

# BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER '24



Dear Parents,

As we approach the Christmas Season, below are a few notes we would like to bring to your attention.

**School Facebook Page:** Keep an eye on the School Facebook page to see the fun activities we get up to.

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

**Enrolments:** We are currently taking enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment applications are available on the school website or by phoning the office.

**School Assembly:** We had our whole school assembly last week where we acknowledged Special Mentions to the girls and boys in each class for their many achievements and also rewarded the pupils who appeared on this months "Wow Wall". Well done everyone!

**Accelerated Reader:** There is a phenomenal amount of reading taking place at present! Please ask your children how they are getting on with their quizzes because they are doing great work. Please remind your child to read for pleasure every night and ask them about the books they are reading in school. All children get 15 minutes of silent reading in class every day.



**Parent Teacher Meetings:** Our Parent Teacher Meetings will be on during the week of the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. Your class teacher will be in contact closer to the date.



**SSE – School Self Evaluation:** Over the past number of weeks we have been busy in school implementing our SSE plan. We have used our power hour sessions and assembly time to meet as a school to become more aware of what kindness and how we can help ourselves keep happy and healthy.

### CREATIVE SCHOOL CORNER....

**Music Generation:** Music Generation is off to a great start; we are currently learning new tunes and next week we will begin to prepare for the Christmas Concert. ALL children are asked to bring their instruments to school on Mondays and Thursdays. A thanks to Ms. Kelly and Ms Nugent who has been practising our tunes every day. Ronan is very impressed with the improvement in music this year.

**Explorers Project Module:** The Marine Institute's Explorers Education Programme has informed us that we have been awarded a slot again this year in the Explorers Education Programme. This recognises both the effort and commitment of our teachers and children in our all-school marine themed projects. Well done everyone. The facilitator last year was very impressed at how we have embraced the marine thematic learning and have instilled this within our school. Including marine themes while teaching the curriculum is key to sharing an understanding of the impact the ocean has on our lives, as well as the impact we have on the ocean.

**Gaelbhrtach:** Tá gach duine i Scoil Náisiúnta an Bhorraín ag obair i dtreo an Ghaelbhrtach. Tá an coiste ag déanamh

a lán obair chun an gaeilge neamhfoirimiúl a usaid tríd an scoil. Math sibh go léir. **An Coiste:** Eimear Meehan, Seán Hassett, Caoimhe Kelly, Russell Manzanga & Cillian Cotter.

### POLICY REVIEW...

The Board of Management had their last board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Please see policy section of school website for our notification of review of Anti-Bullying and Child Protection policies.

### CHRISTMAS FUN....

**Shoe Box Appeal:** Well done to our fantastic pupils who have participated in the Annual Shoe Box Appeal. Well done everyone, there will be very happy children across the world because of your generosity. Thanks very much!



**Story of Advent:** This year to celebrate Christmas we are sharing the story of Advent with you all in St. Imy's Church Killimer on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. We would love to see everyone join us and don't forget to invite your Grannies, Grandads, Aunties and Uncles as it's sure to be a lovely celebration.

**Annual Christmas Raffle:** Our Annual Christmas Raffle will take place during our final week before the Christmas Closure. Raffle cards will be sent home during the last week in November. **If any parent wishes to donate a spot prize, we would be very grateful.**



**Regina House:** This year the pupils of Burrane N.S. will be paying a very special visit to the residents of Regina House to play some Christmas tunes and spread some Christmas cheer.

### ACTIVE CORNER....

**Swimming:** Swimming resumes after Christmas for all classes. More details to follow before the Christmas closure. Approximate cost of this per pupil will be €40

**Planet Visit:** We are delighted to inform you that Caoimhe Kelly's entry has won the 6<sup>th</sup> class section of a recent Halloween colouring competition. We will be travelling to Planet on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December and will also bring the children to McDonalds for a treat afterwards.



### UPCOMING CLOSURES.....

**Polling Station:** The school is closed on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November to facilitate the forthcoming Dáil Election.

**Christmas Holidays:** Our Christmas holidays will begin at noon Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We will reopen on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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Helen Kelly**