



Family Note 3 (26th September 2024)

Dear parents & guardians,

Below is some information for you as we near the end of September. What a quick month that has been! Well done to the pupils for all their hard work and enthusiasm this past month.



#ThankOurSNAs!: The first ever SNA Appreciation Day kicks off today (26th September 2024). Special Needs Assistants play a crucial role in supporting students with additional needs, and are at the heart of our schools. Currently in Knockanes NS we have 4 SNAs (Special Needs Assistants). The SNA team:



**Noreen Moynihan, Aileen Doherty,
Úna O Connor & Marguerite O Donoghue**



do a remarkable job each day supporting our pupils in class and on yard. Often the unsung heroes, our SNAs are vital members of staff and we are lucky to have them!

Halloween Costume Swap Shop: Our **Green Committee** are organising a Halloween Costume Swap Shop, inviting pupils to drop their unwanted costumes to school and swap them for another costume before Halloween. This is in an effort to keep up our hard work to help the environment and also save costs to parents this year. We hope that you can support this 'EEEEKO Friendly' initiative by bringing any 'gently used' costumes to school from next Monday, 30th September. We will have a 'swap-day' on Friday 11th October for any pupil who wishes to take a costume that has been donated. Those who donated will get first pick while any remaining costumes can be taken by other pupils. Thank you, from the **Committee!**



Well-Being Programme: This week saw the start to our Wellbeing Programme for pupils with Dan O Sullivan (KB Fitness). Dan put everyone through their paces with a super active fitness circuit followed by some breath work and discussion around how our minds and bodies work together including ways of reducing physical and mental stress. We look forward to seeing Dan again in a fortnight.

Football: Well done to our school football team who competed in the Cumann na mBunscol East Kerry 3-teacher competition on Monday last. All pupils displayed wonderful skill and dedication on the field, narrowly missing out on the win to Knockaderry NS on the day. Thank you to Mr O Connor for coordinating the blitz with the other schools in our group.

School Committees: This year we aim to focus our *School Improvement Plan* on the area of Student Voice. Pupils from 3rd- 6th Classes have now volunteered to be part of one of our school committees:

Green, ICT, Languages, Well-Being, Sport, Maths & STEM

A representative from each committee will then form our Student Council for this year. We look forward to working with our pupils and encouraging them to voice their ideas and opinions, share their talents and have an active role in various aspects of school life.



International Week of Deaf People 2024: We enjoyed celebrating this significant week in our school calendar this week. Thank you to Ms Cronin and the pupils in her class for making a wonderful presentation on Deaf Awareness to all classes this week. Check out our school's social media for some great videos of our pupils using ISL. We continue to promote deaf awareness throughout our school each week.



Thanking you for your continued support,

L O Sullivan
Principal.