

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER '26



Dear Parents,

As we approach the Halloween Season, below are a few notes to keep you updated.

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 is on a hold at the moment until the directive from the INTO is lifted.

Enrolments: We are currently taking enrolments for September 2027. Enrolment applications are available on the school website or by phoning the office.

Collection of Infant classes: School finishes at **2pm sharp** for Infant classes. Please come to the gate to collect your child. **It is very important to collect your child on time as your child is not insured after 2pm.**

Absences: Please record all absences in school journal, Junior and Senior Infants need to record absences in their "Absence Note Book". (This will be sent home with your child following a period of absence.)

School Assembly: We will be holding our whole school assembly next week where we will acknowledge special mentions to each class for their many achievements and will introduce our new Coiste who will be running our Caint is Cómhrá sessions gach maidin

Accelerated Reader: There is great 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. (1st - 6th class)



Parent Teacher Meetings: Our Parent Teacher Meetings will be on during the week of the 23rd of November. Your class teacher will be in contact closer to the date.

New Curriculum Enactment: We are rolling out our first subject of the **New Curriculum** this year: **Well-being! Physical Education (P.E.) and Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.)** will no longer be listed as separate subjects. Instead, they are now integrated under the broader subject area of **Well-being**.

Please see the attached documentation for more details on the roll out of the new Curriculum. See links to information for parents on the new Curriculum on policies page of the School website.

Chess in Burrane!! We are delighted to share that we are currently learning **chess in school** through the fantastic **Ficheall** programme! Over the summer, **Ms. Kelly** completed a training course focused on how this classic game can be used as a powerful educational tool. Chess is being used in our classrooms to actively teach vital life skills. We are developing **critical decision-making**, learning how to win and lose with dignity, and practicing excellent **teamwork** and **social skills**. It's great to see our students stretching their minds, building new friendships, and having great fun over the chessboard!

CREATIVE SCHOOL CORNER....

Music Generation: Music Generation is off to a great start; we are currently learning new tunes and ALL children are asked to practice music every night. Ronan is very impressed with the improvement in music again this year.

Gaelbhhratach: Tá gach duine sa scoil ag obair i dtreo an Ghaelbhhratach. Tá an coiste ag déanamh a lán obair chun an gaeilge neamhfhoirmiúil a usaid tríd an scoil. Maith sibh go léir.**An Coiste:** Godknows, Conor, Eóghan, Páraic, Blessen, Jessica, Golden, Princess and Noel.

Artist of the Month: well done to the Junior Room on their wonderful display in the school all about Van Gogh. We cant wait to see what the Senior Room does on Picasso.

POLICY REVIEW...

The Board of Management is holding this year's first board meeting on the 12th of October. Please keep an eye policy section of school website for our notification of review of our Bí-Cineálta and Child Protection policies. Our child friendly version of our Bí Cineálta and Child Protection policies are on display in the 'Well-Being' area of our school. We will also be ratifying our Admissions Policy on the 12th a copy of which is available to view on the School website.

SEASONAL PREPARATIONS.... HALLOWEEN....

We will have our annual Halloween party and dress up day on Friday the 23rd of October. We will also be having our pumpkin carving session during our last week so can all pupils please bring a pumpkin to school over the next two weeks. On another note....we can't wait to see what the senior room comes up with this year when decorating the school.



Library visit: The Senior room is really looking forward to joining Dave Ruddan author of **KNIGHTS OF THE BORROWED DARK** in a writing workshop in Kilrush Library on the 23rd of October.

Shoe Box Appeal: Once again we are taking part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Leaflets will be sent home when we receive them in the next few days



ACTIVE CORNER.....

Cross Country: Well done to the boys and girls who represented our school with distinction in this year's Cross Country Running Championships in Knock on the 28th of September. A special thanks to the teachers and parents who provided lifts to and from this event.



Daily Mile: We are continuing with our daily running every morning and it is being thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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