

WELCOME

Everyone in the Kilkeary school community is delighted with the appointment of our third teacher, Ms. Lynch. We hope that she will have many happy years in Kilkeary N.S.

We also welcome our new Junior Infants class for 2017, comprising *****. We wish you all the best during your time at the school.



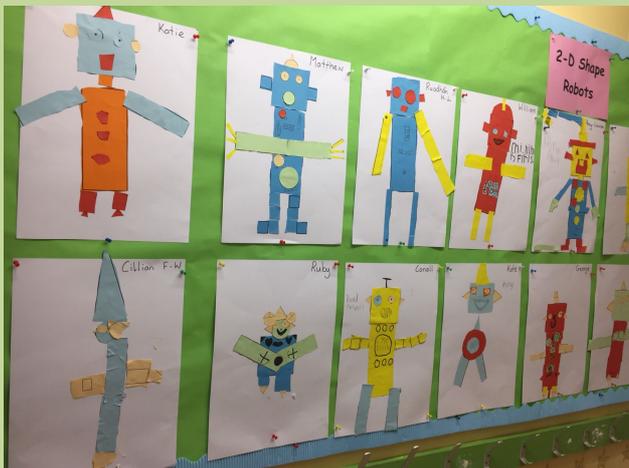
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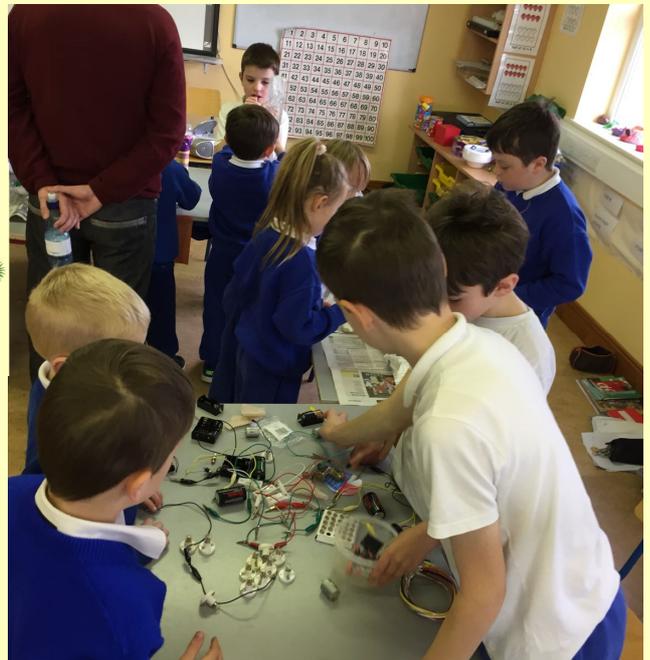
GAELIC FOOTBALL | This year, for the first time, we took part in the three teacher football competition. We acquitted ourselves very well with one draw with Kilbarron and one defeat to Burgess. All the panel got plenty of game time.

SWIMMING | All the pupils from first to sixth class really enjoyed the six week swimming course in Nenagh Leisure Centre this term.

ROBOTS | In November, Junior and Senior Infants learned about 2-D shapes in maths and created their very own robots using 2-D shapes!



SCIENCE WEEK | All pupils took part in activities to mark Science Week 2017. The Senior Room participated in a Science workshop in Nenagh Library where they put their bridge building skills into practice. First, second and third classes carried out a number of science experiments and invited the other classes to be involved. It was an enjoyable and educational experience for all!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT | We look forward to our upcoming Christmas concert which will take place in the Toomevara GAA clubhouse on **Tuesday, 19th December at 6:45pm**. It promises to be a great night of fun and entertainment!

The Junior Room will perform 'Ralph the Reindeer', a humorous account of Santa's plight when Rudolf gets sick. The Middle Room will stage one of the best loved classics for children, 'Pinocchio'. The Senior Room will treat us to a performance of 'Angels Up High'. All pupils continue to work hard, rehearsing their lines and putting the final touches to their costumes.

There will also be a raffle on the night. If you wish to donate a spot prize, you can drop it into the school or bring it on the night.



Christmas Mass Cards for sale

This year the four parish schools have come together to produce a Christmas Mass Card on the theme of 'The Year of the Family'. The Kilkeary N.S. contribution was created by Chloe in 6th Class. The cards are signed by Fr. John and are for sale in the school at a cost of €10 for 3, or €20 for 7. All proceeds from sales go to children's charities in Peru & Kenya.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME | As part of the preparation for First Holy Communion, the first class pupils and their parents have been attending the 'Do this in Memory of Me' masses since September in Toomevara Church. Our pupils braved the elements to sing at the final mass on Sunday last, 10th December.

PANTOMIME | We will attend the Christmas Pantomime, *Cinderella*, in the University of Limerick Concert Hall on Thursday, 21st December. The bus will leave the school at 8:30am sharp on that morning. Be sure to set your alarm clocks!

WINNERS | Our students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes recently received a €100 sports voucher for sports equipment.



Invitation to Parents/Guardians

We would like to extend a very warm invitation to all to attend our upcoming Parents Association Committee meeting on **Wednesday, 17th January** from 8:00pm - 9:30pm in the school.

New members are very welcome - even if you don't feel that you can commit at this time, come along to share a cup of tea!



PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

What is the Parents Association/Committee? The Parents Association is made up of all parents/ guardians of children in the school. The Parents Association Committee is a self-selecting subset of this group.

What does it do? Its aim is to support the Principal, teachers and Board of Management to provide the best possible education for the children in the school. It,

- Helps in the running of social events,
- Maintains the school website,
- Organises fundraising activities.

What happens to funds raised? All proceeds go directly to the school. In 2016/17, funds were used to subsidise swimming lessons (€ 280), and to support the purchase of school lockers (€1,000), 'PM+' readers (€1,510), role play materials (€90) and laptops (€1,000).

Who is involved? Parents/guardians can join the Committee by contacting any existing member - Orla Hartnett, Sandra Harford, Sylvia Conway, Ger Doyle, Gerard Ryan, Fintan Ryan, Breda O'Brien, Mary O'Dwyer, Deirdre Hogan.

FUNDRAISING DATES for 2018

The following activities and events will take place over the coming months. Your support is appreciated.

Activity/Event	Date
1. Clothes Collection Please hold on to your old or unwanted clothes and turn them into money for the school.	22nd – 25th January 2018
2. Poker Night Building on the success of the 2015 and 2017 events, another chance to try your hand at poker. Venue – Young's, Latteragh	Sunday 29th April 2018 @6pm

All timber has been sold. Total funds raised from this endeavour were €2,360. Our thanks to all who purchased & to **Frank Brislane** for the use of his sheds for storage.