeting.