

SPRING Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians



It is hard to believe we are nearly at the Easter Break. School days have been busy and eventful this term.

Art Exhibition

Classes are working hard on their Art Canvases for the Art Exhibition on **Thursday 30th March**. These large canvases will then be displayed around the school to cheer up the corridors and stairwells in both buildings.



Invitations to attend this Exhibition/Open Day are being sent to all families of St Killian's School, and also our new entrants for September 2023.

St Patrick's Day

Classes celebrated St Patrick's Day by dressing up in green and donating €2 for Trees to be planted in Africa. They also completed lots of St Patrick's themed arts and crafts, some classes decorated biscuits and made green slime!



Confirmation Class

St Killian's Confirmation Class are working very hard to prepare for this special sacrament. They have attended Mass in Our Lady Crowned throughout Lent and we are very proud of them in terms of their behaviour in Church and in school practices.

**Confirmation Day - Monday 8th May at 10.30 Our Lady Crowned
Further information to follow**

Modular Building

We are fortunate to have the new Modular Building. The building is beautifully appointed with three beautiful classrooms, a fully equipped Home Ec/Life Skills room and a fantastic Sensory Room. The three classes have settled in well in their new rooms and it is great to have all pupils back in St Killian's School. Our greatest thanks to Newbury House for allowing us to use some of their facilities over 6 months to ensure all St Killian's pupils were able to attend school whilst the building was being completed. Parents are invited on the Art Exhibition Day to view the new building also.

Hawthorn Class is happily enjoying their new room and building after moving in a few weeks ago! We are loving the sensory room, soft play area and new swing. We have been busy "Going On a Bear Hunt" and learning about St Patrick's Day We have also enjoyed working with our hands with paint, colours and playdough as well as exploring counting with our fingers. Looking forward to Spring and learning all about it.



Ukulele

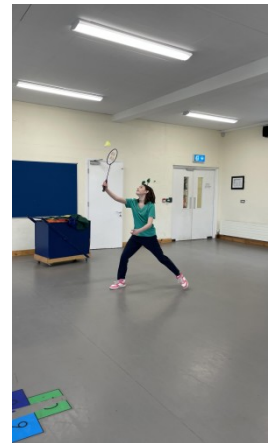
Willow Class are continuing to learn the Ukulele with Music Mash Up and are doing very well.



New Gym Equipment

We recently bought some new gym equipment and some classes are learning some gymnastic moves which can be sequenced together to make a gymnastic display. We are very much looking forward to our new Gym Team's first presentation which will take place in the Summer Term.

Elm Class have been busy practising their gymnastics and badminton skills this term. We have been tumbling, balancing and cartwheeling galore! Our badminton players are growing in skill and confidence too - Olympics next!



Young Entrepreneurs

A number of classes have taken to designing products and making profits. Treat Bags were sold by **Rowan** at Christmas and a healthy profit made. Designing, making and costing the bags was linked to maths, repayment of seed-capital and calculation of profit was also part of this project. In this case no losses were recorded. The class is now able to dine out at some of Cork's Finest Restaurants.

Oak Class has been very busy setting up and running our Breakfast Club in 'Oak Cafe'.



The children have welcomed a special guest each week, including staff members from school to special visitors from outside. The children have worked hard to prepare, including setting the table, cleaning up and have actively participated by asking their guests interesting questions, with all enjoying a delicious breakfast together!

The children have explored a variety of foods ranging from pancakes, waffles and croissants, to cereals and lots of different fruit. **Oak Class** has received over €60 in donations so far and we are delighted to be working towards a special treat at the end of the year. This has been a very successful project which focuses on important life and social skills. Keep up the great work Oak Class!



Carnevale

Ash class completed a class project on 'Carnevale'. We looked at what Carnevale was and the countries where Carnevale took place. We decided to focus on Italy as one of the staff in the class is Italian. We looked at photos and videos of Carnevale. We saw the costumes and masks people wear to the parades and balls. We wrote about what we learned for our friends to see and we made our own Venetian masks.



Total Communication

As part of our new focus on total communication we are incorporating Lámh across the school.

Birch class have been working hard learning Lámh signs. They know the days of the week, feelings, different types of weather and activities in school. Birch class are always happy to help teach other children and staff in school especially each week in Assembly

Celebrating Spring

We are learning about spring and planted seeds.



We are spending lots of time with Bonnie and Rosie.

We did Mother's day art and frames. We have a lovely sheep display outside our class. The whole class is really enjoying the sensory room in the new building.

Hazel class.



Samsung Tablets

On February 10th 2023, St Killians Special School received ten new Galaxy tablets from **Dennis and Frank Computers** we are incredibly grateful for this donation. As a school who is happy to explore how digital technologies can support all learners, these devices will enable our pupils another avenue to communicate, play and interact with their learning. These tablets help to give our students a voice and show their understanding and creativity in their learning!



Parents Association

Hello from Suzanne on behalf of the Parents Association.

I would like to thank all the staff & parents of St Killians School that supported the Christmas Raffle Draw and Blossom Ball 2023.

We did hit many bumps on the road this year to make it happen, but we got there in the end. It was a spectacular night with great entertainment. A special thanks to Zac Covney – Magician, Stepping Stones – Band and a fantastic display by Cork Acro.

Our aim is to supply a bus for the children of St Killians School so they can avail of days out etc. but without the continued support from parents this would not be possible. So thank you once again to all who purchased tickets for the night and to those who gave spot prizes.

Upcoming Event Organised by the Parents Association:

JUNE FUN DAY - Saturday 10th June 2023

Please support

Dates for Diary

Thursday 30th March

Friday 31st March

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April

Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd May

Monday 5th June

Wednesday 7th June

Saturday 10th June

Wednesday 21st June

Friday 23rd June

Art Exhibition / Open Day – all welcome

Half Day – school closes @ 12:00

Easter Holidays.

School Closed.

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Sponsored Walk (TBC)

Family Fun Day (TBC)

Graduation Day (TBC)

Half Day – school closes @ 12:00

Summer Holidays