

# BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

2026 is already well underway and our 2nd term promises to be a hive of activity with lots happening. Have a look below to see the important events in our school.

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

School finishes at **2pm sharp** for Junior and Senior Infant classes. Please come to the gate to collect your child.

**School Assembly** - We are having our whole school assembly next week where we will acknowledge our "Special Mentions" to girls and boys in each class for their many achievements.

**RSE Programme** - We will be starting RSE in February.

**New Teacher** - We welcome our new SET

teacher Ms. Grace O' Connell. We are delighted to have her with us and wish her the very best in our school. If any parent wishes to discuss the progress of their child with Ms O' Connell please feel free to contact the school to arrange a meeting.



### Reading Initiatives.....

**Accelerated Reader** - Most pupils are putting great work into their reading! Please ask your children how they are getting on with their quizzes. Our Monthly Word Count will be shared next week. All pupils who have worked hard on their reading since our last Word Count received a prize from the Lucky Dip today. A special mention for Gaby who has topped the poll in our reading this Month!! We have read 1.9million words since September. An outstanding achievement!!



### School Celebrations.....

**Lá Fhéile Bríde** - The 1<sup>st</sup> February celebrates Ireland's patron saint "St Brigid" and we are looking forward to the popular tradition of making St. Brigids crosses in her honour.

### Creative School Initiatives....

**Tin Whistle** - Thankfully our School Music Sessions are in full swing again. We are currently practicing new tunes for the upcoming Féile na hInse Competition so please remind your children to practice their tunes every day. Pupils who are not competing in the Banna Ceoil competition are busy learning new tunes to share with us at our next assembly.



**Féile na hInse** - 28ú IÁ Feabhra -9ú Iá Márta. We are delighted to let you know that the Annual Féile na hInse competition is running again this year. Children will participate in the music, interview, poetry and essay sections of this competition. We have decided on our poems and are busy practicing so please encourage your children to give their best effort when they are practicing at home!

**Credit Union Competition** - Best of luck to our pupils who will represent the school at the preliminary rounds of the Schools Quiz Competition in Kilrush Community School in

February. They are busy practicing questions in the senior room.

**Ghaelbhratach** - Our work towards the ultimate reward of the Gaelbhratach/Irish Flag is well and truly underway in school. The Coiste have been working very hard ag caint as gaeilge in school gach maidin. The primary aim of the Gaelbhratach scheme is the need to create natural opportunities to speak Irish outside of the formal classroom setting and it's wonderful to hear our pupils speaking Gaeilge together day. Maith sibh go léir.

**Explorers Education** -

The Marine Institute's Explorers Education Programme is running in the school this year and we can't wait to welcome Sibéal to introduce us to our project on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

### Digital Learning Plan.....

**School Facebook** - An action in our Digital Learning Plan is to increase our use of the School Facebook page to communicate more effectively with the school and wider local community so please follow for school updates and lots more.

**Internet Safety Week** - Internet safety week takes place during the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> of February and we have a host of activities lined up to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all. Our primary aim is to teach children to stay safe online by learning simple rules.



### Active Corner.....

**Swimming** - Swimming lessons have begun this year for all classes and will run until the 24<sup>th</sup> February. A special thanks to our Christmas Raffle Committee that part funded the swimming to make the cost more affordable.

**Marian Keane Basket Ball Competition** - The first round of the Marian Keane Basketball competition will take place in February.

**Transport to sports activities** - Again this year we will be asking parents to help with transport to the above activities. We would like to pay a special thanks to parents and staff who have helped us in the past, without your help we wouldn't be able to partake in these activities.

### Secondary School.....

**Transition to Secondary School** - Best of luck to our sixth class pupil Gaby. She will be sitting her entrance exams for secondary school in the coming weeks; this is a very important milestone in the next step of her education journey.

**Is mise le meas,**  
Helen Kelly