

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. A special greeting to the new children and parents in our school!!

New Students: A big warm welcome back to all our students and a special welcome to our new Junior Infants Éanna, Grace, Rose-Iris, Tino and Danny. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Cillian in 6th class.

Confirmation: The sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St. Imys, Church, Killimer on 8th March.



School Closures: A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website. **Please note:** We will be closed on the 4th of October to facilitate staff training in the New Maths Curriculum. If other closures arise parents will be told once we are informed. In the event of a Referendum or General Election during school time, the school will be closed as it is the local polling station.

Homework: Homework has started, it is based on work carried out in school. Please check your child's homework journal daily. **Morning Supervision:** Morning supervision by teachers takes place from **9.10am-9:20am** before school starts. Any child that is in the yard before this time is **NOT** supervised and parents are doing so at their own risk.

Contacting the School - Please note that our secretary, Eilís Daly, works **Thursdays**.

Absences: If your child has been absent from school, a **written** note is required, these notes are used in our returns when explaining absences. (Please use the absent slips on back of school journal 1st -6th class.)

Junior Room collection Times: Please remember that collection times for Junior and Senior Infants is **2pm sharp**.

Healthy Eating Policy: Burrane N.S. promotes all aspects of 'Healthy and Sustainable Living'. As part of this we strongly encourage the children to eat healthily. With this in mind, children are not allowed bars, crisps, sweets, biscuits, buns, cakes, muffins, chewing gum, chocolate, fast food, fizzy drinks, etc. We strongly encourage the children to bring healthy food each day in re-usable containers. **Please Note:** The school allows treats on Friday and at the end of each term: namely Christmas, Easter and summer. **Nut Free School:** remember that Burrane N.S. is a nut free zone, remember to exclude all nuts & nut products from lunches.

Creative Corner.....

Music Mondays - Our Music Sessions, again this year it will be under the guidance of Ronan O' Flaherty.

School Initiatives.....

S.S.E.: Our process of School Self Evaluation (SSE) in

Wellbeing has seen us introduce positive changes to school life, such as a focus on creative and enjoyable learning initiatives in our school such as daily health activities, music sessions and "Power Hour" to name a few. Again this year we are delighted to say we have been accepted to "Kids Ceol" which will provide access for all pupils of to high quality instrumental tuition that will result in enhanced learning outcomes in the arts and creativity of our pupils

Literacy Stations: We have started our English Literacy Stations in the junior room. These stations run for an hour a day. **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 focusing on literacy, numeracy and social skills.

Oral Language Sessions: This year we will continue with the "Let's Stand" Programme. During our assembly time we will provide opportunities for our pupils to present oral presentations on various topics to make their voices heard more while also developing their oral language and presentation 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 while assessing their comprehension of material read. Thus allowing us to monitor children's progress and provide feedback when required. The pupils are given 15 minutes of silent reading time each day in class to encourage reading for pleasure and we strongly encourage your children to read at home for 20 minutes every night.

Remember

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



Active Corner...

Athletics: Cross Country - Children in all classes are currently completing the Athletics Strand in PE. This is to prepare the children from 1st-6th class for the upcoming Cross Country competition which will be held in Knock on Tuesday the 24th of September; races will begin at 11am sharp.

Liam McCarthy will visit the school tomorrow; you are allowed wear Clare colours.

Tesco Tokens: If shopping at Tesco please drop tokens into Burrane School Bin to help us get extra funds for our school.

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