

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the Hallowe'en mid-term break, detailed below are a few things we would like to bring to your attention.

School Facebook Page: Please see our school facebook page to see some of the wonderful things we get up to in school. www.facebook.com/BurraneNS

Enrolments: We are currently taking enrolments for September 2024 – Enrolment applications are available on the school website or by phoning the office.

Open Day: We will be having an open evening in the school similar to last year to showcase what our wonderful school has to offer. This will be held in December; date and details to be confirmed.

Morning Supervision: Morning supervision by teachers takes place from 9:10am - 9:20am.

Collection of Infant classes: School finishes at **2pm sharp** for Junior and Senior 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 Closures: The school will be closing on Friday 27th October and re-opening Monday 6th of November for Mid-Term Break.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Our parent / teacher meetings are scheduled to take place after the Hallowe'en break. They will begin on the week of the 13th November. These meetings will take place face-to-face here in the school and your child's teacher will be in touch closer to the time with more details.

School Mass: We are having a service on Friday at 1pm to celebrate our new school year. This will be held in the junior room and all are welcome. We are asking pupils to bring in home baking on Friday for a few refreshments after mass.

SACRAMENTS.....

Sixth Class: Sacrament of Confirmation – Saturday 9th March at 3pm in St. Senan's Church, Knockerra. Thanks very much to our parents who attended the recent meeting in the Golf Club.



SCHOOL INITIATIVES.....

There is so much happening in our school that it is hard to keep up. See below for some of our initiatives.

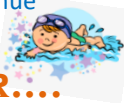
Accelerated Reader: There is a phenomenal amount of reading taking place at present! Children from 1st -6th class have completed their Star Reading Assessments and are busy reading in school and at home every day. Please check in with your child to see how they are getting on with their quizzes. We will be having our whole school word count at our next assembly.

School Self Evaluation: Our focus in SSE will continue with Wellbeing, Oral Language and Literacy this year. Attached please find a parents survey that we would like you to complete and return tomorrow.

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 25th September. Congratulations to Noel Kelly who qualified in the u8 Boys Category for the County Championship.

Swimming: Swimming lessons for all classes will continue after Christmas.



CREATIVE SCHOOL CORNER....

Music Generation: Music Generation is off to a great start; we are currently learning Ireland's Call. We will also be learning new traditional tunes and will get to learn other instruments such as the ukulele and bodhrán.

Ms. Lillis: A special thanks to Ms. Lillis who has been practising songs and tunes with our pupils in preparation for our upcoming Mass.

Explorers Project Module: The Marine Institute's Explorers Education Programme has informed us that we have been awarded an Explorers Ocean Champion Certification of Excellence for completing the Explorers Healthy Ocean School Project: Our Local Shore and Ocean Literacy Project. This certificate recognises both the effort and commitment of our teachers and children in our all-school marine themed project. Well done everyone. The judges were very impressed at how we have embraced the marine thematic learning and have instilled this within our school. Including marine themes on the curriculum and supporting the curriculum with developing the children's competencies and skills is key to sharing an understanding of the impact the ocean has on our lives, as well as the impact we have on the ocean.

POLICY REVIEW...

The Board of Management had their last board meeting on the 10th of October. Please see policy section of school website for our notification of review of Anti-Bullying and Child Protection policies.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

We will have our annual Halloween party and dress up day on Friday the 27th of October. We will also be having our pumpkin carving session during the week of the 23rd October so can all pupils please bring a pumpkin on Monday the 23rd of October. On a final note we can't wait to see what the senior room comes up with this year when decorating the school.

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