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## Footballing Success!

The boys' football team has done superbly this year. In a tough group featuring Athboy, Ballivor, Longwood, Oldcastle and St. Annes, they came the group undefeated with some superb performances along the way to eventually top the group. They faced stiff opposition in the semi final against a strong Kilbride team. Despite their best efforts, they were unable to claim the victory on the day, losing out by a mere three points 3-3 to 1-12. Well done to the boys on a very successful season – the future looks bright!!



**A VERY HAPPY HALLOWE'EN TO ALL  
FROM THE STAFF AT KILDALKEY N.S.**



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# Kildalkey N.S. Newsletter

## Goodbye, Fr. Oliver!!!

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The school said goodbye this month to the parish priest of the last nine years, Fr. Oliver Devine.

Fr. Oliver has been an integral part of the parish and indeed the school for all that time. Many students have passed through the school having received Holy Communion from him, having received the Sacrament of Penance from him, some worked with him in the Church and all would have had dealings with him.

The Chairperson of the Board of Management for that period, he oversaw many changes in Kildalkey National School. He was Chairperson when the plans for our new school were developed and finalised.

On Monday morning, the school gathered to wish Fr. Devine the best of luck in his new role in Westmeath. Miss Pykett presented

Fr. Devine with a gift from the school staff and Cormac and Moya presented him with a gift from the altar servers. The whole school, along with many parents and locals were present to thank Fr. Devine and to wish him well.





## Dale's Visit

Thanks to Dale for coming into the school as part of the 'Heritage in Schools' scheme. He came into several classes from Senior Infants all the way up to fourth class. He was reading to the classes from his new book, looking for different wildlife with the classes (such as caterpillars etc.), showing the classes a gecko, Scruffy the Hedgehog and showing them how to appreciate their heritage!! Dale helped the classes plant buddleia (also known as the butterfly bush) in Lizzie's garden in the front of School One. We look forward to see the buddleia grow and to Dale's next visit!!



## Tag Rugby Skills!



Fergus from Athboy Rugby Club has come into the school in the last few weeks and has been working with the students from 4th, 5th and 6th class on improving their tag rugby skills. With drills and games, the rate of improvement amongst the students has been

dramatic and we have seen many superb tries in the last few weeks and some very tight games!! Thanks again to Fergus and Athboy Rugby Club for their support and help!



## Integrated Learning

In a new departure from the last few years, this year has seen the Infants benefit from Integrated Learning Groups. The children from Junior Infants Apples and Bananas have really been enjoying working together in their construction, creative, roleplay and literacy



groups in the General Purpose Room. It has been a tremendous success so far! The students really enjoy learning through play, creativity and fun. This week, they were busy creating their own potions and spells in their witch school for Hallowe'en!!

## New Parents' Association

A new Parents' Association was elected at the start of October. We have a new chairperson, secretary and treasurer in Mrs. Amanda Hughes, Mrs. Joanne O'Doherty and Mrs. Mary Anne Lavelle.

The rest of the Parents' Association comprises of Mr. Fox, Mrs. Dervilla McNamara, Mrs. Fidelma Smith, Mrs. Elaine Muldoon, Mrs. Martina Browne, Mrs. Kitty Bermingham, Mr. Peter Kelly and Mrs. Celine Prior.

We thank the last Parents' Association for all their good work, not least the generous donation of arts and sporting equipment they made to both School One and School Two at the start of September.