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Newsletter April & May 2019

Dear Parents,

Uniform sale and swap - you can't afford to miss it!

Our uniform sale and swap will take place on **Thursday, 20th June at 8.30 pm in the school hall.**

What does this involve?

We will be placing collection boxes in the front hall of the school in the next few days where good quality, clean uniform items (jumpers, tracksuits, skirts, pinafores etc) that are no longer needed in your home, can be placed. We are especially calling out to 6th class students who are the last in their families to attend Kinvara N. S. and to the youngest members of families who don't have someone to hand on their uniforms on to. These items will be available to buy for as little as two euro or if you have an item in good condition that you want to swap for a larger size that can be facilitated too!

Has this been done in Kinvara N.S. before?

Yes! Last year was our first year and due to the success of the event we have decided to run it again. All of our customers left having bagged some seriously good value (while being eco-friendly too) and we anticipate that the same will happen this year.

So please, free up those unwanted uniform items and let them go to another happy home!

School Information for the new school year 2019/2020 for Junior Infants:

Monday 17th of June: in the school at 8pm: **Parents Evening**

Wednesday 19th of June: New Junior Infants are invited to the school to meet their class and teacher from 9.30am until 11am.

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Thank you:

Congratulations to all the pupils from 2nd and 6th class who received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation this year. I would like to thank all the children for their active participation and dignified reverence during both ceremonies which helped to make them such special and memorable occasions.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the teaching staff that helped to prepare the children so well and to the choir and the music teachers whose singing and music added so much to both sacramental celebrations.

I thank the choir for turning out in such great number for last Saturday's First Communion Service. I also would like to thank Mrs Murphy and Ms Murray for accompanying and directing the choir. I really appreciate the effort made by our choir members and teachers giving freely their time over the weekend.

I also would like to thank Hilary for organising all the Booklets and Name Badges. I am sure you all agree that the Booklet this year was of the highest standard.

I would like to acknowledge the unparalleled support of all the volunteer parents who helped to prepare the School Hall for the Confirmation and Communion celebrations. The community spirit shown was remarkable and provided a great example to our children of the importance of unity and working together.

Finally I would like sincerely thank our Parents Association for their extraordinary help, support and generosity throughout the year. Every child enrolled in our school has benefitted from the selfless endeavour of this group of parents in enhancing and facilitating special occasions during the year such as Christmas Santa Shop, Santa's Visit, Bingo and Sacramental Celebrations. School life would certainly be more impoverished without them!

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Sport review:

Our school hurling panels have been busy in recent months. In the 2019 Cumann na mBunscol competition, our school was pooled with Clarinbridge, Bullaun and Craughwell in the 13 a-side A group. We played a lively challenge match against near neighbours Ballindereen so as to fine tune the boys in the lead up to this competition and it proved the perfect workout. The boys put in a comprehensive performance and won the game comprehensively.

Our Cumann na mBunscol group was very competitive - this reflected the great work that is being undertaken with the boys at club and school levels. First up for St. Joseph's was a home match versus Clarinbridge. This was a fantastic match with an abundance of skill and commitment on display from both teams. The boys set out their stall with some fantastic scores and tenacious defending to ensure a bright opening half. Clarinbridge weren't to be denied their own purple patch however and converted a few scorable frees to stay in touch. Our boys upped the ante in the second half and dominated in terms of possession and creation of scoring opportunities. Unfortunately we needed to be more clinical with our chances. Clarinbridge broke down the field on two separate occasions to score two goals – the second of which was extremely fortunate in nature. On each occasion our boys responded with great spirit but fell just short of scoring the major required to reel back a stubborn Clarinbridge who defended valiantly to eke out a narrow win. In our second group game we travelled to Bullaun to play the group favourites. Our boys started brightly and competed gamely with what was an excellent outfit. By half time however, Bullaun had pulled ahead with some excellent scores. Our defenders had worked tirelessly but Bullaun had established a stranglehold in midfield that we never got to grips with. In spite of the mammoth task facing our boys in the second half, they never shirked a tackle and everyone worked admirably until the final whistle. Bullaun were without doubt the stronger outfit, but our players displayed great determination and a never say die attitude which we are proud of. In our final group game, we were pitted against Craughwell, also away. Our players were keen to win this match and from the throw in they set about achieving their objective. Each and every player played fantastic hurling and despite Craughwell providing a real threat at times, St. Joseph's weren't going to be denied. Our defenders were relentless, midfielders struck the perfect balance between dominating their markers and supporting their teammates, and forwards combined to create space and convert their scoring chances. This display was a true reflection of the boys' ability and they got their just rewards with a well-deserved victory. We used a panel of 25 players

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throughout the group games. The panel in full is: Charlie Conneely, Shane Moriarty, Darragh Kavanagh, Adam Cunningham, Thomas Byrne, Luca Danjou, Darragh McInerney, Jamie Molloy, Dara Burke, Pádraig Conole, Donnacha Ganly, Donnacha Ward, Cian O'Shaughnessy, Éanna Droney, Diarmuid Crossan, Hugh O'Shaughnessy, Ryan Murphy, Shane Flanagan, Sam Guilfoyle, Daragh Kelly, Stephen Cullinane, Donnacha Mullane, Eoin O'Connor, Páraic Keane, and Eoin Sheridan.



Garda 7's Gort

The annual Garda 7's took place recently in Gort. Our school was invited to participate with fifteen other schools from the region. This tournament is very well organised and sees all teams find their level as they progress through their games. St. Joseph's was paired with near neighbours Northampton in our first game. Our boys worked their way into the game and picked off some lovely scores to lead at half time. Northampton worked hard to reel us back in the second half, but our boys displayed great composure to manage and deservedly win the game. In our next game we played another first game winner – Craughwell. This was a very controlled performance combining stellar defending and clinical score taking. Our midfielders worked efficiently to form an excellent link/transition between their defenders and

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forwards. St. Joseph's had built up a healthy lead by the time the final whistle was blown. We had now progressed on to the A semi-final. Our opposition would be Labane. This was by far the boys' best performance. They dominated their opponents from the off and were unrelenting in their pursuit of a win. Every player performed to his potential and the application to work was excellent. Traditionally, we have found it difficult to overcome Labane and it is to the boys' credit that we overcame them convincingly in this encounter. The one negative from the end of this encounter was the loss of midfielder Darragh Burke to injury which ruled him out from the A Final against perennial favourites Killeeneen. Unfortunately, we meet our match in this final. Killeeneen played a fantastic brand of hurling and had edged ahead coming up to half-time. This trend continued in the second half despite some fantastic performances from our boys. Killeeneen ran out deserving winners but our boys should be very proud to finish as runners-up out of 16 teams. They played some sublime hurling throughout the tournament and gained many admirers along the way. We are very proud of this group of boys. The panel on the day was: Charlie Conneely, Shane Moriarty, Darragh Kavanagh, Luca Danjou, Dara Burke, Pádraig Conole, Donnacha Ganly, Donnacha Ward, Jamie Molloy, Cian O'Shaughnessy, Diarmuid Crossan, Ryan Murphy, Shane Flanagan.

We have been fortunate this year to have a core group of Sixth Class leaders backed up by a very eager Fifth Class. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sixth Class boys for their commitment to sporting life in our school and we wish them well in their sporting endeavours in secondary school.

We would also like to thank all parents who helped in any way during this past year. A special thanks to parents who travelled and provided lifts for the boys to the matches. Thank You.

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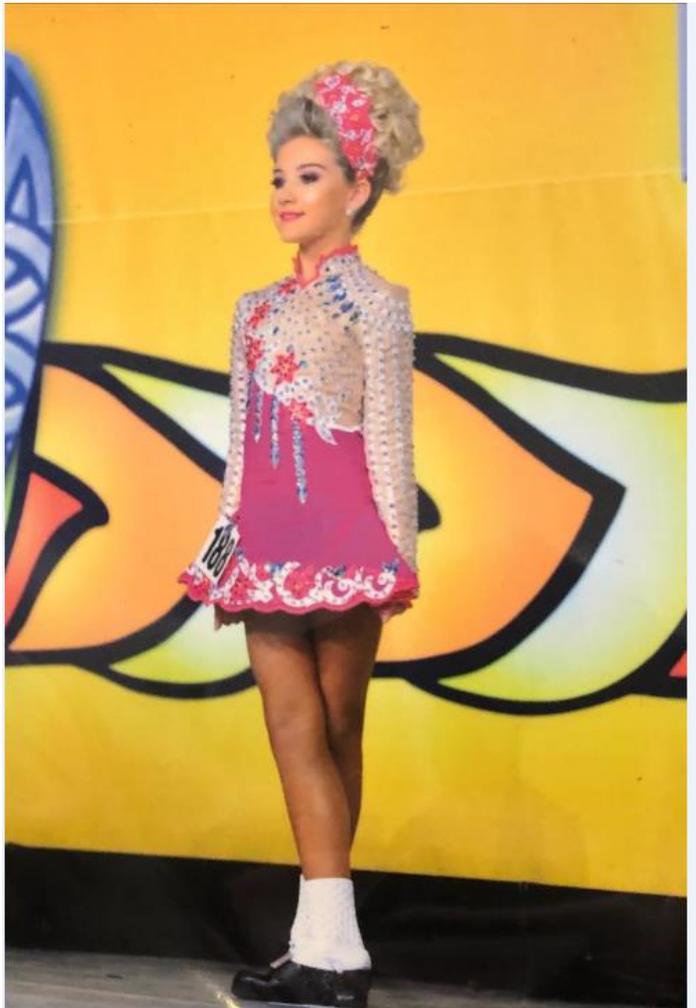


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World Dancing Championships:

Well done to Lilly Tully who was in Greensboro North Carolina over the Easter Holidays representing Ireland in Irish dancing.

Lilly was 4 places away from getting a medal...she came 54th out of 150 dancers. They place the top 50. We are incredibly proud of Lilly.
Well done Lilly!!



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Health Promoting School Award

We are delighted to inform you that St. Joseph's National School has been successful in its application for recognition as a Health Promoting School. Our school is now a member of the Irish Health Promoting Schools' network which is also a member of the Schools for Health in Europe network. Formal recognition acknowledges our school's commitment to strengthening its capacity as a healthy setting for living, learning and working. It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge the enthusiasm and dedication of the Health Promoting Schools team who co-ordinated the vast array of projects and programmes within the school that enabled St. Joseph's National School to deliver on all the required criteria needed to gain recognition. The school will receive a Health Promoting Schools Flag in the near future. The members of the HPS were ably assisted by the School Council members. The members of the Health Promoting Team are Ms. Áine Mc Grath (Co-ordinator) Ms Jennifer Joyce, Ms Sarah Coen, Ms Linda Carey (Parent) Ms Brenda Hyland (Parent) Aoibhín O Donghue, Dara Burke, Ryan Cahill, Hannah Cela, Luca Danjou, Aisling Geaney, Elena Alfonso Pujante.

The Student Council members are Shane O' Shaughnessy, Grace Coy, Cillian Coady, Orlaith Ganley, Hugh O' Shaughnessy, Megan Mullarkey, Diaruid Crossan, Katelyn Mullarkey, Naoise Flatley, Cian O' Shaughnessy, John Tannian, Brianna Meyler.



Ms. Fiona Falvey (HSE Galway) meets with the team who spoke with her about the different activities they helped to organise in the school as part of the Health Promotion Schools Award. You can follow our progress on our Health Promoting website @www.kinvarans.ie



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Bloom:

Fifth class pupils enjoyed a fabulous day out at Bloom in the Park yesterday thanks to Agri Aware. There was so much for us to explore and experience.

Some of the highlights were the bubble demonstration by Scientific Sue, the show gardens and our visit to the Agri Aware Big Red Shed. We learnt about Daisy the dairy cow, Angus cows and sheep. Agri Aware also taught us more about growing our own herbs and vegetables and gave us an introduction to wormeries and Irish Seed Savers. We even had some time afterwards to enjoy some of the wide variety of food on offer and visit some of the stands.

The overall message we took home was the importance of promoting biodiversity and taking care of our environment.



School Tours: All school tours have been emailed and payment links emailed to parents. **School tours must be paid for before you go.**

6th class tour information to follow next week.

School Activity week: This will take place June 10th to June 14th, more details nearer the time.

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6th Class Graduation: this will take place on Tuesday 18th of June at 10am in St. Josephs NS Church with refreshments afterwards in the school hall.

Summer Camps:

Cúl Camps:

Hurling: July 1st to July 5th at Kinvara GAA grounds.

Football Camp: takes place from: 22nd July -26th July at the Kinvara GAA grounds.

COST:

€60 for 1st. child; €55 for 2nd child; €45 for 3rd and subsequent children.

www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie for more details-online payments only.

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Week 1 Kinvara Astro July 29th-August 2nd
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Summer Mini Kickers (5-6yrs 10-12)	Book before June 24 th !	€65
Summer Main Camp (6yrs+ 10-2)	Book before June 24 th !	€85
Summer GK Camp (6yrs+ 10-2)	Book before June 24 th !	€85
Add a Power Soccer Kit!		€20
Add Shin Guards!		€10
Deposit before June 24 th	Secures the early bird prices!	€20

Contact us!
Register by phone! Contact our office 091865350.
Organise a Birthday Party: Phone 0861956424 or email info@powersoccer.ie

Power Soccer: Summer camp Monday 29th July- Friday 02nd of August.

See www.powersoccer.ie for more information.

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Starcamp: at the school July 22nd – July 26th www.starcamp.ie or call 021 4377900 or email info@starcamp.ie

Lego camp: Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Camp runs from the 29th July - 2nd Aug, from 10am -2pm, in Kinvara NS. Online booking available www.bricks4kidz.ie/galway. Queries please contact Una @ 087 944 2399.

01-05 July	Craughwell	Salthill	
08-12 July	Milltown	Oranmore	
15-19 July	Claregalway	Barna	
22-26 July	Westport	Mountbellew	Ballinasloe
29 Jul- 2 Aug	Castlebar	Kinvara	Salthill
06-09 Aug	Headford	Moycullen	Corofin
12-16 Aug	Ballinfolie	Lawrencetown	Gort
19-23 Aug	Loughrea	Oughterard	Athenry

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EWB: The school is obliged to report the names of all children who are absent for over 20 days to the Education Welfare Board (E.W.B.). Parents/Guardians need not become unduly worried in circumstances where these absences can be satisfactorily explained due to illness, bereavement or family circumstances.

Please ensure that all absences are explained to the class teacher. Please do not call the school if your child is not going to be in school. A note on return to school will suffice.

Clothes Collection: There will be a clothes collection on Tuesday 18th of June, please only leave bags on the day before 9.30am.

Summer holidays: Please note the school will close at 12noon for all pupils on Friday 21st of June-for the summer holidays and will reopen for all on Thursday 29th of August.

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*Dominic Gallagher
(Principal)*