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Kilbehenny NS



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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

This Month's Highlights

This December has been great in KBNS!

One major highlight of the month was our Christmas Concert which was on in Kilbehenny Hall. We all put in lots of practice and had many rehearsals. It all paid off as it was a very successful night that we are all very proud of!

We have all been getting in the Christmas spirit in school recently and Santa came to visit us and gave us lots of sweets and no homework, which we were very happy about! Juniors to 2nd Class also went to the Panto in the Everyman which was great and we had a whole school Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for the Laura Lynn foundation!

We have now concluded gymnastics and handball for the year. We really enjoyed them both and we would like to give Gill and Michael a big hi-5!

Cumann na mBunscol

This month has been another very successful month in KBNS! We are sad to say we had our last Handball training this week and we would like to thank and also like to wish a major comhghairdeas to our Handball coach Michael who won an All-Ireland with his club this month! He is a great inspiration for us all! We have been showcasing our recent achievements by putting together a video for the Cumann na mBunscol competition which we are really excited to show you all! We personalised the lyrics of 'When I Play for the County' for our school and we all performed this together in the hall. We also worked hard to build a Lego model of Croke Park and our 5th and 6th Class put all their tin whistle practice to use as they performed 'Amhrán na bhFiann' at our school Christmas concert. Also, during their version of the Late Late Toy Show, they had special guest acts including the 2 Johnnies and some Limerick hurlers with the Liam McCarthy cup!

On the last full day in school before Christmas, we celebrated our 2023 All Stars team with a parade for the whole school! Although many of us play with different teams and are from different counties, in KBNS we are all one!



Juniors and Seniors

Juniors and Senior Infants have had an extremely busy December. We have loved our Christmas theme for Aistear where we wrapped loads of presents for everyone in our class.

We had a super time at the Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' in Cork. Handball and gymnastics are now finished we absolutely loved every second with Michael and Gill. We had a very special visit this week all the way from the North Pole and Jingles is the elf's name. We have been searching for clues all around KBNS. We loved performing Christmas songs with 1st and 2nd Class in Kilbehenny Hall for everyone and we had the best time. If you weren't there then you missed out! Happy Christmas to all and Best Wishes for 2024 from all the Infants.

1st and 2nd Class

This month has been fun and busy as we prepared our songs for the Christmas Concert with the Infants.

We are very proud of ourselves after how well we performed at the Christmas Concert!

We loved learning new skills in Handball and we created some lovely Christmas Art.

We have been opening our Christmas Countdown doors everyday that we created. A person gets to eat a yummy chocolate treat when they open the door they created.

We enjoyed the Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' in the Everyman Theatre in Cork.

2nd Class have their third mass on Saturday 23rd December. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2024.

Our Class News

3rd and 4th Class

3rd and 4th Class have been very busy this month. We have been doing lots of Christmas art and we also studied the Normans. After learning all about the Normans, we also did a project on them where we constructed 3-D models of the Norman Motte and Bailey. We presented these to the other classes and we are very proud of them! We also have been reading Spaceboy by David Walliams and we really love the story. In Irish we are learning about cártaí Nollaig agus stocaí Nollaig!

5th and 6th Class

December was a very eventful month in our classroom and we were very busy getting prepared for our Christmas play.

We preformed the Late Late Toy Show and it was so much fun. We have also been busy in the classroom learning all about length in Maths and narrative writing in English. We have been using our imagination to write really creative and interesting stories!

Our 5th and 6th girls played their first Olympic Handball tournament and they qualified for the County finals!

We are all getting ready for Christmas and have been learning about An Nollaig, and we also had tea and s'mores as a lovely treat! Nollaig Shona Daoibh!

Sports News

All of the school really enjoyed doing Handball with Michael in the hall. There is a new grá for Handball among the students in KBNS now!

The 5th and 6th Class girls had an Olympic Handball tournament this month and they have now qualified for the County Finals!

Conor in 1st Class passed his Karate test and Sadie and Anna had a Taekwondo tournament on Saturday and they have now got yellow belts! The 4th Class boys are enjoying playing soccer and they had a match on Saturday in Fermoy.

Green Schools

We are continuing to monitor the bins and encourage everyone to recycle in our school! We are also on track to achieve our 9th Green Flag for Global Citizenship Travel!

Student Council

This month our Student Council set up a stall at the Craft Fair in Kilbehenny. We sold our keyrings and magnets, lotto tickets and the Christmas logs that we all painted and decorated in school.

Last Thursday we had another meeting to brainstorm more fundraising ideas for 2024!

Amber Flag

The Amber Flag Committee organised a day for all of our students to come in wearing Christmas jumpers on Friday the 8th of December. Altogether we raised €343 for the Laura Lynn foundation!

MS Readathon

Our 1st and 2nd Class students have concluded their readathon where they read 269 books and raised €1,627 for Multiple Sclerosis Ireland! We are all very proud of them!

Birthdays!

- AJ O' Mahony - 5
- Oisín Kearney - 5
- Matthew O' Brien - 6
- Katie Fitzgibbon - 7
- Freddie Cunningham - 9
- Sally Fitzgibbon - 9
- Emily Creed - 10
- Patrick Clifford - 11
- Ryan McNamara - 11

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

WE ASKED OUR 2ND CLASS ...

What are you getting for Christmas?

Finn O' Donnell - Models
Anna Lonergan - Teddy Monkey
Patrick McGrath - Motorbike
Freddie Cunningham - Quad
Michael Luddy - PlayStation
Sadie O' Brien - Electric Scooter
Rachel Clifford - Air Up Bottle
Brogan McGrath - Lego
Alex English - Pool Table
Dylan Kelly - Tablet
Faye Spillane - Squishmallow
Shane Kearney - Models

Christmas Concert

On Thursday the 14th we had our Christmas Concert and had a tremendously successful night!

Juniors to 2nd Class performed a sequence of Christmas carols in both English and as Gaeilge. There was some brilliant solo performances and 1st and 2nd played 'Jingle Bells' on the tin whistle too!

3rd and 4th performed 'KBNS'S Got Talent'. They had 3 judges and 4 acts, with dancing, comedy and model showcasing, and all acts were rightly deemed winners on the night! They also sang Christmas songs and played the tin whistle!

5th and 6th Class then concluded the night by performing a rendition of The Late Late Toy Show. They had the High Stool Prophets, The 2 Johnnies and the lead singer of The Tumbling Paddies; Gareth Maguire, as their special guests on the night and they performed 'Amhrán na bhFiann' on the tin whistle, sang songs and provided great entertainment for all!

It was a spectacular night that was so much fun for us, we all had a great time!



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 10th January: We will have Taekwondo in school with Schools Fitness Ireland.

Thursday 11th January: 5th and 6th Class are going to attend the Panto 'Legally Blonde' in Pres Secondary school.

Friday 12th January: 3rd-6th will start swimming and continue every Friday.

Thursday 25th January: The RSA will have a road safety campaign for all classes.

Sunday 28th January: 1st-6th will perform at the Peace Proms concert in UL.

Wednesday 31st January: Wellie day for Embrace FARM fundraiser.

5 FUN FACTS!

1. Your brain is constantly eating itself.
2. A chicken can survive 10-18 months without any food.
3. A shrimp's heart is in its head.
4. Other planets like the moon smell like rotten eggs.
5. You can die laughing.

The Panto

Juniors to 2nd Class had a great day out on their trip to the Panto to see Beauty and the Beast which they really enjoyed!

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