**Fáilte ar ais**

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All the children returned to school on Thursday 26th August. We have an enrolment of 28 pupils for the 2021/2022 school year. There are three new students in Junior Infant. There are 9 pupils in the Junior Room and 19 pupils in the Senior Room. The Special Education Teachers are Ms Áine Walsh & Ms Maria Moore who are job sharing this year.

**School Improvements**



During the Summer we had Terra Nua in to do some improvements. We now have a new & improved boy’s bathroom and new flooring in the hall. The outside of the school was painted also. Thanks to the Parents Association for their donation towards the painting.

**Ethos**

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Communion took place in Kilbrien Church on the 11th September, for our now 4th & 3rd class. Thanks to all the children and their parents for helping to made this day memorable. Thanks also to Fr Kelly who presided.

**Green Flag**



The school received our travel green flag in an online event this term. Well done to Cheryl, the Green school committee and all the pupils for this great effort especially in the difficult covid times. We are currently working towards the biodiversity flag.

Curriculum

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The new language curriculum for English agus Gaeilge continues to be implemented in the Junior Room and it is also starting to be introduced in the Senior Room this year. There will be in-service training for the teachers during the year on implementing the curriculum.

**Competitions**

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Congratulations to Abbie Ahearn & Niamh Hickey whose art was featured on the Irish Examiner as part of the Argiaware competition.

Congratulation to Joseph Feeney who won 1st prize in his age category with the Credit Union.

Well done to all the children who entered their art work to these competitions.

#### Space Week



The children make rockets for space week. It was a great success with some of them taking flight.

**PE**



We hope to return to swimming again in 2021-2022 but are waiting for guidelines from the Department of Education.

Gavin Whelan comes in every Wednesday to do football with the children and we hope this will continue throughout the year. Barry Dunne, from Waterford GAA was also here for 2 days. We are waiting for guidelines regarding inter-school GAA competitions and will keep the children and parents informed.

**Cooking**

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Cookery & needle work lessons have resumed in both classes with Regina.

#### Polytunnel

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We are currently growing pumpkins in the polytunnel. Thanks to Regina for all her work

**Oíche Shamhna**

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Halloween Dress-Up takes place in the school this Friday 22nd October. The students are invited to wear in any costume of their choice. Kilbrien National School will be closed from Monday 25th to Sunday 31st October. The school will reopen on Monday 1stNovember.

**Parents Association**

Thanks to the Parents Association, who carried out work in the sensory garden and the other outdoor areas during the Summer. Everything is looking wonderful.

They are holding a Tractor Run on the 31st October, which will start from the school. We hope everyone has an enjoyable day and the weather remains fine.

**Winter weather**

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Children should ensure to have coats/jackets and hats in with them as the weather gets colder.

**Healthy Eating** 

A reminder to maintain the high standards of healthy lunches for the children.

**Hair Hygiene**

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Parents are reminded to check hair hygiene on a regular basis during term time.