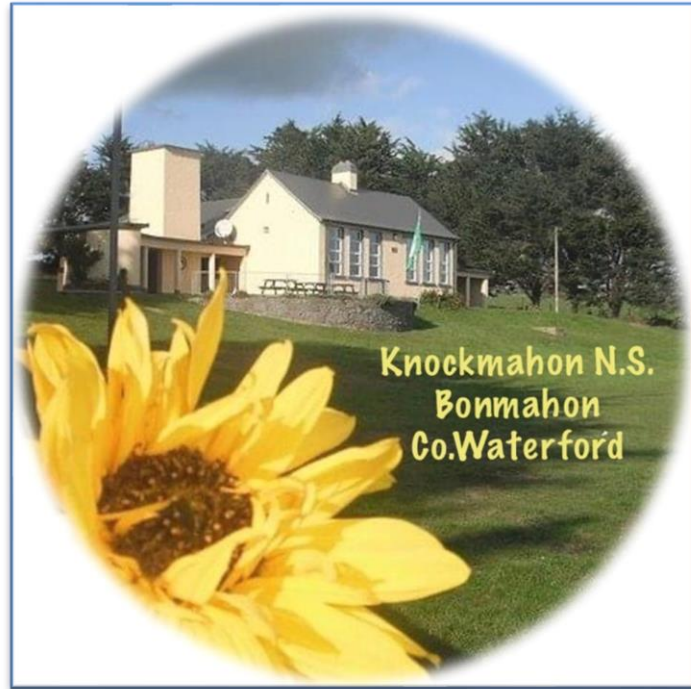


Welcome to

Knockmahon N.S.



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school year 2023/2024



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with a BIG
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Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí

Meet Your TEACHER

Hi, my name is Luke Brennan and I am the new principal in Knockmahon N.S. I'm so excited about my new job. I am so fortunate to have been chosen to work here in such a beautiful setting on the Copper Coast of the lovely 'Deise'. I



am originally from Abbeyside, I have worked in St. Saviour's N.S. in Waterford for three years and St. Mochta's N.S. in Dublin for thirteen years. I worked as an Assistant Principal in my previous school in the areas of ICT and History. I completed my Post-Graduate in Primary Teaching in 2004 from Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. I have also completed a Post-Graduate in Educational Leadership from NUIM Maynooth in 2015. I continue to upskill my professional development every year through CPD courses that are offered from the various teacher centres.

Throughout my career I have always looked for new ideas to guide and nurture the curious minds in my classroom. My principles as a teacher are to encourage life-long learning in all my students. I'm convinced exposing them to opportunities beyond the classroom is one way to foster a love of learning. Taking advantage of the surrounding countryside is always so important. I believe this area we live in has so much potential learning for all the children that attend our school.

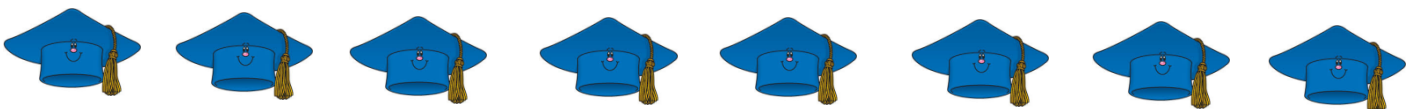
I believe building a sense of community in our local area is a key ingredient to a successful school. Where teachers, board members, parents, children and the local community rally together and work as one to achieve the best for all. The Irish phrase '**Ní neart go cur le chéile**' - says it all where '**There's no strength without unity**'.

Irish, Maths, IT, History and PE are my favourites, I get a great sense of achievement when I see improvements and enjoyment in the children as they learn and play. As a teacher, it is my belief that developing a positive mind-set within the school is vitally important. Having pride in your school and your parish go hand in hand. We need to identify where we are from.

We are very excited at school this year to be installing a new computer hub for the children. This will open up lots of different avenues for us to learn here in Knockmahon N.S. There will be lots of opportunities for us to work on Numeracy, Literacy, explore all the wonders of the world and it will give us the opportunity be able to bring it all into our own classroom environment. The excitement of it all!!!!

We pride ourselves in Knockmahon with our outdoor activities and have a strong tradition in the G.A.A. and we have a close link with the local Bonmahon G.A.A. club. We have started our '**mile a day**' where children run or walk a mile on the school grounds, and we used the event as a fundraiser with a virtual run from Bonmahon to Belfast which helped raise funds for our computer hub which we are very proud of.

We are blessed with our surroundings here in Knockmahon N.S. the children in our school have the opportunities to explore and interact in a unique way that we see is beneficial to the overall holistic development of the child, intellectual, physical, cultural, moral and spiritual features are developed through the daily routines of our school.



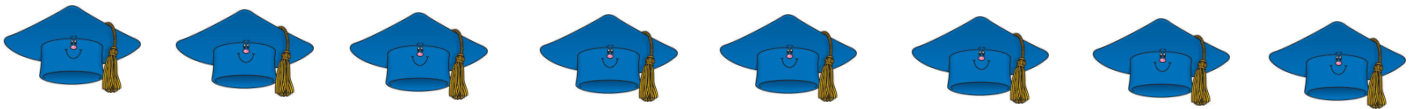
Hi, my name is Catriona Byrne and I have been teaching junior room pupils in Knockmahon N.S. since 2002. Throughout that time I have enjoyed creating strong relationships with students, parents and the wider school community. I believe in creating a classroom atmosphere that is stimulating, encouraging and adaptive to the varied needs of children. Encouraging children's creativity and imagination is very important to me. I believe that all children can be successful learners.



I am a passionate believer in using the outdoors as a valuable resource for learning in maths, science and art. As a school we have participated in the Green Flag Awards and in 2022 we were awarded our 11th Green Flag Award. I am also very interested in science. I completed a Master of Science in Science Education (Primary Science) in 2009.

Our school participates annually in the Discover Primary Science & Maths Awards and we also enjoy participating in engineering, science & maths weeks each year.

I have a keen interest in sports, especially G.A.A. holding 3 All Ireland medals for Gaelic Football. I am actively involved in underage coaching. I feel that team sports are invaluable for helping children stay active and in developing many life skills.



Hi, my name is Emma Hearne and I have worked as the SE Teacher in this lovely seaside school since 2017. Every day I feel privileged to work in such a wonderful place with such lovely children, staff and families.



With a background in Psychology, I went on to qualify in teaching at The University of Cambridge in 2005 to pursue my passion of teaching and supporting children with a wide range of needs.

Having been Assistant Head Teacher and SENCo in London for nine years and pursuing various Postgraduate studies in Special Educational Needs, Inclusion and Dyslexia I gained valuable experience that allows me to give children in Knockmahon N.S. the very best of support to enable them to reach their full potential. I have recently completed training with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland of which I am currently a member.

I believe every child has the ability to succeed and that a 'good' teacher can make all the difference in a child's life. This is what drives me to always 'go the extra mile' for the children that I teach which is very much the ethos here at Knockmahon N.S.

Our mission statement

To provide a caring environment where management, staff and parents work in partnership through mutual respect to develop the spiritual, personal and academic potential of each child according to his/ her talents, skills and abilities.

At Knockmahon N.S. our policy is to develop in our children the capacity to become self-confident, contributing members of society, who will have acquired a reasoned set of values, attitudes and beliefs.

We aim to create a happy, stimulating and secure environment for each child.

Offer a well-structured, broad and balanced curriculum within the requirements of the Department of Education Curriculum, which meets the individual needs of each child.

Develop an awareness of the need for self-discipline, which leads to respect for other people and a sensitivity towards them.

Encourage the children to acquire positive attitudes towards others and an understanding of the wider world in which we live.

Develop a genuine partnership between the home and the school.

A Brief History

Knockmahon NS was originally situated beside the Church of Ireland which is now the Copper Coast Geo Park Centre. Works began on the present building in 1956 and the doors were opened in September 1959. From Christmas to June 1959 the children were taught in Saleen Church. The first principal in this new school was Ted Buckley who was also the principal in the old school.

In 1959, the children were delighted with their new school and extensive playgrounds. They had water from taps indoors and electricity for the first time - a big change from their old school.

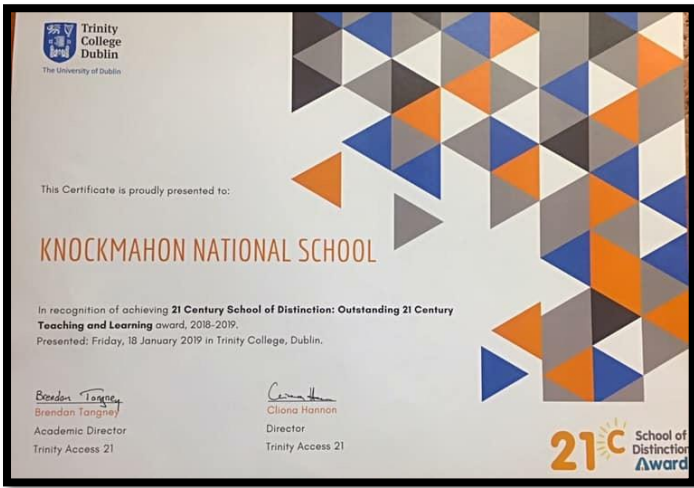
The present school children have the advantage of technology unimagined in 1959. Our new school extension was completed in 2006 giving us space and opportunity to implement the revised curriculum.

Prior to starting Knockmahon N.S.

- 🍎 Invitation to attend 2 mornings for 2 hours before summer holidays in June [invaluable to your child to meet classmates and familiarise themselves with the school environment]
- 🍎 Invitation to attend our end of year sports day [June] & end of year party

On starting in Knockmahon N.S.

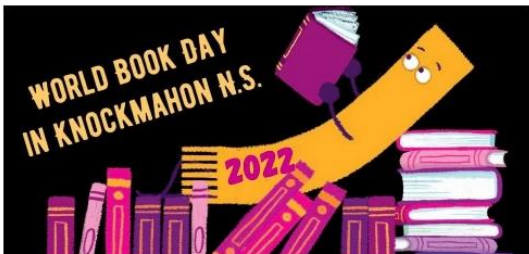
- 🍎 Innovative learning environment
- 🍎 ICT network/iPad learning
- 🍎 Small class sizes - Small means BIG learning opportunities
- 🍎 2 acres of playing grounds which include a multi-purpose court [tennis, basketball], football pitch, a life size outdoor chess board with chess pieces made by past pupils
- 🍎 G.A.A. coaching - hurling/football/camogie
- 🍎 Grow our own vegetables for cookery class
- 🍎 Annual Surf Lessons with Bonmahon Surf School
- 🍎 Swimming lessons for all classes
- 🍎 Tennis lessons for all classes
- 🍎 Cookery classes
- 🍎 Knitting classes
- 🍎 Tin Whistle classes
- 🍎 Little Red Kettle interactive drama for all pupils
- 🍎 11 Green Flag Awards
- 🍎 Active Flag Awards
- 🍎 Blue Star Awards
- 🍎 Science/Maths/Gaeilge Awards
- 🍎 MIY/GIY mobile garden Awards
- 🍎 21st century school of distinction Award from Trinity College Dublin
- 🍎 Book rental scheme
- 🍎 Grandparents/Community Day
- 🍎 Musical Evening
- 🍎 Annual school tour
- 🍎 Christmas outing
- 🍎 Whale & Dolphin Society
- 🍎 Copper Coast Geo-Park
- 🍎 Class DOJO to communicate daily with parents/guardians
- 🍎 Junior & Senior Infants may stay from 2pm to 3pm if parents/guardians wish
- 🍎 Progression to Secondary School programme for 6th class pupils
- 🍎 Clean Coasts/An Taisce - beach visits



**Winning entry
MIY/GIY**



**Primary Science & Maths
Awards**



World Book Day
2022



BLAST 2022
Arts in education



Baking in
Knockmahon
N.S.





Ready for School



Step-by-step guide to enrolling your child in Knockmahon N.S

1. Enrolment:

When your child turns 4 please pre-enrol so we know you're coming. Complete an enrolment form online or download from our website www.knockmahonns.com or contact the school via phone/text or email and we will post one to you.

2. Pre-Visits: Your child will be invited to join the new entrant class 2 mornings for 2 hours before our summer holidays in June. This will help your child learn the school routine, build an understanding of expectations and start to develop friendships. Your child may bring:

- School bag
- Piece of fruit for the start of our day
- Snack for morning break and a drink

3. The First Day of School: Bring your child to the classroom before school. Stay until your child is settled - try not to prolong the "goodbye" - upsets are rare and don't last long. Please feel free to ring the office later in the day if you are concerned as to how your child is settling.

Always remember we are just a phone call away.



Knockmahon National School

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Boys:

Tracksuit and grey polo shirt
and/or
green jumper, grey trousers, grey shirt and grey socks.

Girls:

Tracksuit and grey polo shirt
and/or
green jumper, grey trousers or skirt, grey shirt and grey socks

Sew on school crests are available in the school

Please ensure that tracksuit tops & jumpers are labelled with child's name

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Junior Infants to 2nd class

2 Pencil cases with pencils, colours, a topper and an eraser.
[one for school and one for home]
Books & copies will be supplied by the school
A folder with clear plastic sleeves [at least 20 sleeves]

3rd CLASS to 6th CLASS

Pencil case with pencils, pens, colours, a topper, an eraser and a ruler.
Books & copies will be supplied by the school.
A folder with clear plastic sleeves [at least 20 sleeves]
A maths set and calculator for 5th & 6th Class.

A lunch box and a drink bottle for all classes.

Please ensure that all belongings are labelled with child's name.

ANCILLARY COSTS

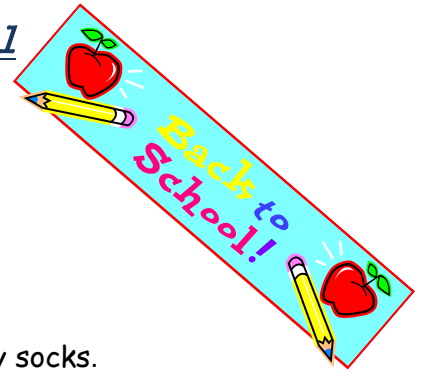
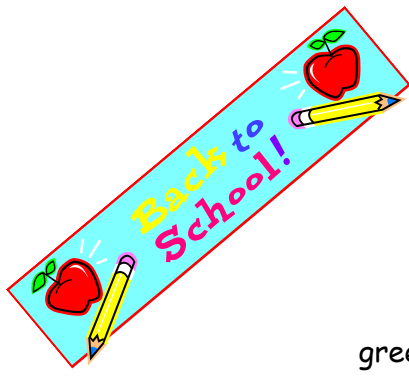
The ancillary costs charge for 2023/2024 is €20.00 per child. This includes insurance, photocopying and stationery. A homework diary will also be available for pupils in school. You can do a transfer into the school bank account or pay directly to the school in September.

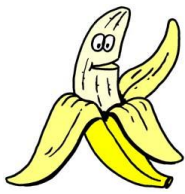
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Healthy Lunch Policy

Monday to Thursday Lunches from the “recommended” list of foods

Friday Treat Day – 1 or 2 items from the “not recommended” list

Do you know that Healthy Lunches:

- Help concentration and learning*
- Improve overall health and well-being*
- Mean better teeth*
- Promote a balanced diet*
- Mean less litter*
- Are less expensive*



Recommended for Lunch

Sandwich, Roll, Bread, Crackers

Fruit, Vegetables

Milk, Water, Soup, Pure fruit juice

Scones, Plain buns, Brack

Yogurt, Fromage Frais, Yogurt Drinks, Cheese

Not recommended for Lunch

Sweets, Bars, Chocolate



Splashworld Swimming Classes



Annual Surf lessons with Bonmahon Surf School



Maths Trail 2023



School Tour 2022



Science in Knockmahon N.S.

Community/Grandparents Day



Little Red Kettle Interactive Theatre



Reading



Buddies



Bonmahon Beach



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