



Kilcoskan NS

NEWSLETTER June 2026



Hi everyone!!

Hope you are all preparing for the summer holidays and some great weather – we hope 😊

While I'm here a big thank you to a number of people connected with the school :

To the parents association for all the work they do all year

To St Margarets GAA club and Nigel in particular for being so generous with their facilities and coaching

To the Coolquay Lodge for hosting a lot of our events and again facilitating us in so many ways

To Rebecca Hemeryck for her help with the younger kids , many coming from her pre-school

Here is a review of the year for all our classes – enjoy !!

(Remember the school website is constantly updated with our school news)





Junior & Senior Infants – Teacher Aisling & Mary

As we come to the end of the academic year, '25/'26 we would like to let you know about some of the exciting activities that have been underway in Junior and Senior Infants in Kilcoskan National School.

Induction Day

In May, the new Junior Infants group visited our classroom, ten in total. The Senior Infant children played games outside while the Junior Infants played and chatted to their future classmates.

All were very excited and some children were lucky enough to welcome their siblings. We look forward to seeing them again in September!

Teddy Bear's Picnic

We had a super time at our Teddy Bear's picnic! Each child brought in their favourite teddy and a small blanket. We sat on the grass and ate some treats while Teacher Aisling read us a story. Then we had a mini disco with Michelle and Mary!

Active day and Sports day

Early June brought an active day to KNS. We had active homework for the week and then activities on Friday the 5th. We took part in and enjoyed lots of games and activities. The highlights, according to the children, seemed to be the Magic hoops game and the high jump. Sports day was hosted up in St. Margarets GAA club. We had great fun but might have to practise the wheelbarrow race for next Year!

School Tour

We went to Gormanston Park for our school tour this year. There were huge inflatables including 'Tropical Island' that we jumped on to our hearts content and many more. We got to enjoy toy donkey racing, pushing a pedal to make our donkeys move!

We hope everyone has a great Summer from Teacher Aisling, Mary and all in Junior and Senior Infants! See you next year!

1st & 2nd Class – Teacher Eoin & Deirdre

We started school this year on 28th of August...we are now approaching the end of June and it's getting close to the summer holidays again!! Everybody in 1st & 2nd class feels that the year has flown! Here's a few highlights...



September: Barbara from Ashbourne Rugby Club (and Leinster!) came in to do tag rugby with us.

October: this was a really busy month for us. Colin from Flew to You brought some birds of prey into school and a barn owl called Gizmo flew around our classroom. We did lots of fun (and educational) activities for Maths Week, had our own Presidential Election and we had Harvest Fair and Halloween celebrations towards the end of the month.

November: After the Halloween-break we had Science Week, we voted in a new Student Council and we made our own KNS ice-cream which was surprisingly tasty!

December: we were busy carol-singing at Charlestown Shopping Centre and Dublin Airport and of course we had our annual Christmas Concert in the Coolquay Lodge!

January: some more visitors came to us during January. Historian and scientist Michael Moylan told us about the Brown Bull of Cooley and brought in lots of old weapons for us to play with. Edel Heeran from The Heritage Council spoke to us about pollinators and we got to taste some honey!

February: we were very lucky to have Teacher Luke with us from the end of January to the middle of March.

March: the boys in second class made their First Confession with Fr. Richard, we had Seachtain na Gaeilge and finished off the month with an Easter Egg Hunt!

April: this was one of our quieter months because we were on our Easter Holidays, but we looked at some old photos of KNS in the run up to the School Reunion.

May: we made up for a quieter April with a busy May. We did Irish Dancing with Deane and Anne from Scoil Rince Ní Anglais, we went on a field trip to a dairy farm in Monasterevin and the boys from second class made their First Holy Communion.

June: recently we had our Sports Day in St. Margaret's GAA Club (thank you Nigel!) and we had great fun on our school tour at Navan Adventure Centre!

**After such a busy year we are looking forward to a lovely summer break!
Happy Holidays Everyone!**

3rd & 4th Class – Teacher Cillian & Michelle

Harvest Fair

As part of our annual Harvest Fair celebrations, the children spent time practising their songs and line dancing in preparation for the event. Our class proudly performed Killeagh by Kingfisher and did a fantastic job entertaining the audience. Following the performances, the school hosted a fun-filled celebration where parents and pupils took part in a variety of activities and games together. James particularly enjoyed the ghost lollipops and taking part in popular games such as the beanbag throw. The Harvest Fair was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the season.

Haunted House

As part of our Halloween celebrations, our class was given the exciting responsibility of transforming a classroom into a spooky haunted house. The children worked together to create a frightening atmosphere with a range of creative decorations and eerie displays. On the day, many pupils hid around the room, ready to give visitors a surprise as they made their way through the haunted house. One memorable moment was when Calvin hid under a table and delighted in giving brave visitors a fright as they entered. The haunted house was a great success and provided lots of fun and laughter for everyone involved.

Science Week

In the lead up to Science Week in November, we were fortunate to receive several visits from the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun, where we learned about a range of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the importance of sustainability in our everyday lives. Inspired by these workshops, our class decided to focus on the STEM side of science for Science Week. Working in groups, the children designed and constructed bridges using recycled materials, considering how their designs could be used to overcome real-life obstacles. The project encouraged creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills. Conor particularly enjoyed thinking like an architect and engineer and was very proud to help his group win the bridge-building competition.

Student Council Elections

In November, our school held its annual Student Council elections. Pupils who wished to run for election created campaign posters outlining why they would be a good representative for their classmates. The school organised formal election-style polling stations, giving every child the opportunity to cast their vote and experience the democratic process firsthand. The children embraced the occasion with great enthusiasm and took their voting responsibilities seriously. We were delighted to have our class represented on the Student Council by James, Ruby, Jess and Calvin, who have done an excellent job representing the views and ideas of their classmates throughout the year.

Carol Singing

This year, many members of our class proudly represented the school as part of the school choir. The choir performed a selection of Christmas songs while carol singing in Charlestown Shopping Centre and at Dublin Airport, helping to spread festive cheer to shoppers and travellers alike. The children sang beautifully and were excellent ambassadors for our school throughout both outings. Jodie and her classmates particularly enjoyed the complimentary trip to Burger King following their performance at Dublin Airport. It was a memorable experience and a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

In March, we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge throughout the school. During the week, the children made a special effort to use Irish as much as possible in the classroom, on the yard and around the school. It was wonderful to see everyone growing in confidence and enjoying opportunities to practise their Gaeilge in everyday situations. To mark the end of the celebrations, we gathered in the Green Room where the class proudly performed their Irish song and took part in games of bingo through Irish. The week was filled with fun, learning and a great appreciation for our language and culture.

Heritage Visit from Liz

In May, we were delighted to welcome Liz to our school for a fascinating heritage and biodiversity workshop. Liz taught the children about the variety of plants and animals that can be found in our local area, with a particular focus on the biodiversity within our own school grounds. The class enjoyed exploring nature and learning how different species contribute to a healthy ecosystem. Eleanor especially enjoyed discovering that the young leaves of the beech trees growing in our school grounds are edible. The visit helped to deepen the children's appreciation of the natural world around them.

Visit to Monasterevin Farm

In May, our school was fortunate enough to win a trip to Monasterevin Farm in County Kildare. During the visit, the children enjoyed a hands-on learning experience and gained a deeper understanding of the work that goes into producing milk, following its journey from grass to glass. The class had the opportunity to explore the farm, meet the animals and learn about modern farming practices. It was an engaging and educational day that brought many of our classroom learning topics to life. To make the experience even more special, some members of our class were interviewed about their day and even made an appearance on YouTube.

Sports Day

Sports Day was held in St. Margaret's and proved to be one of the highlights of the school year. The children took part in a wide range of fun station activities that tested their teamwork, coordination and athletic skills. The day concluded with exciting whole-school races, where pupils had the opportunity to cheer on their classmates and celebrate each other's achievements. Freya and Orlaith were particularly proud of their performance in the three-legged race, showing excellent cooperation and determination. It was a fantastic day filled with fun, exercise and school spirit.

School Tour to Flynn Park

Our school tour to Flynn Park was a fantastic way to round off the year and was enjoyed by everyone in the class. One of the highlights of the day was the water activity centre, where the children had great fun tackling inflatable obstacles, climbing structures and slides. Maya particularly enjoyed the freedom to explore the different activities with her classmates. After working up an appetite, we enjoyed lunch together in the park's picnic area before finishing the day in Splat Zone, where the children took part in some friendly and exciting team challenges. It was a fun-filled day that created many happy memories for the class.



5th & 6th Class – Teacher Amy F & June

Our Trip To Italy

In October 2025, 17 students from fifth and sixth class went on an Erasmus Plus funded trip to Italy. We went for four days. We stayed in a village just outside of Naples. We went on trips to Pompeii, Rome, Sorrento and we visited local schools in Naples. We had a great time. The highlight of the trip for the kids was the Italian food.



Christmas in KNS

This Christmas we had lots of things happening around our class such as Kris Kindle, Grinch day, hot chocolate Fridays, Christmas concert, tree lighting ceremony, colouring contest and much more.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

For Seachtain na Gaeilge, there were lots of activities, tráth na gceist, gaeilgeoir an lae, boingo, lá gaeilge, cluichí peile as Gaeilge, ceolchoirm as gaeilge agus a lán rudaí eile. During the months of February and March we were very lucky to have a student teacher for a few weeks named Caitlin. The 6th class students also made their confirmation during the month of March.



School Tour

On Friday the 12th of June, we went on our school trip to Flynn Park. We got into the freezing cold water in the lake and finished off the day with some paintballing. It was lots of fun. 6th class also have a trip to Tayto Park coming up after their graduation.



It has been a fantastic year with lots of unforgettable moments. We are so sad to see 6th class graduate next week but we are so excited for them as they begin secondary school.

Small Class 1 – Teacher Rivie, Maria & Sarah W

We have had a busy but brilliant year in the small class this year, In September we welcomed Ollie to our class, along with Cliodhna and Michael followed a few months later. We were busy working hard on all our work, we created some beautiful pieces of art and had lots of fun baking and making pizzas.

We also took some very special trips on the bus to the cinema, we had lots of visits to the Coolquay lodge for biscuits and juice and we really enjoyed going for lots of walks, and trips to the shop for ice cream and treats.

We celebrated lots of birthdays in the classroom and had lots of fun at our parties. We had lots of fun dress up days over the year, we had some special visitor's come visit our class when Colin from flew to you brought in some lovely birds for us to see, we had so much fun. We also had Santa clause come visit our classroom in December and that was so very special and exciting!

We have had the best year together and are looking forward to our summer holidays!

Small Class 2 – Teacher Lorraine, Lisa, Brian & Sarah D

Teacher Lorraine's Class have been very busy

- We continued using our leap cards and visited the Ashbourne Library and the playground.
- We explored the themes of Transport, Food and Hobbies Around the World.
- We had fun exploring “The Titanic” and created our own replicas.
- We explored “The Viking's” and created our own Viking Longships and Shields!
- We celebrated Louie, Seán's, Teacher Lorraine, Lisa and Sarah's with parties and treats in class!
- We learned about Van Gogh and Kahlo and created artwork to celebrate both artists – Still Lifes and Self Portraits!
- We are learning all about money and are using our new Revolut Cards during our weekly trips to the shop for treats.
- We went to “Look Mam No Hands” as a special treat. We read the menus and choose what we wanted to eat! Seán and Ryan enjoyed chicken nuggets and chips and Charlie enjoyed sausages. Eoin and Ryan chose pancakes and said they were “the best pancakes” they had ever tasted, while Will loved his vanilla milkshake, chips and nuggets!
- We went on our school tour and had a fantastic time at the “Dreampoint Experience”

We hope you all have a lovely summer 😊

Best wishes

Paddy Christie and all the staff at Kilcoskan NS