



## Knockskeagh National School

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### **NEWSLETTER**

**WEEK 35 (2.6.21)**

#### **Amber Flag**

We were delighted to hear recently that we have been awarded the Amber Flag for 2021. The Amber Flag recognises the efforts of schools to create healthy inclusive environments that support mental health and wellbeing.

We would like to express a special thanks to our pupil representatives of the Amber Flag Committee for their promotion of positive mental health during the year. Also, big thanks to all pupils and staff of Knockskeagh for supporting and engaging in all Amber Flag activities this year. Your efforts are a testament to the importance you all place on mental health and wellbeing. Special thanks to Denis Murphy & Ruth Burke for organising our ‘Wellness Week’ and for overseeing and submitting our application. You can view all the Amber Flag activities for this year on our website on the following link; <https://knockskeaghns.ie/amber-flag-2/>

#### **Knockskeagh Olympics & Sports Day**

Next week we will have our Knockskeagh Olympics, with our Sports Day on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. All classes will be divided into 4 teams representing different countries. Each class will be assigned a specific day when they will wear specific colours to represent their particular countries.

Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
9.30	Official Opening	9.45-11.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	9.30-11.00	5 <sup>th</sup> Class
9.45-11.00	Junior Infants	11.15-12.30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	11.15-12.40	6 <sup>th</sup> Class
11.15-12.30	Senior Infants	1.15-2.40	4 <sup>th</sup> Class		
1.15-2.40	1 <sup>st</sup> Class				

For Sports Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, each class will complete 4 outdoor activities. This will be different to other years due to Covid Regulations and each class will be outside, one class bubble at a time only!

#### **School Show**

As you know, we were unable to have our usual school show this year. We have, however done something very special with 6<sup>th</sup> class. Rehearsals have been taking place in line with covid restrictions both in school and after school since returning after Easter.

We are delighted to now be at the final stage of production and the performance is being recorded this week by Greg Mulcahy. Once the final editing has been completed, we hope to take 6<sup>th</sup> class to the Park Cinema for a special screening on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. We are very grateful to Mark Coombes for once again photographing the performance. This year’s production has been a real team event with 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and staff putting in trojan work. Huge thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Thanks to our Dancing Teacher, Jenny O’Gorman for all the work and effort she has put into the show. Special thanks to Anne Beechinor for the enormous amount of work she has put into the show, both in rehearsals and the final productions creating something very special for 6<sup>th</sup> class. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished product when details of how the DVD can be ordered will be forwarded. Thanks to everyone and well done!

## **Engineers Week**

We celebrated Engineers Week last March when we were all working remotely. One event we were unable to complete at home was the 6<sup>th</sup> class Engineering Team Event. This bridge building competition will now take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation**

Our end-of-year mass and 6<sup>th</sup> class graduation will take place in the school on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15 a.m. Unfortunately we cannot have parents or family members in school, but we have instead arranged to broadcast the event live on a YouTube channel (details to follow).

## **End of Year Bills 2020/21**

Attached please find the end of year bill. While every effort has been made to ensure the details are correct, if there is any discrepancy please contact Helen immediately 023 8838070 or email [cnocsceachns@gmail.com](mailto:cnocsceachns@gmail.com)

## **School Tours**

CLASS	VENUE	DATE
Junior Infants	Model Railway Village	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Senior Infants	Skibbereen Sports Centre	Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June
1st Class	Rumley's Open Farm	Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June
2nd Class	Clonakilty Adventure Centre	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June
3rd Class	Smugglers Cove	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
4th Class	Smugglers Cove	Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June
5th Class	Smugglers Cove	Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June
6th Class	Smugglers Cove	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June

The cost of the school tour has been added to the book bill this year. In light of covid restrictions for senior classes and to help defray the cost, parents of children in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class are asked to drop off and collect.

## **Ice-Cream Time!**

Clonakilty Credit Union is running a competition beginning today on their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ClonakiltyCU](http://www.facebook.com/ClonakiltyCU)) specifically for the 19 primary schools in their common bond. That includes US! Basically, there will be a slideshow of images. One image will contain our schools' name/picture and people are asked to vote by liking the post with our school on it. The 2 schools with the most 'likes' will be the winners on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 a.m. The ice-cream will be supplied by Clonakilty Homemade Ice Cream, McCurtain Hill, Clonakilty. They will provide an ice cream cart and will hand out the ice creams to the students and staff. (They will ensure all Covid19 guidelines are adhered to.

### **Focus for this Week**

Visual Arts – Clay  
P.E. – Athletics & Dance  
Fundamental Movement – Throwing  
Literacy – Narrative  
Mental Maths – Skip Counting/Rounding  
I.T. – Google Classroom & See Computer Plan  
SPHE – Developing Citizenship (Walk Tall)  
& Farm and Water Safety  
Drama – Thought Tracking

### **Thought of the Week**

*People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing!*