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**Kilskyre National School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Grandparents Day:**

Firstly, thank you to all the Grandparents who visited our school last Wednesday for Grandparents Day. It was a lovely day and it was great to meet the children’s Grandparents and to put faces to the names we hear about so often. The children really enjoyed showing their achievements and were very proud to show off their school. Thank you to the parents who contributed the beautiful food which made the day that little more special. It was a tremendous spread and a credit to you all. Thank you for your support.

**Food Dudes:**

We are delighted to announce that our school’s free Food Dudes Week will take place from Monday

8th April.

Each pupil will receive 5 days of complementary fresh fruit and vegetable deliveries in fully

compostable packaging and exciting optional activity ideas for all levels to celebrate healthy eating in

our school. This will be a great opportunity to boost our school’s healthy eating ethos. For further information on the programme and healthy eating ideas, please see the website; [www.fooddudes.ie](http://www.fooddudes.ie)

**Swimming:**

Swimming lessons have commenced for children from 3rd-6th class. If you have not paid/partly paid for swimming we would appreciate it if you could do so in the coming weeks.

Please note that swimming will take place next Tuesday as the school is closed on Monday.

**Showjumping:**

Congratulations to the children who represented the school in the Interschools Showjumping competition in Mullingar last Sunday. They did extremely well and a great day was had by all. Thank you to Ms Gilsenan for organising the event.

**Credit Union Quiz:**

Well done to the children from 4th-6th class who participated in the Credit Union table Quiz last Monday in the Darnley Lodge Hotel. They did extremely well and it was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to Ms Lemass for organising this and to all the parents who supported the students on the night.

**Chess:**

The Ficheall Chess tournament will take place on the 22nd of February in Clonmellon, Details to follow.

**S.S.E.**

We are focusing on Wellbeing as our area for School Self Evaluation. The staff and children are working on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. Have a look at this helpful video for more information: <https://www.mentalhealthireland.ie/five-ways-to-wellbeing/>

On Thursdays we will be having 'Thoughtful Thursday' where our homework will be replaced by a wellbeing activity based on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing', this will replace Wellbeing Wednesday. We will choose a different 'way' to focus for an entire month or two. This month we are focusing on 'Keep Learning'. On Thursdays, try to focus on this with your child, helping them to learn something new like how to make a cup or tea or make their bed. They could also help you learn by teaching you something they learned in school. They can write or draw what they do in their Wellbeing Journals.

Hurling training will commence on February the 13th for students in 1st -4th class for 6 weeks

**School Closures:**

School will be closed on Monday the 5th of February for the Bank Holiday

School will be closed for Mid – Term break on the 15th /16th/ of February

There will be an exceptional school closure day on Friday the 12th of April to facilitate staff training form the NCSE.

School will close at 1.50pm for all students on the 22nd of April to facilitate a staff meeting.

School will be closed on Monday the 8th of May to facilitate staff training on the new Primary language Curriculum.

**Confirmation will take place in Kilskyre Church at 3pm on the 7th of March.**

**Confirmation practice will tale place in Kilskyre Church on the 4th of March at 7.30pm.**

**Homework:**

Homework plays a vital role in your child’s/children’s education. It reinforces concepts that have been taught throughout the day and helps the children commit these new concepts to memory. It also provides a home school link and gives parents the opportunity to take an active part in their child’s/children’s learning experience. Please take the time to check your child’s homework daily and sign your child’s/children’s homework journal.