

Killylea Primary School

Small school...BIG opportunities!



Newsletter

December 2021

CHRISTMAS MASH UP!

Our pupils and staff have been busy rehearsing, dancing, singing, creating artwork for our latest Christmas production. We have been able to showcase our acting talents as well as green-screening and i-stop motion skills. Some of our pupils got the chance to demonstrate their new drumming skills courtesy of our participation in the Ulster Scots Flagship Programme.

You can access our Christmas Mash Up via the link on our website page or via message sent on Schools NI.



ACTION MENTAL HEALTH

This year our chosen charity is Action Mental Health. We look forward to having them in school for their Healthy Me and Healthy Little Me programmes which support mental health awareness and resilience training.

So far we have raised a magnificent £729 through the following activities:

Toy Sale: £118

In lieu of Christmas Gifts: £485

Talent Show: £126

Thank you for your support!



Extra– Curricular Activities - Spring Term 1

Please note different starting dates!

MONDAY STARTING 10TH	2-3pm 3 – 4pm	Healthy Kids P1-3 Gymnastics Healthy Kids P4-7 Gymnastics
TUESDAY STARTING 4TH	2-3pm 3-4pm	Little Robins P2/3 Eco P4-7
WEDNESDAY STARTING 5TH	2-3pm 3 – 4pm	Little Cooks P1 Big Cooks P6/7
THURSDAY STARTING 13TH	2-3pm 3 – 4pm	Football P1-3 Football P4-7
FRIDAY #TARTING 7TH	2-3pm 3 – 4pm	Little Performers P1-3 Big Performers P4-7



IN SCHOOL SPORTS

This term we will be starting the following sports. Please check classes, times, dates and equipment needed!

HOCKEY

- ⇒ Starting WED 5th Jan for P4-P7 for 8 weeks.
- ⇒ Cost is covered by School Fund.
- ⇒ Your child will need a gum shield and shinguards. No pupil can participate without these.

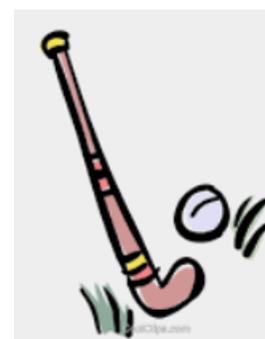
[Pupils in P1-3 will have hockey after Easter]

SWIMMING

Subsidised cost £3 per session paid via Parent Pay [except Free School Meals pupils]

P6/7—6 weeks starting TUES 4th January 2022

P4/5—6 weeks starting TUES 22nd February 2022



CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION

We are raising funds for Eco work around school through a Cash 4 Clobber collection. Please leave bags into school by Tuesday 11th January 2022. Our last collection raised £112. During the Christmas holidays might be a good time to finally sort through those bulging wardrobes [we all have them!] Send in : Shoes, clothes [any condition], blankets, old towels, duvet covers etc. no matter what condition.

⇒ **PARENT PAY**

*From the beginning of January we are introducing a **Monday morning cut off date** for school dinners. All meals should be booked through Parent Pay by midnight Sunday. If for any reason you cannot get logged on, then email emaguinness300@c2kni.net by **Monday 9am** with your child's meal choices. With increasing school numbers, staff spend too much time checking and re-checking dinner numbers which is time that could be better used with our pupils.*

⇒ **PUNCTUALITY**

School begins at 9am when we begin Huff and Puff. This is an essential part of our Healthy Kids PE programme and not an optional extra! Pupils should aim to be in school by 8.55am to be ready to begin Huff and Puff at 9am. We are aware of several pupils who are consistently late for school and would ask that parents set a good example by being punctual for school.



OUTDOOR PLAY PROJECT

We are delighted to be able to showcase our good practice through a series of EA TV videos of our outdoor play that will be recorded during January and February. A video crew will bring a drone, go-pros and cameras to capture our P1-3 pupils at play.

These videos will then be shared across the entire school community of NI.

This is a fantastic opportunity to promote our school and the good practice within. We hope

to have a tidy up morning in preparation on Sat 15th Jan 9-12noon.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

If Santa brought you a new phone for Christmas please make sure to upload the Schools NI and Seesaw apps.

These are our primary means of communication with parents and you will miss important information, updates and homeworks if you have not uploaded them.

Please advise Mrs Maguinness, secretary, if you have changed your contact details.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

JANUARY

Tues 4th — School resumes including Breakfast Club

Sat 15th - **TIDY UP SATURDAY** –in preparation for filming

FEBRUARY

Week beg 7th- Pupils home at 2pm all week for Parent Teacher interviews

Tues 8th - Safer Internet Day

Merry Christmas from the pupils and staff at Killillylea Primary School.

