



Week beginning Monday 8th June 2020

Weekly Newsletter

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RETURN TO SCHOOL

It is now week 11 of Home Schooling and we appreciate all you are doing to try to keep the momentum going. Thoughts are beginning to turn to a cautious return and mapping out what and how our society will function as and when we can come safely out of this current situation. Schooling is no different and certainly I can confirm that a normal return to schooling with all pupils present and learning simultaneously in September will not be possible, at least in the short term. We, like you, are wondering how this will operate and unfortunately I do not have any answers at present. We obviously hear what is said in the news and I am aware that the situation presented in Friday's news bulletins of a split week in Primary School is one of a number of options currently being discussed by the Department of Education. As a school we are preparing for all eventualities but we are keenly awaiting guidance from the Department of Education. I can assure you that once I have confirmed information I will be communicating this to you at the earliest possible opportunity.

QUERIES TO SCHOOL

Despite the fact that the physical building of our school is closed I wish to assure you that school is very much open should you have any questions, queries, concerns or anything other that you may wish to discuss. Our school answering service is checked regularly but the most effective means of getting in touch is via e-mail or the school web-site. You can get in touch with myself at pgilchrist570@c2kni.net or any of our individual teachers. The teacher's addresses are contained in their weekly notes. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any issues, concerns or just want to let us know how you are getting on. We are all missing our pupils dearly and we love getting pictures of their work and hearing all about how they are getting on.

CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2020

Father McGrady continues to say mass and this is available through the parish web can at

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyphilip>

This coming Sunday 14th June is the feast of "Corpus Christi" and Father McGrady has made a special request that all Primary 4 pupils and their families tune in for the 11.00am mass.

SPORTS WEEK

Sports Day is one of the great events in our school calendar and we couldn't let a little thing like a global pandemic stop us celebrating together. However, we do have to be safe and responsible, so this year we are going online! Each school day this week we will be setting you a range of challenges that we would like your child to try to do. There are seven challenges set throughout the week and each challenge will be introduced and a target score set. These challenges will be added to the web site and a message will be sent to you each morning at 9.00am via the school web site messaging service. All we ask is that you send me a little picture of your child participating and the score they achieved to pgilchrist570@c2kni.net

Everyone who takes part and submits a photographic entry will get a certificate sent home to them

before the end of June. Certificates will be;

- Bronze = 1 to 2 challenge completed
- Silver = 3 to 5 challenges completed
- Gold = 7 challenges completed

We hope you have fun with our challenges and enjoy taking part.

Mr Gilchrist



**Sports Week
2020**

Sports Day is one of the great events in our school calendar and this year we are having to improvise so we are going online!

Rather than all in one day we are spreading it over a week.

An activity challenge video will post each morning this week on the school web site from 9.00am.

Can you beat the teacher?

Send any pictures to pgilchrist570@c2kni.net

Good luck everyone!

