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Newsletter February/March 2017

Dear Parents,

Confirmation: On Thursday 10th of March 2017, 6th class children were confirmed in St. Joseph's Church, Kinvara. A huge amount of preparation went into the smooth running of the ceremony especially as this year the seating arrangements were changed due to the large number of children being confirmed. Major thanks to Mrs Whelan, Ms Murray and Hilary Sexton for their invaluable help with the Art work for the ceremony, Confirmation booklets and labels for the Church seats. As they always do, the School choir excelled and added so much to the occasion. Under the directorship of Ms O'Keeffe, Mrs Murphy and Ms McGrath the choir, which included children from 4th to 5th classes.

They sang the usual hymns associated with the ceremony of confirmation as well as some beautiful new pieces specially prepared in recent months for the ceremony. The children in 6th class also did themselves proud especially the singers & musicians.

Singers: Brian Whelan, Leah Burke, Kate Kidd, Fiona Byrne, Aoife Brennan, Shona Mullarkey, Cian Mullane, Róisín Brennan, Lorna Bermingham, Ciara McIntyre, Éadaoin Quinn & Jason Meyler.

The musicians: Ciara Moriarty, Eimear Keane, Sofia Magnetti, Sadbh Connolly, Gráinne Droney, & Ethan Sexton.

A special thank you to Father Joe Roche & Fr. Pat Donoghue for all his preparatory work with the 6th class during the few months. Well done to all.

Pride of place must go to the orchestra who played a mozart four part harmony piece.

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Dramatic Success for St. Joseph's .



Comghairdeas mór to the children of 4th classes and 6th class who took part very successfully in this years Féile Drámaíochta. The Feile took place in Kinvara on the 14th of February with 29 dramas from all over Galway taking part.

The children of the 4th classes performed 'Mí Adh ort a Pháidín', a vibrant, colourful account of Páidín's encounter with the fairies. As with all encounters with fairies, things did not quite work out for poor Páidín! The children of 4th class received high praise from the adjudicators for their lively, energetic performance which saw them win the award for 'An ceoldrama is fearr' (The best musical drama) and 'Scoth leiriú an Féile' (The best overall performance of the Féile), Mí Adh a Phaidín also won a prize for being 'An drama is fearr bunaithe ar Shean-scéal' (the best drama based on an old story)

6th class performed 'Cruinniú na mBánríon' which is a musical based on Gráinne Mhaol's daring visit to meet Queen Elizabeth in 1575. Again the adjudicators were impressed with the high standard of acting, singing and choreography from the 6th class and awarded them the prize for 'An Dráma is fearr'. Lorna Bermingham deservedly won a special award for 'An tAisteoir is Fearr' (Best Actress award)



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Míle buíochas to the class teachers Ms Purcell, Ms Harrison and Mr Nolan. Ms Lahart for all her advice and assistance with props and makeup, Mr O Gallachóir for the music. And finally many thanks to all the parents who were there to support us along the way from costumes to learning lines! A special thanks to the team in the make up department, Ms. Lahart, Louise Geary, Tina Meyler, Marie Doody, Fiona Fahey, Olga Connolly, Lainey O Hanlon, Míle buíochas libh go leir! While we did not progress from the Connacht final we are looking forward to 'treading the boards' in the future at the Féile Drámaíochta.

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Credit Union Quiz: Well done to our Junior and Senior teams who represented the school on March the 5th at the Galway finals. The Junior team were first overall and the Senior team came second. This is a first for our school. We are very proud of the team and wish them the very best of luck in the RDS in Dublin.



Kinvara Defibrillator Project: Our recent non uniform day raised €540 for this project. We thank you all for the support of this great cause.

Rock & Road: Congratulations to all the pupils in the school who took part in the 1km and 2km race on Saturday 4th of March. Well done to all the pupils who ran on the day.

Date to remember: First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 20th 2017 at 11.00am.**

Uniform: Please note that black or grey tracksuits bottoms are to be worn for school uniform. No other colours. Hoodies are not part of the uniform. Please check school website to see uniform description. Please label your school jumper as with the recent spell of good weather jumpers going missing!

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DARKNESS INTO LIGHT - KINVARA, morning of 6th May 2017 at 4.15am

On Saturday morning the 6th May 2017 Kinvara, will host its third Darkness into Light 5k walk/run at 4.15 am from St Joseph's N.S. for Pieta House (Centre for Prevention of Suicide and Self-harm). This is a worldwide symbolic fundraising event; walking or running from darkness to light to give HOPE.

You can avail of **Early Bird** registration (adults €20) at Londis, Kinvara & Supervalu Gort on the 1st April 12noon to 2pm **or online** up to 31st March at www.pieta.ie.

More details: dilkinvara@kinvara.com . Check Darkness into Light Kinvara on Facebook or follow us on twitter @DILKinvara.

**Bingo Fundraiser: Family Bingo Night!!! April 8th,
7pm, Kinvara Community Centre**

**Tickets on Sale at School Gate Friday March 31st at
13:50 and 14:50, Monday April 3rd at 13:50 and 14:50
and Friday April 7th at 13:50 and 14:50**

**Places are limited so first come first served – Children
€5, Adults €10**

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In aid of St. Joseph's NS PA Activities and Equipment for the Seoda Unit

Hello again Parents,

The PA are hosting a Bingo night in the community Centre on April 8th – we think this will be a fun night for parents , children, extended family and other community members

We are hosting this fundraiser to help finance the remaining PA activities we are hosting this year – e.g. communion party and 6th year graduation etc. but we would REALLY like to help fit out the Seoda unit with more equipment to ensure the children within the unit have the most stimulating environment possible.

We do need some help from parents also in getting together small spot prizes and raffle prizes so we can make the night as fun as possible – if you would like to contribute examples of spot prizes (worth 10-20euros or @10 euros) would include:

- **Easter Eggs**
- **Bottles of wine**
- **Vouchers**
- **Chocolates**

Tickets for the night will be 10euro per adult – Children 5 euro (children from @ 4th class up may want an adult ticket as they would be capable with keeping up with the adults) – Tickets will be sold through school and by PA members at the school gate

We hope that this fundraising event will be loads of fun so please support in any way possible

Many Thanks

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Allergies/ Medication: please ensure if your child (ren) have any allergies or are taking medication that the class teacher is aware of this.

School Closure: the school will be closed from April 10th until April 21st and will re open on Monday 24th of April. (Easter Holiday)

Is mise,

Dominic Gallagher (Principal)