

KEVIN'S NEWS

October 2022



Winter is coming

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our October newsletter is coming out a little bit later than planned. There is still plenty to update you on from St Kevin's. Lots of activity and fun in all of the classrooms.

The wintery weather is certainly setting in and the days feel shorter and darker.

At this time of the year, we have quite a few pupils who come to school without a coat or jacket.....it makes me feel very cold and very old to see them coming in, seemingly not feeling the chill. However, at this time of year we also have a lot of children with coughs and sniffles so we ask that you please encourage and remind your child that they need to have warm clothing coming in to school, and this will include their coat or jacket.

As we start the countdown to Christmas, we have lots of upcoming activities to look forward to.

Corrina Bailey

Grace

As you know, our local community recently lost one of its shining stars with the passing of one of our past pupils, Grace Rush.



Grace was a valued and well-loved member of our school family for 7 years before she went on to join the team at St Gerard's in Bray. A keen sportswoman, Grace was involved in so many activities and ventures throughout the school.

She was also a dedicated and diligent learner, taking pride in doing her best and helping others to do the same. She will be so very much missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Grace's family and friends.

Upcoming Dates

30th November— Enrolment applications for Sep 2023 close 12pm

2nd Dec—First Friday class visits 8.50am—9.10am

2nd Dec—Parents' Association Disco 6.30pm (4th— 6th classes)

12th Dec—Christmas Carol Service 7.30pm Holy Rosary Church

21st Dec—School closes for Christmas Break at 12pm

Parents' Association AGM

Our Parents' Association AGM was held here at the school on 25th October. Many thanks to parents who joined us for the meeting. As well as presentations from the PA Chairperson, PA Treasurer, Principal, BOM Chairperson and BOM Treasurer, there was some great group discussions, a question and answers session and updates from the Board of Management on various initiatives and undertakings at St Kevin's.

Enrolment for September 2023

The enrolment process for Junior Infants for September 2023 opened on Wednesday 9th November and will close at 12pm on Wednesday 30th November. We had a great turnout for our parents' information evening and tour of the school on 18th October with lots of new families coming to see St Kevin's and have a look around. If you have any questions in relation to the enrolments, please contact the school office at 01 2876660 or office@stkevins.ie

Christmas Cards

Our Parents' Association have been busy organising the pupils' Christmas card designs. By now, the children have designed and decorated their cards and you will have received a form to order packs of your child's card design, if you wish.

If you have any questions regarding the Christmas cards, please contact the Parents' Association at stkevinspagreystones@gmail.com

Avondale Cross Country

Another fresh Autumn day in October saw St. Kevin's and a host of schools from Wicklow and Dublin in Avondale Forest Park for the individual and team cross country competition. The distances of 800 gruelling metres (3rd & 4th) and an even more challenging 1km (5th & 6th) proved to be a real challenge for all competitors.

3rd class girls were first off with Aoife, Ria, Isabelle, Eleanor, Lizzy and Anna giving us a great start to the day. It was their first time ever at a cross country event and they ran their absolute hearts out.



3rd class boys followed with Oscar, Zach, Cillian, Mason, Arthur, Jim and Christian representing St. Kevins.

Cillian managed to win an

individual medal and lead his team to 3rd place overall.

The 4th class girls' team of Eva, Olivia, Issy, Amy, Chloe and Amelia were up next. Each of them finished the tough course, even carrying injuries.



In the boys' event, Ryan led the 4th class boys team of Ollie, Alfie, Ryan, Senan, Sean

and Finn to 3rd place and secured an individual medal for himself in the process.

5th class girls followed suit with yet another medal winner, Laragh leading her team to bronze. April, who had stepped in at the very last minute, dazzled the spectators with a sprint finish that Usain Bolt would have admired!! Their team also comprised Ella, April, Bayley, Anna, Laragh and Caelyn.



The boys from 5th went one better with a silver team medal for Jamie, Donncha, Cillian, Scottie, Charlie and Alex. Scottie also picked up an individual gold.



And finally on to our 6th class teams. The girls showed

remarkable team spirit, after a massive downpour soaked them all to the skin they still waited for each other at the race finish and congratulated one other on finishing a long and hilly course. Well done Alissa, Emily, Lucy, Sophie and Alexandra.

And not that medals are our only goal at these events but 6th class earned



more than their share this year. Ethan and Cillian had 1st and 2nd place finishes respectively and led their teammates Finn, Dylan, Jake and Steven to a gold team medal.

More than the medals, the parents and staff who attended the event were hugely proud of the way the children respected each other and that they won and competed with grace. There was a great display of Teamwork and Versatility.

Many thanks to Felicity, Jacqui, Sonya, David, Deirdre and Mr. Gunning for all your help.

Go Team Kevins!!

Ms Lambkin