

Christmas Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoy reading and browsing through our Christmas Newsletter. We have been very busy since Hallowe'en and the newsletter records some of the highlights since then! As we look forward to a new year I would like to acknowledge our hardworking staff and pupils as well as our supportive parents, Parents Association and Board of Management which makes Knocktemple a very nice place to come to every day!!

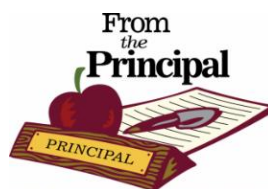
We are delighted with the very generous response to our recent fundraising Quiz/ Auction / Raffle and we thank all parents, families, local organisations and businesses for their support of all our fundraising efforts. The Carol Service was very special last Sunday and I was extremely proud of our school choir who added so much to the occasion.

On behalf of all the staff I wish you all a Happy Christmas and every good wish for 2019.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

Le meas,
Vincent Mulvey (Príomhoide)

Happy Christmas



Upcoming Events



Monday 7th January
2018

School Closure Election
Parliament Election 24th
May 2019

First Communion
Saturday 25th May 2018

@ 12 Noon in St.
Bartholomew's Church

Confirmation
Saturday 23th March
2018 @ 12 Noon in St.

Joseph's Church
Ballyjamesduff

Spelling Bee
Competition starts in
January 2019

Tennis starts again next
year, after mid-term.

Photographer will visit
our school on 6th March
2019


Design a Card

Our school participated again this year in a fundraiser with www.designacard.ie. Each child designed their own card, this was a fun filled successful project which raised €239 for our school.

fundraising

Marathon Monday:

Thank you to all families for their support with our Annual Marathon Monday fundraiser.



Music in our School: Clara McCabe will begin a 10 week block of music with 5th class after Christmas. Clara will be teaching each pupil to read sheet music for the treble clef, read rhythm patterns, clap and sing at sight and develop aural skills by getting them to repeat back rhythm and melodic sequences. They will get such a broad range of skills from note reading, theory, aural development that they will be able to apply these skills to other areas should they wish to continue with music. They will also learn to play the Ukulele!



Quiz/Raffle/Auction Fundraiser: We had a fantastic response to our Quiz/Raffle/Auction Fundraiser on Friday night in the Ramor Inn. We had 16 tables for the quiz and everybody was very generous in supporting the raffle and auction. The total raised including donations to date is €2,799.00 which will be used to purchase ICT equipment for our school. We really appreciate your ongoing support.



Creative Arts Dance and Movement Workshop
by Mary Farrelly (funded by Creative Arts)

Student Council: Our student council are working very hard and are continuously working on new projects and doing very important work in our school.

The members of the student council are:

Rang a sé: Ivan Devin and Samantha Faherty

Rang a cúig: Shannon McGovern and Corey Reilly

Rang a ceathair: Lorcán Donoghue and Kaitlyn deKleer

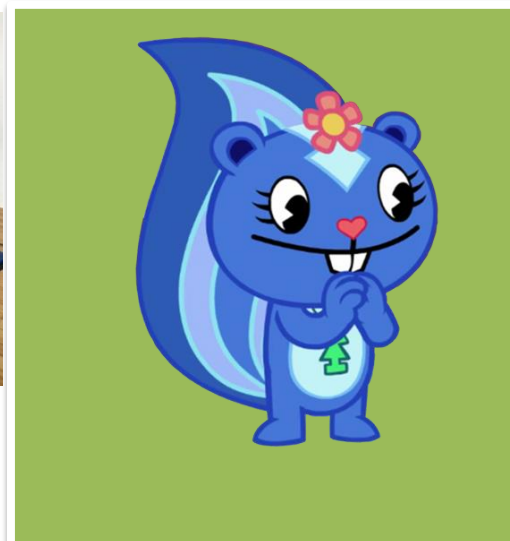
Cairde: Bobby Carolan - They are very busy organising various events most recently the Christmas colouring competition.



Team Hope

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Shoebox Appeal was a wonderful success again this year. There were 56 shoe boxes which will go into the hands of some of the most vulnerable children many of whom will receive no other gifts this Christmas. For some it's the first gift they've ever received!



Active School Flag 2018-19

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The school are striving to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. With help from our teachers, students, parents and wider community we hope that in 2019 our school will be once again be an official 'Active School'. As always, when the school community puts our collective minds to something we can achieve big things. This will be no different. So with everyone's help, ideas and support, we expect to be flying the Active School Flag with pride at the end of this school year. (Check out our Active School Section for up to date photographs and thanks to Mr. Kelly who coordinates all activities pertaining to this project.)



The Annual School Rugby Blitz

Our 6th Class students took part in the annual Rugby Blitz in Virginia Rugby Club again this year. The day was testing, weather wise but all the kids seemed to enjoy themselves and played with great spirit. Thank you to Jon Watt, our Rugby coach for a fun filled afternoon. Thanks also to the parents who provided the support and transport.

Merry Christmas

Spórt nua ar scoil - ag imirt leadóg bord le mo chairde!



Art Workshop 2018 by Mr. McCaffrey (5th class teacher)

Well done to the 20 children who completed the four week winter Art workshop. The children had a great time designing LED cards, Stained glass snowflakes and painting penguins!



Credit Union

Credit Union Savings Scheme Initiative

Michael McDermott, Manager Virginia Credit Union visits our school every second Friday to collect any lodgements that pupils have for their Credit Union accounts. We are encouraging all pupils to open a savings account and start saving 'for a rainy day.'



Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP)

Our JEP teams from 5th class delivered their projects to the Dragons on Thursday 6th December 2018 in Mr. McCaffrey's classroom. Each group delivered a power point as part of their pitch and then the Dragons asked questions, gave feedback and finally selected the successful project which will now go forward as the entry in the JEP initiative. The projects involved

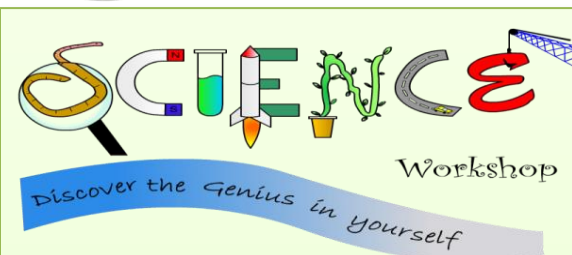
1. Magical Maths
2. Fiche Ceist/ Crazy Head
3. The Sinking Thinking Stress Ball
4. The Sockshield

The successful project was Fiche Ceist/ Crazy Heads presented by Orla, Siún, Conor, Leia and Conor.

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in the pitches and a special word for Mr. McCaffrey and Maureen who helped the pupils bring it all together! Now the hard work begins as we research, manufacture, market and sell the winning product.

Maith sibh!

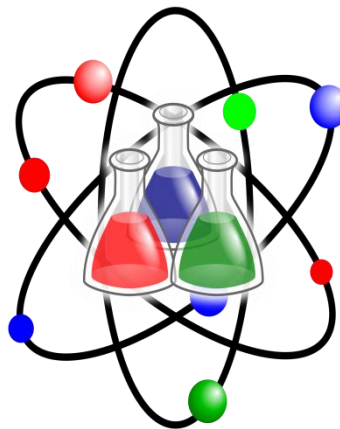




Science Fair in Rang a Sé



Coin cleaning - Acid erosion from Coke



Home School Links

If you need to speak to a teacher/Principal at any time please make an appointment through the school office. In order to avoid an adverse impact on teaching and learning, meetings with teachers will only be scheduled after 3pm.

If any of your contact information changes, (mobile numbers, work numbers, address or email address) please let us know as soon as possible so that we can reach you in the case of an emergency.

If you need to collect your child early from school, please go to the secretary's office and sign them out. The secretary will arrange for your child to be collected from the classroom. Likewise if you need to drop anything to your child during school hours, give it to the secretary who will pass it on to your child. Thank you.

School Website: *We are continuously updating our school website. You will find some school policies in the download section of our website. There are also some photographs and information about our school. Our website address is*

www.knocktemplens.ie

Twitter: *Our school also has a dedicated Twitter account on @knocktemple*

Literacy and Numeracy: *See below two links to some useful advice on literacy and numeracy for primary school children.*

1. *http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Parents/Primary/Infant_classes/Maths_resources/Infant_Classes_Maths_Resources.html*
2. *<http://www.helpmykidlearn.ie/>*

Board of Management

The Principal is responsible for the general day to day running of the school. He is assisted in this role by the Board of Management. The term of the Board of Management is four years. There are eight members of the present Board of Management of our school.

Patron's Nominee: Seamus O'Shea (Chairperson); Vincent Mulvey (Principal and Secretary), Parent's Nominees: Paraic Hetherton and Catherine White Byrne, Patron's Nominee: Fr. Callistus, Community Nominee: Ann Brady and Bob Gilbert, Staff Nominee: Sara Clarke.



Merry Christmas

Peace Prom 2019

Our 5th and 6th Class pupils are participating in the Peace Prom concert in the RDS on Saturday 2nd February 2019.



Swimming: We hope to secure a session of aquatics tuition in Kells swimming pool for 2nd, 3rd, Cairde 1, 2, and 3 pupils in the New Year. Due to extensive repairs in Kells pool we still have not got confirmation of dates as yet.

Creative Arts Dance and Movement



Credit Union Art Competition

Congratulations to Ben, Jason and Anna who won the 2018 Credit Union Art Competition. To celebrate their success they attended an awards ceremony in the Riverfront Hotel, Virginia.



Cairde Snoezelen Rooms: We are delighted with our Snoezelen rooms. They will complement our Cairde classrooms. Our plan is to install a small kitchen off Cairde 2. Our Snoezelen rooms were funded by an anonymous donation by a family from our school.



Merry Christmas



Breakfast with Santa: Pupils from our Cairde classes had breakfast with Santa in 'Best of Matz' Kells earlier this month. The children were entertained by stories from Santa's elves and each child visited Santa in his grotto and received a present. Santa then joined the children in song and they danced to some Christmas songs. This was a very enjoyable occasion for all the children and the look on their faces when they saw Santa was priceless!!



Now
Enrolling!

**Enrolment for
September 2019:** Please
contact the school office
as soon as you can if you
have a child for enrolment
in September 2019.



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**Farewell
and
Good Luck**



Santa and Christmas Assembly

Santa Claus took time from his busy schedule to visit all the boys and girls in our school.

Thank you to the Parents Association for arranging Santa's visit. The PA also presented some indoor games for our games trolley. Míle buíochas.



Annual Swimming Gala:

There were over 400 children taking part in the Annual Swimming Gala this year in Cavan Leisure Complex. Our school entered all events and we had 20 participants..

See results below: Jamie Henry, U10 Silver in Breast Stroke, Jane Hetherton, U10 Gold, in Front Crawl, Darragh Hofmann, U10 Silver in Breast Stroke, Killian Hofmann, U12 Bronze in Front Crawl, Lee Glennon, U12 Bronze in Breast Stroke, Niamh McElroy U12 Bronze Breast Stroke, Annie Hetherton U14 Bronze Breast Stroke. We also had great success in the Relay Boy Teams U12 Boys came 3rd overall - Darragh Hofmann, Ivan Devin, Killian Hofmann and Anthony Yore - U14 Boys 2nd overall - Fintan Devin, Lee Glennon, Eoin Hetherton and Nathan de Kleer. It was a first for Connor Murray and James Staunch and they both swam great races. Well done to the other girls while they didn't take a medal away, they all swam great races; Leia Blake, Kaithlyn deKleer, Anna Towell, Aoife and Emma Henry and Orlagh Cremin. Thank you to Linda Henry, Deirdre deKleer, Carmel McElroy, Maureen Lynch, Glenda Hofmann and special thanks to Lorraine Glennon for assisting with the Relay Teams. Well Done all - a very enjoyable day.

A Special Thank you to **Sharon Hetherton** who organised the event on behalf of the school.



Merry Christmas



Christmas Carol Service: Our school choir took part in the traditional parish Christmas Carol Service in St. Bartholomew's Church on Sunday evening last. This was a very special event and the audience were high in their praise for the wonderful singing from our school choir and also the parish choir as they helped us get into the spirit of Christmas. Well done to all.



Mid Term Break:

Thursday 21st February – Friday 22nd February 2019 (School closes **Wednesday 20th February** Reopens **Monday 25th February**)

St. Patrick's Day

Monday 18th March 2019
(Saturday 16th March St. Patrick's Day - School closes **Friday 15th March** Reopens **Tuesday 19th March**)

Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April – Friday 26th April 2019 (School closes **Friday 12th April** and reopens on **Monday 29th April**)

May Bank Holiday:

Monday 6th May 2019 (School closes **Friday 3rd May** and reopens on **Tue 7th May**)

Poling Day School Closed Friday 24th May 2019

June Bank Holiday:

Monday 3rd June 2019 (School closes on **Friday 31st May** and reopens on **Tuesday 4th June**)

Summer Holidays: **Friday 21st June 2019**

Visit from Santa



Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise !

Virginia Credit Union Awards Night was enjoyed by parents and pupils. Well done to Jason and Ben who got a merit award for their art work and to Anna who came third in her category. Thanks to Virginia Credit Union for this wonderful night each year.



In our school

Baking "Works of Art" Cairde 2



Réaltaí Cnoc and Teampaill 21st December 2018

Basketball We have been invited to take part in the Meath Basketball league again this year and the games will be scheduled for after midterm. Basketball coaching will commence after Christmas





SHARING & LEARNING TOGETHER



Shared Education Peace IV Project

Our 3rd and 4th class have just completed their Shared Education Peace IV Project in collaboration with Billis NS which ran for 11 weeks between the two schools. The end of their project culminated in a Celebration Day on Friday 14th December 2018 in our school hall. The pupils from both schools engaged in Drama and also sang and performed some lively musical numbers on the Ukulele such as Molly Malone and The Lion Sleeps Tonight! The two schools also took part in an 'Ice Breaker/Getting to Know You' day in Cavan Centre last October. After Christmas it will be the turn of the 5th class who will also take part in the project using the same format. We wish them every success.

Comments from 4th Class regarding Shared Education Project

I like shared Education because..

1. I loved drama because it was fun and you could do whatever you wanted to do.
2. The concert was really good fun
3. I learned lots of new chords on the ukulele and it was fun learning different songs. By Aoibhe

1. What I found fun about it was that we got to meet new friends and have fun with them
2. I would like to do it again but it is over
3. I appreciate how much effort Clara and Kevin put into it.
4. It was so fun to play with them. By Kaitlyn

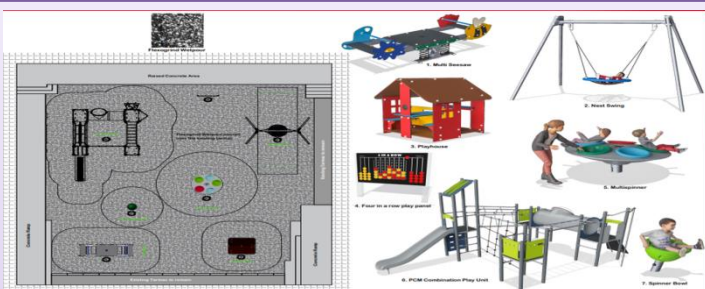
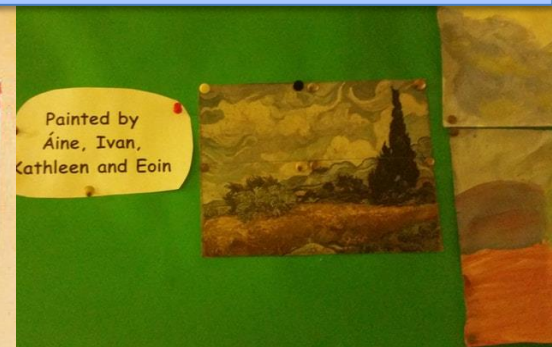
1. I really liked the way they set up the Drama and Music
2. I was really scared when we went to the Cavan Centre, but it was so fun
3. I really liked that my teacher and Billis teacher was helping out.
4. When the ten weeks were up we performed a concert and that was the end of the Shared Education
Thanks to Clara, Kevin, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Mulvey and Billis teacher. By Grace

1. I liked the Shared Education with Billis because I met new friends.
2. I learned how to play lots of songs on the Ukulele
3. I loved acting out the Firework-Makers Daughter.
4. I loved going to Cavan Centre with Billis there was lots of activities by Lorcan

I enjoyed the "Shared Education" project because I got to make new friends, learn more about them and play or work with them. I liked solving problems with them in Drama. I also liked learning about their abilities. I had fun with Billis in Cavan Centre.

by Elisa

Art Displays around the school check out our website for more!



New Playground As you now know we have received a Clár grant for the provision of an outdoor playground in our school and this playground will be located in the courtyard at the centre of our school. The contract has been awarded to Kompan Ireland and the equipment has been ordered. We hope that the installation of the playground will go ahead early in the New Year. You can see a plan of the playground above.

Rang 2 & Rang 3 are really enjoying reading "The Creakers" in the hall with their teacher!

