

# Kilcolgan Educate Together.

May 2011



## Permanent Recognition



We got the fantastic news recently that we have received permanent recognition from the Department of Education and Science. As was explained to the children, when the school set up in 2008 the Department of Education was unsure whether the school would be viable and serve the needs of the local community. By granting us permanent recognition they have acknowledged our viability for now and the future. We held a party last Friday to celebrate and would like to thank everyone who provided baked goods and who helped out on the day. Thank you also to Junior Minister for Education and skills, Ciaran Cannon who showed up on Friday to congratulate us and wish us well.



## Calendar

### Bag Pack in Supervalu

Gort Fri 20th and Sat 21st

May

Bank Holiday 6th June ~ school closed

School Planning Day 7th June ~ school closed for children

## May Birthdays



2nd May ~ Rachael

3rd May ~ Che

9th May ~ Amber B

28th May ~ Albert



## Green School

We're not short of good news at the moment. On Monday we received confirmation that our application to become a Green School and earn a Green Flag was successful. This is great news for us and comes after a lot of hard work and dedication on everyone's part. A special thank you goes to Eimear who put together our application and did an amount of work to see it through. Well done Eimear. Thanks also to the children in Eimear's room who kept us on track and did really well in educating us all on waste management. We're thrilled to be a Green School.



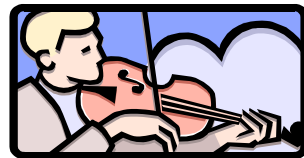
## Bag Pack

Allen has organised a backpack in Supervalu, Gort on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. A rota has been drawn up of two hour slots and can be found on the noticeboard at the top of the stairs. We would really appreciate if parents could spare some time for this fundraiser and we are hoping to have the maximum number of tills covered at all times. If your child travels to school by bus and you have difficulty checking the rota and would like to put your name on a slot please phone school and we will let you know which slots are still available. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help out.



## Musicians' Visit

On Thursday last we had a return visit from our Cape Breton friends who played some fantastic music for us. Cape Breton is an island off the coast of Canada with a strong music tradition. Llyod, Paul and Danny last visited our school in September and they were extremely impressed with how our school musicians are progressing and also with the questions the children put to them. Thanks to the lads for their time



## Quiz Night



A big thank you to everyone who supported our table quiz last term. It proved to be a very enjoyable night and we raised €935. Thank you also to those who donated prizes for the night and to Ann, Allen and Vicky who helped make sandwiches.



## Planning Day

Please take note that school will be closed for children on Tuesday 7th June to facilitate a school planning day.



## Whole School Meeting

We would like to invite parents to an informal, open meeting at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 9th June. There will be a child minding facility available. There is no formal agenda but the meeting provides a forum to give parents the opportunity to discuss matters of interest.

## Welcome Noreen

We would like to welcome our new secretary, Noreen Doherty to school. Noreen works from 8.30a.m. to 10.30a.m. each day and will be answering phones during this time. We wish Noreen well and hope she will be very happy in our school.





## International Day

We will be holding our second international day on Friday 17th June and we're looking for people to co-ordinate the different stands on the day. If you would like to run or help out with a stand please speak to your child's teacher. Our international day was a huge success last year and we're hoping it will be even better this year so start checking out if you have anything we could use.



## Anna On The Run

Anna is intending to run the mini-marathon in Dublin on the 6th June and any sponsorship she earns will be donated to the school. You will find a sponsorship card on the notice board at the top of the stairs if you would like to sponsor Anna. Good luck on the day Anna...we'll be thinking of you!!!

## Discover Science And Maths Award

And yet more good news!! We have gotten our Discover Science and Maths award for the third year running. Well done to the children for their great experimenting and mathematical work. The children in Anna's and Eimear's rooms put on a fantastic Science Day recently with excellent experiments and projects on show. The infants really enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to our scientists.



## European Minerals Day

Friday 13th is European Minerals Day and David Stewart has kindly offered to come and talk to the children about minerals. We are very lucky to have such expertise amongst the parent body. Bridget will be following up with a talk on minerals in nutrition.

## Summer Fair

The annual Fundraising Funday Fair will be held on the Sunday 19th June. The fundraising committee are looking for volunteers on the day to help out with teas/coffees/BBq/raffle tickets. Also looking for the bakers among you to bake for the occasion to sell on the day. We'll be inviting professional stall holders to come along and sell their goods on their own behalf for a fee of 10euro. Any parent wishing to have a stall to sell on behalf of school will have 1st call. (herbs/flowers/art/etc....). If you can help out please contact Andrew on 087 6391500. There will be a fun element to the day and artists among you may like to help out with this.



## Sun Safety

Please be mindful of sun safety in the weeks ahead. On any morning you feel there may be sun during break times please apply sunscreen to children. A sun hat is also advised for break times. Please also ensure childrens' footwear is appropriate for stairs and playtime at all times. Sandals must have a strap as flip flop type sandals are dangerous on the stairs. Crocs are also discouraged as it is difficult for the children to keep them on if they are running at playtime.



## Bake Off



On Friday 27th May we are having a bake off to raise money for the Japanese Red Cross. The bake off is open to all classes and there are 3 categories 4-6years, 7-9 years and 10-13.

The competition will be judged by a professional chef. Parents are permitted to help and all parents are welcome to come. The bake off will be held at 1:30, outside if possible. If the weather is not good then we will use the top floor.

The school council.

## A Poem from Hannah Chandra



**H** is for Hogwarts, to which Harry travels,  
and because of which, a great adventure unravels.  
**A** is for adventure, which he has while he's there  
with his friends Ron and Hermione, whom he always will care.  
**R** is for risks, which they often take  
with luck on their side, they escape Voldemort and his snake!  
**R** is for Ron, Harry's closest friend,  
who stays with Harry to the very end.  
**Y** is for years, which Harry spends,  
having adventures in Hogwarts with all of his friends.  
**P** is for Privet Drive, where Harry resides,  
and, when he's fed up of the Dursleys, in his bedroom he  
hides  
**O** is for owl, Hedwig, Harry's pet  
which, in his first year, Hagrid let him get.  
**T** is for trouble, which seems to follow them as they go,  
trying to escape from deadly foe.  
**T** is for tearful, Harry is sad,  
because he never had a mum or a dad.  
**E** is for evil, which Harry faces

