



Kilcoskan N.S. September Newsletter 2018

Hi everyone and welcome to our school!!

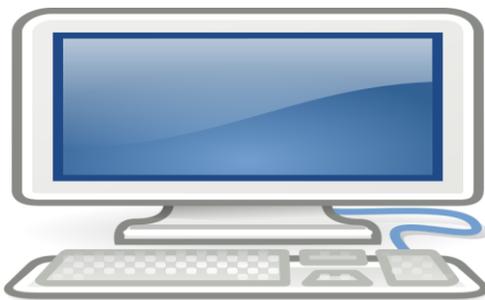
This newsletter will cover exciting things that happened in September (and early October) this year, and give you some info about upcoming events this month and in November .



Our secretary Susan, caretaker Roy , teachers , special needs assistant teachers and pupils have all been very busy so far and we will tell you all about it later in the newsletter .

Principals report :

- We are celebrities in Kilcoskan !! The whole school were in the Irish Independent and Herald newspapers on Saturday 1st September . Teacher Trish's class were on RTE 2 on the childrens program News2day , they spoke about healthy eating- you can still look at the program online on RTE player - it was aired on Thurs 6th Sept
- We have spent a lot of time and money upgrading some of the projectors and computers in the classrooms so that teachers can teach (and pupils can learn) in the best environment possible .



We got fibre broadband installed thanks to the National School Broadband Plan and our download speeds are running between 65 and 90 Mbps !! Thanks to IT specialist George Allen (who lives locally) for his assistance with all the IT problems



- PE as usual is Tuesdays and Fridays ,
Tuesdays is with Joe (GPO St Margarets GAA) and
Friday is the teachers own PE session. There is also table
tennis on Thursdays with Irish Table Tennis champion
Gavin Maguire , in the green room . We won't have table
tennis on Thurs 18th (as it's the day before harvest fair)



- We have made an application to the NDC
(National Dairy Council) for provision of milk daily to the
school - the cost is very small and in a recent text
message there seemed to be considerable interest - we
are awaiting confirmation that we can be part of the
program - further news to follow
- We have been celebrating Space Week in the school and
all the teachers have put up Solar System posters in the
classrooms , there is a solar system model in the hall ,
and a brilliant art piece done by four of teacher Trish's
class : Ellie Conor Marina and Gwen

Upcoming events this month and in November :



Harvest Fair

Our annual Harvest Fair will take place on Friday 19th October. Parents, grandparents, guardians are invited to join us at 1:00pm for songs, dance, tea & cakes, raffle and presentation of our Junior & Senior Conker Champion of 2018! All donations of cakes and raffle prizes gratefully accepted!!

Hope to see you there - Yee haw!

Maths Week



Its maths week next week !!

1st-6th classes are going to a Maths show on Monday in the Helix at 10am (leaving here at 9.30am) . Thanks to DCU for the free places and thanks to Brendan in Dublin Bus for the free double decker bus (for 1st-4th) , and to Finglas Garda station for the free minibus (5th/6th) .

Panto in the Helix



The whole school are going to the Helix for a great panto called Robin Hood - it will be super !! We will be leaving around 10am on a bus and be back around 2pm . The cost is €10 (usually €18) - thanks to DCU and The Helix for organising a discounted rate for us !! (There will be a small charge for the bus also but we will give you more info closer to the date)

Adam and Friends



Eoin and Ana's classes went to Adam and Friends in Stadium Business Park , Blanchardstown on Thurs 11th Oct for a treat from 11am-12noon !!

Classroom news

Aisling's class (Jun + Sen Inf)

Theme *Myself*: getting to know our Senior and our new Junior infants class.

The children told Teacher Aisling and Sarah all about themselves and their families. They decorated a picture of themselves and we displayed it outside our class.

Maths: sorting our concrete materials (cubes, bears, links) into groups by colour, name and size.

October

Autumn activities: Powerpoint about Autumn-change in the weather, how are environment changes, what clothes do we wear? Hibernation

Art- Making spines for Harry the Hedgehog and sticking them on his back.

Aoife's class (1st/2nd)

In September we.....

*Welcomed a new student to our school and talked about how to be a good friend.

*We learnt how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours. We made some cool multi-coloured eyes!

*We got to try on a real fire helmet when we were talking about fire safety around the home.

*We had fun trying to guess the different emotions people were trying to portray in our Drama class.

Teacher Colm's Class News September 2018

- September was a busy month in our classroom. On our first week back, we were all getting to know each other, creating classroom rules and telling everyone about our summer holidays.
 - In SPHE we were learning about the food pyramid and healthy eating. We made our own food pyramids and put them up on the wall. We also learned about the nine presidents of Ireland.
 - In geography we were learning about the four provinces and the 32 counties of Ireland.
 - In art we were creating and colouring mindfulness patterns. We learned about Georges Seurat who invented pointillism, which is a form of painting where you paint small dots to create an image or onto an image you have drawn. We used cotton buds to paint these dots.
 - Joe has been coming in to train us for football every Tuesday. We are improving with every session.
 - In English we were doing procedural writing. Teacher Colm brought in a smoothie maker on a Friday and we explained to him and Mr. Christie how to make smoothies step by step. We all got a taste of the smoothies and they were delicious!
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Trish's class (5th/6th)

It has been a busy and active few weeks for fifth and sixth class. In early September, News2Day visited our class to talk about healthy lunches, we had a great experience and it was cool watching it in the Green Room with the whole school.

We are participating in the Tour of Europe Challenge; it involves running laps of the schoolyard to reach different destinations around Europe, each lap of the yard is equal to 1 kilometer. So far, we have made it to London, Paris and Belgium. Table Tennis Thursday was a big success in our class and we are really looking forward to it next week. The GAA Blitz was a great experience for everybody who participated and it was the first time that some of our players played in a competitive game. Well Done All!

We loved getting to help Susan with the Book Fair, we learnt lots, hopefully it will help us with our Young Entrepreneur project during the year. We are reading a new class novel Wonder by R.J Palacio and so far, it gets thumbs up from us. We have taken motivation from the novel and we are working on becoming a Certified Kind Classroom.

Teachers Caroline and Amy

The first 3 weeks in September were spent testing children ,meeting parents and teachers , liaising with psychologists and other professionals to share information,ordering resources,compiling case loads and timetables etc

Ana and Eoins classes

In September we learned about dogs and we read two dogs stories - they were called "The Pocket Dogs " and " Robot Dogs " . Sharon made us some delicious home made scones !! Last Monday we collected lots of conkers from Tom Winters garden (Mr Christie rang him first) !!! Now all we have to do is string all of them !!

We went to Adam and Friends in Ballycoolin and had a great time .



Hope you enjoyed our news !!

It's been a hectic but enjoyable 6 weeks for everyone, but there's more to come !!

Best Wishes

Paddy Christie