Harmonious development of all children is key: Kilcoe N.S

ilcoe National School, near Skibbereen, is a two teacher school for boys and girls, with an SET teacher and an SNA. The school models and promotes the harmonious development of every pupil – intellectual, physical, cultural, moral and spiritual.

Kilcoe N.S. annually participates in numerous initiatives so the children get a diverse education and opportunities to illustrate their talents. The school is extremely proud of its 16 flags, flying high outside which reflects the passions and achievements of the pupils and teachers. They include five Green flags, two Active flags, an Amber flag for mental health, an Anti-Bullying Shield flag, a Gaelbhratach flag for use and

promoting of the Irish language, a Digital flag of excellence, two Junior Entrepreneur Programme flags, a Paws water safety flag and European flags awarded for the schools participation in the Blue Star programme.

The school is currently working towards its 6th green flag on Global Citizenship, and has commenced work on the Farm Safety school flag programme. Meanwhile, 4th class is working hard on their Engineers Ireland project.

Kilcoe N.S continually works extremely hard on its Discovery Primary Science and STEM programme and is awarded a plaque of excellence every year on its science, maths and stem work. The school has a very strong inclusion policy

and caters for all children; an ASD class is commencing next September.

Weekly activities are provided in gymnastics, circuit training, basketball, zumba, dance, boxercise and more to promote physical activity. These are free of charge and are taught by trained instructors in the school or in Skibbereen Sports Centre.

For culture the school visits theatres or welcomes musicians from West Cork Music, and partakes in art initiatives, in conjunction with the Uilin Arts Centre in Skibbereen.

The school provides an Infant Homework Club from 2-3pm every day and will be commencing a before and after school programme from next September, 8am to 6pm.

Kilcoe has an active Parents Association that kindly fundraises for the development of the school – it recently held a very successful drive in bingo.

Kilcoe N.S school is a DEIS rural school. It provides free lunches through the Meals Scheme and free schoolbooks, supplies and supports, and school uniforms. This is a huge benefit to parents as they do not have the financial stress of sending kids to school that they might in other schools.



