## Scoil Treasa Naofa

## Kilflynn

# Newsletter 26th September 2019

## When Parents and Teachers work together the Children are the

## Winners!

#### **Cross Country**

Well Done to all the children who competed in the Primary School Cross Country Running in Ardfert on Wednesday! Great to see such determination and talent on such a cold, wet evening!

#### **Feel Good Friday**

As part of Amber Flag iniatiative this Friday is "Feel Good Friday." Remember children can wear something they feel good in. Make it comfy as we'll be out walking! This is one of the wonderful activities to promote Mental Health and Wellbeing.

#### Tesco Bag Pack

Thanks to the Parents' Association for organising the bag pack which takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. This is an annual fundraiser that contributes to various activities your child/children participate in throughout the year. Please give one hour of your time to help out. Please sign sheet in the foyer. Míle Buíochas!

#### **After school classes:**

Tradtime will commence on Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2.40pm - 3.40 pm

Drama classes to commence Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with Sharon Costello from 2.40pm- 3.40pm.

A small number of spaces are still available if children are interested.

These classes will run until Easter.

## **Clothes Collection**

There will be a clothing recycling drive for Killynn N.S. after the mid-term. Please donate all your clean, unwanted clothes to the school over the next few weeks. Letter to follow.

#### **Child Protection**

Please see our school website to access our school's Child Safeguarding Statement and risk assessment. There is also a copy on display in the school foyer. The Designated Liaison Person is Mrs Falvey.

#### **Health Promotion**

Happiness Homework for the month of September was a huge success again. The children thoroughly enjoyed spending quality time with the family, doing chores and helpful deeds as part of their Happiness Homework.

Happiness Homework will continue on the first Monday of every Month.

### **Knitting Project**

We are hoping to begin a Knitting project with the children. Thanks to the Parents' Association for working closely with the staff in organising this. We hope to see a number of Parents and Grandparents teaching this wonderful skill in the school in the near future! If you are interested or you know an interested grandparent please give your name to Gene McNamara or to the school.

#### **Hurling/Football**

Hurling Coaching is taking place during school hours with Giles O' Grady. He is working in Rang 1,2 &3 this term. Jerome O Sullivan is coaching the Football team who play their first game on Friday-Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh.

#### **PE:Dance Strand**

#### **Zumba**

All Children will participate in Zumba for six weeks with Padraig O Mahony

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#### **Irish Dancing**

Irish Dancing Lessons will commence after Midterm with Michael Murphy. Thanks to the Parents' Association who will co-fund these lessons.

#### **Little Heroes First Aid**

All children will participate in Basic First Aid and Life Saving Skills on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Little Heroes First Aid will introduce children to age appropriate First Aid.

All Children will receive a certificate and sticker on the day.

### **Continuing Professional Development(CPD)**

Over the coming weeks all staff will be engaging in CPD. This is an essential factor in maintaining the highest standards in Teaching and Learning.

Areas of CPD include English, Maths, SPHE, Health and Wellbeing, Child Protection and Special Education.

#### **School Self Evaluation (SSE)**

The School will continue to engage in SSE. We are currently in year two of a two year plan, and our focus is Physical Education with an emphasis on Fundamental Movement Skills. These are the basics necessary for good balance, locomotor activities such as running, jumping, hopping, and galloping and ball skills - such as catching, throwing, kicking, underarm roll and striking.

By incorporating fundamental skills into each PE lesson, pupils will be aware of the steps involved in FMS, utilise the skills to the best of their ability and increase mastery of the skills by 10%.

#### School Website/ Facebook

We have a very active Facebook page and Website. Please check them out to see what has been happening in the school. With so many different projects and initiatives, art-work, poetry and stories on display it's worth taking and look and perhaps liking and sharing!!

#### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher meetings will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you need to meet a Teacher before this, please ring to make an appointment and Teachers will gladly make arrangements to meet with you. This is to avoid disrupting valuable teaching time during the day.

#### **Healthy Eating**

As we are a Health Promoting School all children are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch to school every day. Well done to all the boys and girls who continue to eat healthy at school. Remember:

'Healthy Body -Healthy Mind'

#### **Hope Shoe Boxes**

This year we are encouraging all families to donate one shoe box filled with gifts that can be delivered to children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe or Africa. It is a wonderful way to share a little of what we have and make a difference in a child's life. A detailed letter outlining the project will follow. All shoeboxes will be collected on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>.

| School closed Friday October 26 <sup>th</sup> .   |
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| Midterm break:  |
| Bag pack: Dunnes NCR,   |
| Tesco Manor,  |
| Parent- Teacher Meetings take place 13 <sup>th</sup> November. School will close @ 2: 20 pm. Any parent that cannot be facilitated on this date, will be asked to come on another date. |
| Mindfulness classes 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> :   |
| Christmas holidays:   |
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