

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

FEB/MARCH NEWSLETTER

Seachtain na Gaeilge



Dear Parents,

As the signs of Spring are starting to shoot, we are busier than ever with lots happening. Have a look below to see important news in our school.

Enrolment.....

Enrolment of new students for September 2024 is open.

Please make contact with the office if you have a child or know of a child that would like to enrol and we will then send you out an Enrolment Form. 0659053144

Morning Supervision - Morning supervision by teachers takes place from 9.10am-9:20am.

School Assembly - We will have our whole school assembly at the end of the month where we will acknowledge our "Special Mentions" to girls and boys in each class for their many achievements.

RSE Programme - We are coming to the end of RSE programme in all classes. The 6th Class RSE talk will be given in March.

Accelerated Reader - Well done to all the boys and girls who are on target in Accelerated Reader. As a school we have read over a **2 million words** since September. There is a phenomenal amount of reading taking place by some pupils at present and we couldn't be prouder of all the work that is being put in to reading by them. Please remind you child to read at home every night. We allocate 15 minutes of "Silent Reading" time to each child in school everyday and we are relying on parents to encourage this at home also.



Remember - "The More You Read the more You Learn!!"

Healthy Eating - Burrane N.S recognises the importance of a healthy lifestyle and that establishing a balanced diet in childhood helps establish healthy eating habits for life. So please remember when packing lunches that pupils are allowed to bring a **treat** to school on **Fridays only**.

School Celebrations.....

World Book Day - The Annual World Book Day celebration is on 7th March. We are really looking forward to sharing stories about favourite books and book characters.

Spelling Bee - Well done to Brian Kennedy who won our school's Spelling Bee competition recently. Brian will now represent our school in the County Finals which will take place before the Easter break.

Seachtain na Gaeilge - As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations ALL classes are taking part in the annual Féile na hInse competition.



Children from Juniors to Sixth classes will enter the Comórtas Éalaín (Art Competition). Children from 2nd-6th classes will be travelling to Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg to take part in 'Filíocht', 'Comhrá' and/or 'Scéalaíocht' competitions. We are also entering the Banna Ceoil Competition again this year. Exact details will be emailed to parents next week with dates, times, etc. In

preparation for the performance events at Féile na hInse, children will also get to practice in front of the entire school during school.

Sacraments.....



Confirmation - Sat 9th March at 3pm in St. Senan's Church Knockerra. We would like to wish our Sixth class boys Brian Kennedy, Thomas Kelly and Matthew Kelly the very best as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. We hope you all have an enjoyable day with your families.

Creative School Initiatives....

Tin Whistle - We are very busy practicing the Tin Whistle in all classes and we wish the very best of luck to our pupils who are participating in the upcoming Banna Ceoil competition for Féile na hInse. All other pupils are busy learning new tunes with Ms. Sinéad Kelly.



Artist of the Month - Our Senior Room recently enjoyed learning about Artist Estelí Meza; a Mexican Illustrator that developed her love for drawing from books. She is known for her bright colourful and vibrant illustrations. We particularly liked her drawings because they are very easy to replicate.

"DJ for a Day" - We are delighted to inform you that we will be taking part in a "DJ for a Day" slot with RTÉjr Radio. It's a 30 minute music show, presented by children. We will introduce songs and some fun facts about living in Clare. More details to follow.



Active Corner.....

SPAR Soccer Competition - We have entered one team into the 5 a side soccer competition. Details to follow.

Swimming - Swimming lessons in Ennis will finish on Tuesday 5th of March and it is brilliant to see the progress being made by all. We are very impressed with how independent the children are when getting togged out and in and the instructors have commented on how mannerly the children from our school are.



Marian Keane Basketball Tournament - Pupils from 4th to 6th participated in the Marian Keane Basketball tournament last month and represented the school very well. We played three very competitive games

Football - Football training starts this Thursday in preparation for the West Clare Wild Atlantic Football competition. More details to follow.

Is mise le meas, Helen Kelly