

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff for what will be another exciting and enjoyable year for our school.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Our First Holy Communion will take place on Friday the 12th May at 12 noon. The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday the 22nd April at 11am. Both sacraments will be celebrated in St. Imy's Church.



School Closures - A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website. **Please note:** We will be closed during the school year to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum. Parents will be told when this closure is, in advance of the closure.

School Initiatives.....

School Self Evaluation - As part of our schools SSE this year our focus will be on Wellbeing, Oral Language and IT. Thanks very much for completing the recent surveys.

Explorers Project Module - We are delighted to let you know that we have been selected to complete an Explorers Project Module, fully funded by the Marine Institute, Foras na Mara, Ireland's state agency for marine research and development. We will learn about Ocean literacy and Native Ocean Species. Check out www.explorers.ie for more details.

IT - this year we are going to participate in Cyber-Safety, Digital Literacy and Coding programme. More details to follow.

Literacy Stations - We have started our English Literacy Stations. These stations run for an hour a day from Monday to Thursday. Children in classes up to 2nd class; please take the time to listen to your child read every night. Children from 4th class up can read independently, but we strongly encourage parents to discuss the material read with their child. This helps ensure they understand what they are reading.

Literacy

Friday Power Hour

This is a very enjoyable and fun initiative where each room is engaged



in a Power Hour Session. We work in groups in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Skills.

Oral Language Sessions - This year we will complete the Lets Stand programme every Friday to help develop our Oral Language and Public speaking skills.

Daily Reading - As you all know, there is a huge love for Reading in our school. Again this year we will be using accelerated reader. AR is designed to establish a culture of reading in children through giving them autonomy over what they choose to read. It also allows us to monitor children's progress and provide feedback when required. On Fridays during our Power Hour Session the pupils share their opinions, likes/dislikes and book reports with their friends and teachers. We have been reading so many books and there is great excitement about the Word Count Leader Boards in each class. Well done everyone and keep up the great reading.



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

Active Corner.....

PE - Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday

Athletics: We are delighted to announce the return of the West Clare Schools races this year. The races will be held in Kilmore. Knock (east of Knock Village) on Monday September 26th 2022 starting at 11.30 sharp. See attached letter.

Creative Corner.....

Kilrush Credit Union Art Competition

The theme for this year's Credit Union Art Competition is "It's a Wonderful World", where pupils will present their interpretation of the magic in the world and how to keep it this way.

Music Thursdays - Our Music Session Day!! We learn a new piece every week and enjoy playing music together. All pupils are invited to bring their instruments and encouraged to play a piece of music on their own.

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