

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

FEB/MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

As the signs of Spring are starting to shoot, we are busier than ever with lots happening. Have a look below to see important news in our school.

Enrolment.....

Enrolment of new students for September 2026 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 an Enrolment Form. 0659053144

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

School Assembly - We will have our whole school assembly at the end of this week where we will acknowledge our "Special Mentions" to girls and boys in each class for their many achievements.

RSE Programme - We are starting the RSE programme in the coming weeks. The 6th Class RSE talk will be given in April.

Safety on the Bus - We kindly ask that you remind your child about the importance of staying seated and using a calm voice while travelling on the bus, as the bus has told us that some children are moving around and calling out during the journey. Ensuring everyone remains seated helps keep all passengers safe.



Accelerated Reader - Well done to all the boys and girls who are on target in Accelerated Reader. There is a phenomenal amount of reading taking place by some pupils at present and we couldn't be prouder of all the work that is being put in to reading by them. Please remind you child to read at home every night. We allocate 15 minutes of "Silent Reading" time to each child in school every day and we are relying on parents to encourage this at home also.

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

Healthy Eating - Burrane N.S. recognises the importance of a healthy lifestyle and that establishing a balanced diet in childhood helps establish healthy eating habits for life. So please remember when packing lunches that pupils are allowed to bring a **treat** to school on **Fridays only**.

School Celebrations.....

Seachtain na Gaeilge - This week will begin our celebrations for our Seachtain Na Gaeilge activities. We wish all our pupils the very best in the upcoming competitions we have no doubt they will do us very proud. Children from Juniors to Sixth classes entered the Comórtas Éalaín (Art Competition). Children from 2nd-6th classes will travel to Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg to take part in 'Filíocht' and 'Cómhrá' competitions. We also entered the Banna Ceoil Competition, and were so proud of all the work that has been put in by our teachers and pupils.

Tin Whistle - We are very busy practicing the Tin Whistle in all classes and our Grúpa Ceoil is looking

forward to performing in Cois na hAabhna, Glór and in Ennis for the Fleadh Nua.

Ghaelbhratach - Our work towards achieving the Gaelbhratach (Irish Flag) is well and truly underway in our school. The Coiste have been working incredibly hard, ag caint as Gaeilge ar scoil gach maidin, and keeping our nuachtlitir and Bord Gaeilge up to date. It is wonderful to hear our pupils speaking Gaeilge together each day and to see such enthusiasm throughout the school.

We were also delighted to secure €500 in funding from Gael Linn to support our journey — a fantastic boost as we continue working towards our goal!

Explorers Class Project: The Explorers Education Class Project journey will begin in the coming weeks. Our 1st visit will involve a fun activity where the Education Officer will introduce ocean literacy and teach us about sea life, we will then have a few weeks to complete a project and on the 2nd visit we will provide a presentation of our project work to the Education officer.

Knook Book Initiative - We would like to sincerely thank Knook Books and Kilrush Credit Union for generously sponsoring personalised books for each of our Junior Infant pupils. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading them over the past two weeks, and they will be treasured keepsakes for years to come.

Incredible Edibles - Our Junior Room has excitedly begun their *Incredible Edible Journey!* The children are exploring where our food comes from, learning about growing, healthy eating, and caring for plants. We can't wait to watch their knowledge — and maybe even a few tasty treats — grow over the coming weeks!

Lá na bPancóg - Ba mhaith linn buíochas speisialta a ghabháil lenár ndaltaí sa Seomra Sinsearach a rinne pancóga blasta dúinn ar fad ar **Lá na bPancóg**. Bhain an scoil ar fad an-taitneamh astu.

Active Corner.....

Swimming - Swimming lessons in Ennis finished today and it was brilliant to see the progress made by all. We are also very impressed with how independent the younger children were when getting ready.

Marian Keane Basketball Tournament - Pupils from 2nd - 6th participated in the Marian Keane Basketball tournament last week and have progressed to the next round. Well done to their teachers and we wish them the very best in the next round.

Football - Football training started in early February with John Enright, in preparation for the West Clare Wild Atlantic Football competition.

Is mise le meas, Helen Kelly