**Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 8/4/19**

Kilmeen’s Junior A footballers progressed to the next round of the championship on Sunday. They defeated St Oliver Plunketts in Clonakilty. The final score was Kilmeen 4-8 St Oliver Plunketts 1-11. Following a sluggish start, Kilmeen trailed 0-6 to 0-1 after fifteen minutes. Two quick goals by Kevin Keohane and James Clancy gave Kilmeen the edge and a certain amount of momentum at half time. The half-time score was Kilmeen 2-3 St Oliver Plunketts 0-6.

Kilmeen dominated for most of the second half and always looked dangerous when the forwards ran at the defence of the Ahiohill men. A Damien O’Gorman goal five minutes into the second half put some distance between the teams. Darragh Coakley netted again at the twenty-minute mark before Plunketts scored a consolation goal.

Team: Brian O’Donovan, Daniel O’Leary, Dylan Coffey, Sean Deasy, Brian Keohane, Don McCarthy, Brian Deasy, Darragh Coakley, Oige Scannell, John Clancy, Kevin Keohane, Martin O’Donovan, James Clancy, Damien O’Gorman and Darren Santry. Subs used: Eamon Barrett, Ray Collins and Gearoid McCarthy.

Kilmeen National School boys were crowned mini-sevens football county champions on Wednesday. The finals were held in Bantry. The boys defeated Kealkill in the semi-final and Kilmurry in the final. There were great scenes of celebration at the final whistle. Well done to the boys and their teachers.

The U10 footballers played Diarmuid O’Mathunas in Rossmore on Thursday night. The first half was a very close affair with great skills on show from both sides. The Kilmeen boys took a strong lead in the second half, however the Diarmuid O’Mathunas boys finished strongly. This was a great start to the season for both sides and they look forward to the season ahead. Well done to all involved.

Commiserations to Jack Murphy, Paul Lyons and Cian Murphy who were involved with the Clonakilty Community College team that lost the U16.5 Munster football semi-final. This team has had a great campaign and were very unlucky to lose out to Colaiste na Sceilge in Killarney.

Kilmeen/Kilbree GAA club is spearheading an exciting new initiative to help create a greener, cleaner environment by allocating part of the club’s land for the planting of pollinator-friendly plants and trees. One thousand native trees, were planted on Saturday 30th March. The project involves children from Kilmeen National School and Kilmeen & Castleventry Community Development Association (KCCDA), providing a unique opportunity for collaboration and partnership in the pursuit of climate action and enhancing Ireland's biodiversity.

Well done to everyone involved in the parish clean-up on Saturday. Over one hundred members of the KCCDA (Kilmeen & Castleventry Community Development Association) were involved.

Best of luck to Niamh McCarthy who plays with the Cork U14 camogie squad, in Limerick on Sunday.

The “Kilmeen Kubs” school nursery programme was completed last week. The children received expert football coaching from Darragh Coakley on a weekly basis. Thanks to Darragh, Kenneth McCarthy and all the school staff for their on-going support and enthusiasm.

The children will get an opportunity to showcase their skills at the club’s annual Easter Camp will take place from Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th April (inclusive) from 10am to 1pm each day. The cost is €30 per child.

Should you wish to register for this camp, please contact Marcella Collins or Geraldine Twohig.

There was no winner of this week’s lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 17, 19 and 30. The lucky dip winners were Felix & Margaret Daly, Clodagh O’Keeffe and Carmel Dullea. Next week’s lotto jackpot will be €2,000.