

Kilcolgan Educate Together.

October 2011

Your School Needs You!!!

Snow Queen

We are hoping to do a whole school end of year production of the Snow Queen this year. Great excitement has been generated and auditions for speaking parts are being held. WE NEED YOUR HELP making costumes with making sets, with sound systems (if anyone has contacts with radio mics we would love to hear from you) and with lighting. Please email Anna at anna@kilcolganetns.com or speak to her directly if you would like to get involved.



Calendar



Mid term break : children break up on the 28th October (FULL DAY) and school reopens on 7th November.

Bullying awareness month coming up in November .

Celebrating Birthdays

We would like to remind parents not to send invitations for parties to school for distribution unless everyone in your child's room is invited. Children who are not invited often get upset.

Please distribute invitations outside of school hours.

October Birthdays



12th -Blythe (4th)
15th- Hannah Chandra (5th)
6th-Poppy (Junior Infants)
17th- Bruce (Junior Infants)
14th- Linda(1st)





Traffic/Parking



Many thanks to those of you who are parking safely.

A reminder to all parents not to park across the road from the school, as it blocks traffic when the buses arrive, and also to abide by the one way system, in at Rafterys and out at Donoghues.

Chess Club

Many thanks to Carrie and Tracey who are again this year giving their time to run a chess club on Thursdays at lunch time .



Head Lice

A case of head lice has recently been reported to the school. Please remember to check your child's head regularly and let the school know if your child is being treated.

Emails

In an effort to communicate effectively with all parents in our rapidly growing school we hope to shortly be in a position to send emails to parents with general notes and also child specific information. Parents were asked to provide email addresses last year and at registration this year and Noreen is compiling lists of email addresses for each class. Please let Noreen or your Childs teacher know if you change your email address or if you do not wish to receive emails. All teachers can be emailed at teachers first [name@kilcolganetns.com](mailto:anna@kilcolganetns.com). for **example** anna@kilcolganetns.com.

Other teachers set up like this are Fionnuala, Eimear, Mary, Aongus, Genevieve and Tracey.

Athletics

Congratulations to Rory Moran 4th class on his great run for the school in the Connacht Cross Country championship last weekend.



Student led conferences

At the meeting with parents, teachers recently outlined changes to the reporting procedures previously used.

This year we will be piloting student-led conferences where students showcase their work to their parents and explain what they have learned throughout the year.

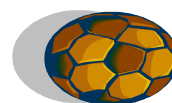
We will be holding parent - teacher meetings in December (as opposed to January/ February), we will have the student-led conference just before Easter and we will send a written report in the summer. If you have any queries please speak to your child's teacher.

Hurles and Helmets

If there are any parents who have hurles or helmets to sell or donate to the children from 2nd-6th classes, it would be greatly appreciated. Helmets can also be bought through school at a heavily subsidised cost of 35 Euro. Contact Aongus or Eimear.

Football training

There is football training in Ballindereen pitch every Thursday after school from 3-4pm.



French Classes Claire from Allianz Francais has sent home notes for French classes after school, if interested return forms to teacher. You can also contact Claire from Alliance Francaise directly (no.on note that went home.)

Games playing day The e school is hosting games playing day on October 28th. It is 2 euro per child and children can also dress up for Halloween on same day. Proceeds go to Educate Together who provide invaluable support to schools.

News from the Board of Management

All parents/guardians do not need to return the votes for the Male Parent Representatives. Jipe Kelly has withdrawn his name so Brian Callan is the Male Parent Representative. Deirdre Bennett is the Female Parent Representative.

The Annual school meeting is taking place on October 26th at 8pm. The agenda will include: Chairs report, Principals report, Finance Report, Fundraising report and an update on the premises, there will also be opportunity to ask questions. The newly elected parent representatives will be introduced to the school community and we will be saying goodbye to those who are stepping down. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards so there will be an opportunity for everyone to meet.

Planting Crocuses

4th, 5th & 6th are planting crocuses to commemorate those that died in the Holocaust.



Educate Together Second Level

If you are interested in being part of a start up committee to get an Educate Together 2nd level school off the ground please contact Brian Callan on 086 3318789.

Notes were sent home with the children.



Green School Tip



Computer Usage - Computers are one of the most energy-sucking devices so turn monitors off or into sleep mood every evening. Decreasing screen brightness on computers can also reduce power consumption.