

# MONEENROE

## National School

Newsletter – March 2017



**Our school is now accepting Enrolments for the 2017 / 2018 school year.**

## UPcoming EVENTS

Whole School Assembly	Wednesday 1st March	Moneenroe Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation Choir will be made up of 3rd to 6th class	Tuesday 14th March	Moneenroe Church
Service of Light for Confirmation (during school day)	Tuesday 25th April	Moneenroe Church @ 7.30pm
Confirmation Mass	Sunday 30th April	Moneenroe Church @ 11am
First Holy Communion	Sunday 7th May	Moneenroe Church @ 11am
Irish Week	Monday 13th to Thursday 16th April	School
Taispeanteais	Wednesday 14th April	Sa Halla @ 11.30am
Odd Socks Day (to promote individuality in school)	Thursday 21st March	School
St. Abban's Quiz (5th & 6th Class)	April	Arles / Killeen
Girls & /Boys 5 a side FAI Soccer Tournament	March/April	Thomastown

### Mobile Library Dates



February 24<sup>th</sup>  
 March 13<sup>th</sup> (Monday)  
 April 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
 May 19<sup>th</sup>  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
**NO SERVICE JULY & AUGUST**  
 September 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 October 13<sup>th</sup>  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
 December 15<sup>th</sup>

- 5 Hurling sessions in the hall after school hours have been completed to date. Mr. Lonergan and Mr. McKeogh will now take the U13 hurlers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. (depending on matches, in Railyard or Hall. U13 matches will generally take place on Wednesdays.
- The first match is on Wednesday 8th March. The U13 team will have a minimum of 9 matches.
- Ms. Phelan and Mr. Butler will take the younger hurlers/Camogie girls from 1st, 2nd and 3rd class on Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m.
- The younger team will get a minimum of 3 matches.
- 3rd to 6th class will receive physical education of develop gross motor skills, athletic ability and circuit training, by guest instructor along with class teacher on Friday 3rd and 10th March.
- Junior infants to 2nd class will receive physical education to develop gross motor skills, athletic ability and circuit training by guest instructor along with class teacher on Friday 24th and 31st March.
- 6th Class R.S.E lesson will take place on Friday 2nd June. Permission form and information leaflet will be sent to parents.
- School Calendar for 2017 / 2018 and school tour destinations will be decided on in March.



#### Croke Park hours completed:

- Grow In love (New Religion Programme) training
- Staff meeting

#### Croke Park hours in March will consist of:

- Preparation/planning for Irish week
- Planning for school tours
- School calendar for 2017 / 2018
- Revision of Whole school plans
- Pre and post school supervision.

#### **Class Novels:**

The following novels have been purchased.

#### **5th & 6th Class**

29 of Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone  
29 of Mayflower Girl

#### **3rd & 4th class**

29 of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe



#### **ICT (Computers)**

5 additional up to date laptops are being bought for classroom use. There will now be a teacher's laptop and an additional laptop in every classroom. 12 new computers are being bought to replace the existing obsolete computers in the school hall.

All new computers being purchased will have up to date windows, etc, and will have age appropriate English, Maths, Geography, Spelling and Tables programmes.

After installation, all laptops/computers in the school will be networked/linked up so as work completed by a pupil can be accessed on

### **Costings for Upgrading ICT**

Replace teacher's laptops including Microsoft Licence	€2,750.00
Reinstall old laptops for pupil's use in classrooms,	€70.00
Install 2 TB Drives to provide shared central storage,	€200.00
Back up for this should also be included	€150.00
Computers for hall communal area to be sourced from Green IT (decent spec tower), without screen depending on availability at the time, approximately €290 per machine (we will use whatever software we can from present machines), totalling	€4,500.00
Installation and set up of above including setting up new laptops and reinstalling and transferring data, setting up shared drive, etc.	€600.00
Microsoft Office for 16 computers	€1,600.00
Installing English, Irish, maths and geography programs,	€250.00

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Total expenditure	€10,120.00
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- Recommended arrival time for pupils is between 9.05 and 9.17 each morning when there is a teacher on pre-school supervision. Punctuality in the morning is something we would like to improve on this term.
- Notes for absence: If out of school on any particular day, please give Ms. Dunphy a note at break-time or alternatively, you can place a note in the "Notes for Absence" box in the school hall.
- Parents/Guardians are reminded to make an appointment with Nellie before visiting class teacher so as not to interfere with preparation/teaching and learning time for all pupils in our school.
- Secretary / Phone hours: Nellie works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.20 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- Diaries & Test copies: 1st to 6th class parents are asked to check and sign pupil's diaries Monday to Friday. Parents/Guardians are asked to sign pupil's test copies when they go home on Mondays.
- **Nut Allergy:** There is a pupil with a nut allergy in the 1st & 2nd Classroom. Parents/Guardians are asked not to give food items containing any nuts, etc., to their children.

**Standardised tests:** (Micra T and Sigma T) will be administered in our school during the last week of May. (Monday 22nd to Friday 26th). Standardised Test scores will be sent home in end of year Pupil Report Cards.

**Supervision:**

A different teacher will undertake post school supervision each school day at 3 o'clock. Teachers are there to encourage children to cross the road safely. If no parent/guardian is there to collect children at 3 o'clock and they are not walking home, pupils will wait inside the school door on bench until parent/guardian arrives



### UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

**Odd socks day** – 21st March €2 per pupil.  
Proceeds go to Down's Syndrome Ireland & Ms Phelan's charity mission to Lesotho

**Table Quiz** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 8.30pm  
Brennan Cloneys €20 per table

**Used Clothes Collection** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Second round of **Silver Circle** in May

**Golf Classic in Castlecomer Golf Club**  
June 3rd (bank holiday week-end)  
€100 for team 4 including meal

**Children's mini marathon** in June

**THANK YOU**

*Sincere thanks to all who support the school in its fundraising activities.*



# ACHIEVEMENTS



A big "thank you" to Brian Cody, Kilkenny Hurling Manager for visiting our school presenting Country Cup medals to U13 footballers and offering valuable words of advice.

## RUGBY

Coach Noel visited the school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and presented us with rugby balls and bibs. He hopes to be back with us in the next school year for more coaching

Well done to **Katie Brennan 5<sup>th</sup> Class** who is the Cumann na mBunscoil U11 Kilkenny Girls Handball Champion. Katie will now go on to represent Kilkenny in the Leinsters on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February in Wexford. Katie will also represent our school in the School Handball Skills Competition coming up soon.

## GREEN SCHOOLS



We have been working towards our **Green Flag** for the theme of Travel since October 2015. We are grateful for the efforts put in by parents and pupils to help us reduce the number of cars travelling to our school, especially on WOW Days. An average of 78% of pupils walk, cycle or park'n'stride on WOW Days



Mr. Lonergan & Mr. Butler along with 5<sup>th</sup> class visited the BT Young scientist Exhibition in the RDS. They met with past pupil Tom Buggy and his group who had an entry in the exhibition. A great day was had by all. Many thanks to Dick Brennan, New Road for the tickets.

