



Term 1 2016/17

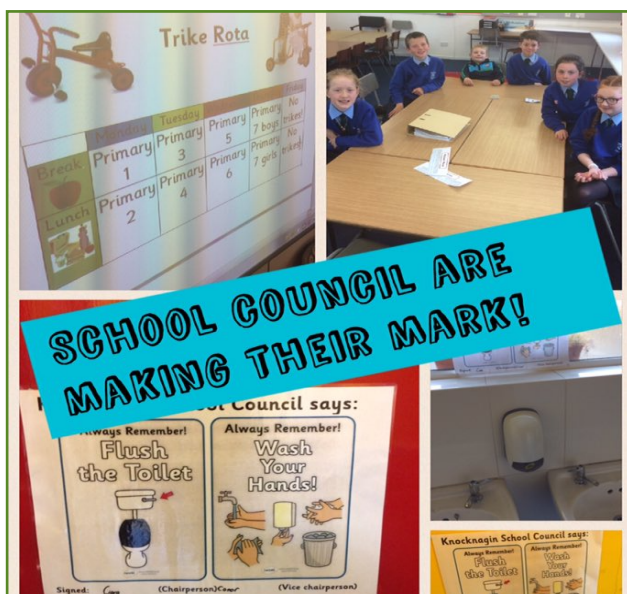
# The Knocknagin News

Issue 3

## Important dates

**16th Nov:** KS2 trip to W5  
**8th Dec:** Children's Christmas dinner  
**8th Dec** - Open night @6.30pm  
**20th Dec** - Christmas Carol Service  
 @7pm venue to be confirmed  
**23rd Dec** - Half Day  
**9th Jan** - Term 2 begins

## School Council



The School Council recently held their first meeting of the new school year. On the agenda was plans for the year ahead as well as some immediate concerns. As you can see from the pictures, the pupils felt in was necessary to improve the signage in and around the toilets to improve hygiene and due to a few minor disagreements in the playground, the School Council devised a weekly rota for our trikes. Congratulations to Aine and Daniel G who have been elected on to replace Ruby and Fergus. We look forward to the year ahead and hopefully the Council will make more improvements to our school.

## WELCOME P.1

On 1st September we welcomed our fantastic new P.1 class to our school. Sincere thanks to their buddies for helping them settle in. We hope they all have a wonderful journey through Knocknagin P.S



Thank-you to everyone who has already followed us on Twitter. Our aim is to have all our families connected to us via Twitter. We try our best to post pictures and/or short videos most days so it is a great way of keeping in touch with what is happening. If you haven't yet followed us please do so on @knocknagins

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Our after school activities have been very busy all term. All our staff aim to provide affordable, fun, challenging activities for the children. Baking, Movie Madness, ICT, Tin Whistle and Football + Fitness have been our term 1 activities. If you have any ideas for a new activity that meets our aims please let us know.

## E-LEARNING

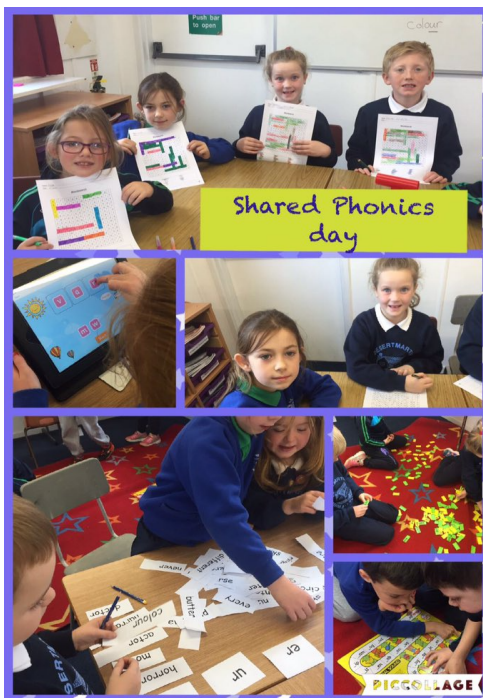
This term all our children have been provided with their usernames and passwords for our three online learning environments to enhance home school links. We are spending term 1 familiarising ourselves with Education City, Maths for Schools and to a lesser extent Accelerated Reader. Our children have been working very hard on Education City and all classes have been issued with some activities to do at home. If you are having any difficulty accessing any of our programmes please let us know and we will endeavour to provide as much support as possible.





## Shared Education

Our work with Desertmartin P.S throughout Term 1 has been a great success! Like last year, the children are primarily coming together for Linguistic Phonics lessons, World Around Us and Play. Some of our Governors also had the pleasure of being invited to a special Harvest Service in the Church of Ireland at the beginning of October which was fantastic. Throughout the year keep an eye on the website and Twitter for updates.



## MATHS WEEK @KPS

WAS WONDERFUL FUN. WE HAD FAMILY CHALLENGES, LOGO DESIGNS, EDUCATION CITY TASKS AND HEAVIEST/LONGEST FRUIT & VEG CHALLENGES. WELL DONE TO ALL THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS WHO SHOWED GREAT ENTHUSIASM THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THE AIM OF THE WEEK WAS TO ENHANCE OUR CHILDREN'S CURIOSITY FOR MATHS AND JUDGING BY HOW EXCITED THE CHILDREN WERE ALL WEEK, WE FEEL WE ACHIEVED OUR AIM. WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!



We are enjoying Maths week!

## CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our P.6/7 children who took part in a recent cross country race at MUSA. The children gave their all over a testing 1km course. We love to get active and exercise at KPS. We are in the process of assessing how feasible it is for our children to take part in a 'Daily Mile' programme.



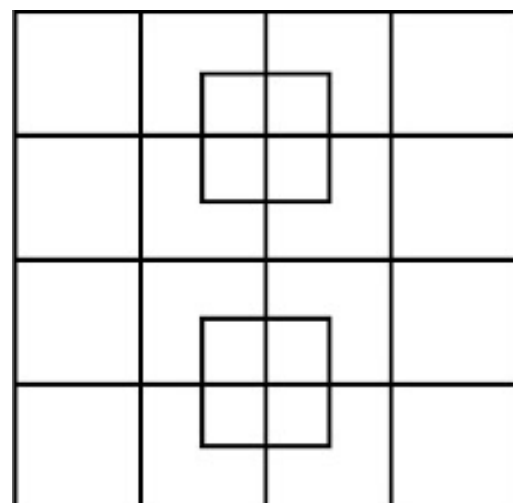
## WE NOW HAVE A PTA!

Thanks to everyone who has set up our new Parent Teacher Association. We are looking forward to working together for the benefit of our entire school community. Our first event was a Halloween Disco and it was a great success. Keep an eye on school letters and the website/ twitter to keep up to date with PTA activities.



## NO HOMEWORK...

on Monday 21st November, for any child who can successfully count the number of squares in the image below! Count carefully and good luck! Answers must be with class teachers on or before Friday 18th November



## Coaches Corner

Thankfully many of our children are involved in a wide range of recreation activities outside of school. The health, social and emotional benefits of being involved in clubs are enormous. We want our children to have fulfilling experiences during their primary years which will hopefully help keep them involved through the difficult teenage years which are ahead. Whilst drop out is common amongst boys and girls, it is widely accepted that by age 14, only 1 in 10 girls are doing enough physical activity to benefit their health, compared with roughly twice the number of boys of the same age. For those involved in sport here are a few tips on what young athletes want from their parents/guardians.

