

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

2022 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.

Enrolment.....

Enrolment of new students for September 2022 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.

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

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

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 see note over leaf.



School Celebrations.....

Catholic Schools Week - Last week we celebrated "Catholic School week". Our Theme was "Living Life to The Full" and we enjoyed daily activities to teach us make better decisions for ourselves and to those around us.

Lá Fhéile Bríde - Tomorrow Tuesday the 1st February celebrates Ireland's patron saint "St Brigid" and we are looking forward to the popular tradition of making St. Brigid's crosses in her honour.

School Closures.....

Thurs & Fri 24th & 25th of Feb (**Midterm**)

Thurs & Fri 17th & 18th of March (**St. Patricks**)

Half day on Friday 8th of April (**Easter**)

Mon & Tues 2nd & 3rd May (**Bank Holiday**)



Sacraments.....

Sixth Class: Sacrament of Confirmation - Fri 29th April (Time TBC) Confirmation will take place in St. Imy's Church, Killimer. **Confirmation Enrolment Mass this Saturday at 6pm** in St. Senans Church, Knockerra. Please see email with details of **Webinar from Bishop Monahan**



Creative School Initiatives....

Tin Whistle - Since the easing of restrictions on Tin Whistles, we are thoroughly enjoying learning new tunes and can't wait to share our talents with you all very soon.

Artist in the School..... BLAST

Excitement is building as we near the recording of our rap song with John Lillis for our fully funded by BLAST Arts in Education Residency Programme 2021/2022.



Féile an Bharráin - Each year, children in our school attend Féile na hInse and we have had much success over the years. Covid-19 has put a halt to the Féile na hInse competitions so this year we are going to invent our own 'Féile an Bharráin' competition.

Children will complete interviews, recite poetry or stories and sing songs 'As Gaeilge' with prizes for the children with impressive performances.



JEP Junior Entrepreneur Programme - As you are well aware, Mini Business initiatives are a passion for us here in Burrane N.S. Over the past few weeks all classes are extremely busy developing business plans and refining their prototypes for our upcoming "Dragons Den" competition. We can't wait to see which product is the winner and get ready to start mass production of the winning product. May the best Product WIN!!



Digital Learning Plan.....

We have recently reviewed our Digital Learning Plan and in order to improve the ICT infrastructure in the school we have purchased 5 new iPads along with protection cases. The cost of these items comes to €2,290 and we are looking forward to putting them to good use.

School Blog

Another action in our Digital Learning Plan is to increase our use of the School Blog to communicate more effectively with the school and wider local community so please follow for school updates, pictures and lots more.

Active Corner.....

SPAR Soccer Competition - We have signed up the Munster Spar Soccer schools competition. We will run this competition in school again this year.



Swimming - Swimming lessons will return this year. Further details will be sent to parents in the next while.



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Helen Kelly