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| St Kevin’s Junior School | | | 31st May 2017 |
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| Teddy Bear Picnic On Thursday 22nd of June we will have a Teddy Bear Picnic in our school garden.  All our children will be asked to bring in their favourite toy for the picnic. School Tours: Junior Infants and Senior Infants are both off to Newbridge park for different activities & fun.  First Class are off to the zoological department in Trinity college for  interactive learning & a picnic.  Second class will go to Pinewood Forest for art and adventures on June 28th.  Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch & an extra drink packed.  . | If you did not receive any of our newsletters/notes by e-mail please send an e-mail to the school and we will add you to our mailing list. | | |
| School Holidays | | |
| As our school year end nears the staff of St. Kevin’s would like to thank all our students and their families for your continued support.  It was a busy year with lots of fun activities throughout the year. From our Christmas breakfast to our school tours. The children received wonderful opportunities to explore and learn with help from all our staff and outside agencies.  All our children participated in GAA with Neil. We wish to thank Trinity Gaels for providing such a wonderful facility to our children.  Our children will participate in a Musical & theatre Workshop on June 7th & they enjoyed Hip hop classes with Debbie, all of this is possible through your support with our booklists.  This year our children had several opportunities for learning with laughter and fun; including a 6 week Irish dancing and gymnastics programme. Yoga & mindfulness and even a skipping workshop. Our senior classes enjoyed some baking with Gráinne & Mary on Fridays. This is always a popular activity for our children and we hope to continue baking again next year.  Every Wednesday our children participate in ‘Wake-Up Wednesday’ with a walk/jog in the park.  Keep your eye on our website for more information and a peep at some of the fun that goes on in St Kevin’s JNS! |  |  |
| Active Schools Week | | |
| Our ‘Active Schools week’ this year will commence on Monday June 19th.  We all know the importance of fitness and getting our body moving. So, we have decided to promote this through holding an active schools week here in St Kevin’s!!  We have a lot of fun activities planned, something different each day. Some of our activities include……   * **Drop Everything & Dance** * **2000 Aerobic challenge** * **Sports Day** * **20K School jog**   We will even have a disco in the hall!  However all this movement requires a little work from home! Each day your child will receive a Physical exercise challenge. These challenges are great for children & adults too!  **School Tours:**  **Junior Infants: Monday 19th**  **Newbridge Park for Yoga cost : €15.00**  **Senior Infants: Friday 16th**  **Newbridge Park & Farm Cost: €10.00**  **1st Class: Friday 16th Zoological Dept, Trinity College Cost 10.00**  **2nd Class: Wed 28th, Pinewood Forest Cost: €20.00**  ***Please place money due in an envelope with your child’s name on it & give to your teacher.*** |  |  |

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| Don’t forget there is no school tomorrow Friday 2nd of June or on Monday 5th of June. | | | |
| **Sports Day Wednesday June 20th.**  This will commence around 10.30 to 12.30 in the grounds of Holy Trinity.  All are welcome to attend. Please ensure your child has an extra drink in their bag. Please ensure your child has sun-cream applied!  You are welcome to attend and support your child during sports day however we ask that no food is shared during sports day as we wish to continue with our healthy eating policy and lunch time routines.  **SCIENCE AWARD 2017/18**  This year we achieved a science award. Each class participated in science experiments throughout the year and Margaret our very own science coordinator recorded all the scientific activities/ experiments carried out in each class for independent evaluation. We are delighted to receive a plague in recognition of all the good work achieved in this curriculum area. | School Year 2017/18 | | |
| Our New Junior Infants children will come in to visit our school. Again this year we will have 2 Junior Infant classes starting in September. We have been granted 2 additional teachers and an additional support teacher however these positions are based on our projected enrolment numbers.  All our booklists will be given to your child with their school reports. If for any reason your child did not receive a booklist please email the office ASAP.  Our BOM are currently in the process of appointing teachers therefore you may not know the name of your child’s teacher until September.  To accommodate you we will collect any money due from the booklist before the end of the school year or on the first day of school. If you wish to pay 50% of the booklist prior to finishing and the balance in the new school year we will make continue to make that provision. Please place all money in an envelope and give to Amanda in the office. |  |  |
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| **Food Dudes**  This year we had a successful Food Dudes programme which was implemented by Katie throughout the school. We were delighted to see great participation from all our children and enthusiasm for healthy eating from many of our students. There is a wonderful array of fruits & vegetables seen in every class…. Keep it up!  We had a visit from a food dudes co-ordinator who commented on the positive participation of our pupils and our parents. Well done everyone.  **School days 2017/18**  As you know, a good education gives your child the best possible start in life.  We wish to continue to encourage all our children to have good attendance in school during the month of June. Therefore, please ensure all your holiday plans fall during our school holidays.  Our 2017/18 school calendar will be included with the booklists for your records. It will also be available on our school website | C:\Users\orlaghlenoard\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_attachments.zip\IMG_4353.JPG | **School Reports**  School reports will be given to all pupils on **Friday 16th of June**. If for any reason you wish for your child’s report to be posted please provide a stamped addressed envelope and give to the office.  Included with the report is the book list for next year and class allocation. The BOM has made the decision to reduce the pupil teacher ratio in our second classes again next year therefore, the Principal will make a decision in relation to dividing the 2nd class equally into three classes.  All decisions are based on creating positive classroom dynamics while being mindful of the positive friendships formed between pupils. It is not designed to cause any upset therefore if your child is upset with the class allocation please speak with our school Principal. Details of which will be attached to the booklist. |

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| Book Week We had a wonderful ‘book week’ this year and loved the enthusiasm seen around the theme of books. Reading is always promoted in our school and this year was no exception.  We had a marvelous visit from the story nanny who read a witty story to the children ‘The Book with no pictures’ and the children got an opportunity to bring and buy a book. All the money received went directly back to the children in awards and prizes. Check out our website for the best dressed characters from a book.  This was such a delightful week that it will be an annual  event.  http://stkevinsjns.weebly.com/uploads/6/0/3/2/60321243/imgp2794.jpg  ***Sacrament of first holy Communion***  Our second class children received their First Holy on Sunday 28th May. This was a wonderful day and we are grateful for all support from the teachers and parents of our first class children who helped make this day special for our first holy communicants.  Some of our former students from 3rd class returned to join our first class students in the choir. This was lovely to see. The singing and tin whistle playing was fantastic and the choir under the watchful eye of the teachers and staff of St Kevin’s created a lovely atmosphere in the church . Take a look at our website for some of the wonderful art displays that were created for this day**.**  C:\Users\orlaghlenoard\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_attachments.zip\IMG_4362.JPG | St Patrick’s Day http://stkevinsjns.weebly.com/uploads/6/0/3/2/60321243/img-3887.jpg | |
| Our St Patrick’s Day Parade was a great success. All our children enjoyed dressing in green and showing some of their art to their families and friends.  We were joined on the day by Daracha and some Traditional Irish musicians. Our children sang and danced along with the musicians in a great atmosphere. Some children even performed the ‘haka’ as gaelige. This was a wonderful event which celebrated our Irish culture, language & identity.  Check our website for more photographs.  stkevinsjns.weebly.com  http://stkevinsjns.weebly.com/uploads/6/0/3/2/60321243/imgp2849.jpg |  |
| Junior Infant Information Day | |
| On Thursday 8th of June we will have our Junior Infant Information day in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our new entrants to meet their teacher and visit their new classroom.  We have a waiting list for children wishing to join our school in September therefore if you or a friend has a child wishing to start in September it is important that an enrolment form is completed and return to the school for consideration as soon as possible.  Pat O’Farrell school wear will be in the school on Thursday the 8th from 2.15 p.m for the collection of any uniforms pre-ordered. An order form will be issued by Pat O’Farrell shortly. The school will not take any responsibility for money for the uniforms therefore we ask you deal directly with them for payments. |  |