

Kilkeary N.S. Newsletter

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PAULINE'S DEPARTURE

After eight years working here in Kilkeary N.S., Pauline is due to leave at the end of June. Although Pauline was initially employed to work with Rebecca, her role in the school expanded more and more over the years. Her artistic ability is there for all to see. The beautiful way in which she decorated Grenanstown Church for the recent First Holy Communion ceremony left a lasting impression on all who saw it.

Pauline is universally liked by all pupils, parents and teachers. She has made friendships here that will last a lifetime. While everyone in Kilkeary will be sad to see Pauline leave, we are delighted to call her our friend and grateful to have had the opportunity of working with her these past few years.

Go n-éirí an bóthar leat Pauline

SPORT

The school had quite a successful year on the hurling front. After being defeated in the last three North finals we finally got our hands on the trophy with victories over Ballinacclough and Aglish. We defeated Ballysloe N.S. in the county semi-final to set up a meeting with Killea N.S. in the county final. All roads lead to Semple Stadium on May 26th. Although we scored four goals and eleven points, defeat was our lot but we put up a great performance and battled to the end. A special word of thanks to Thurles Vocational School who provided refreshments for the panel and parents after the match.

National Parents Council – Tipp Branch
Seminar - 'Supporting parents to support their children's Mental Health and Wellbeing'.

19th June, The Horse & Jockey Hotel, Kilnoe,
Thurles at 7:30pm. All parents welcome!



JUNIOR ROOM SCHOOL TOUR

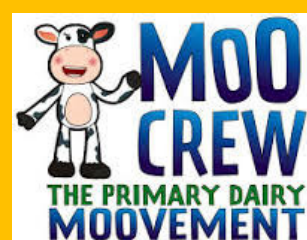
This year the junior room went to Turow Pet Farm in Loughrea, <https://www.turoepetfarm.com>. A great day was had by all!

SENIOR ROOM SCHOOL TOUR

The pupils in the senior room will go to Spike Island for their school tour this year. This promises to be an adventure-filled day on the former prison site.

MOO CREW WINNERS

The Junior room were county winners in the National Dairy Council poster competition, receiving a certificate and a voucher for €100 for the school.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

- PARENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE -

The Kilkeary N.S. Parents Association is made up of all parents of children in the school. The Parents Association Committee works to support the school and teachers through social activities, communications and fundraising.

From September 2017, we hope to expand the Parents Association Committee. If you are interested getting involved or knowing more, please contact any member: Orla Hartnett, Sandra Harford, Sylvia Conway, Ger Doyle, Gerard Ryan, Fintan Ryan, Breda O'Brien, Mary O'Dwyer, Deirdre Hogan.

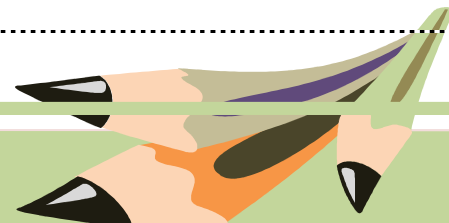
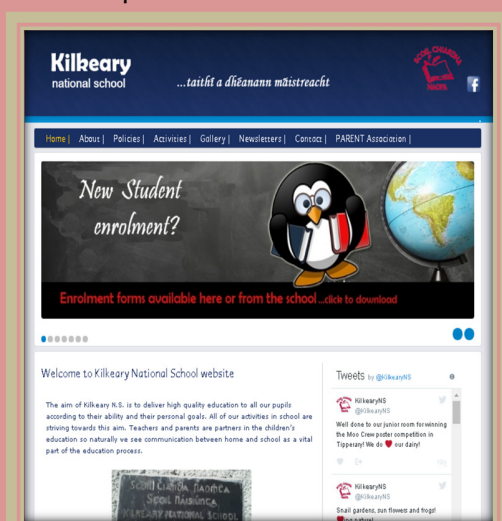
- 2016-2017 ACTIVITIES -

Our thanks to all who supported, contributed to and helped out in the organising of our social and fundraising events during this year. We had some enjoyable evenings as well as raising some funds for the school.

All funds go directly to the school for the purchase of resources, subsidising extracurricular classes and initiatives such as the Internet Safety talk run in May 2017.

Activity/Event 2016-2017	Funds raised
Fun Table Quiz (November '16)	€750
Annual Clothes Collection (Jan '17)	€520
Annual Poker Classic (May 2017)	€1,450

We also launched the school website in December 2016, www.kilkearyns.ie. Don't forget to visit the site to see updates from the school.



LITERACY LIFT OFF

First and Second classes are currently engaged in the Literacy Lift Off reading programme. Many thanks to Pauline, Miss O'Dwyer and Miss Lynch who are working with the groups at each station.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the second-class children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on the 14th May. They did themselves and their families proud.

SIXTH CLASS

As we approach our summer holidays our three sixth class pupils, Ben, Rebecca and Tadhg are coming to the end of their eight years in Kilkeary N.S. We wish the trio the very best of luck in secondary school and we sincerely thank them for their contribution to our school over the years.

