

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 welcome also to Ann Marie our new Caretaker.



New Students and teachers: A big warm welcome back to all our pupils and teachers for another exciting year in Burrane N.S.

School Closures: A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website. **Please note:** We have a no school on the 17th of September to facilitate staff training. 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.

Sacraments: The sacrament of **Confirmation** will take place in St. Imys, Church, Killimer on 13th March at 12 O' Clock.

Homework: Homework is based on work carried out in school. Please check your child's homework journal daily and if your child is having difficulty with it please speak to your class teacher.

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 our secretary, Alisha Casey, 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, Infants have an absent book that their teacher will send home on a pupils return to school.)

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

Healthy Eating: Burrane N.S. promotes all aspects of 'Healthy and Sustainable Living'. As part of this we encourage the children to eat healthily. With this in mind, children are not allowed crisps, sweets, biscuits, cakes, muffins, chewing gum, fizzy drinks, etc. **Please Note:** The school allows treats on Friday and at the end of each term.

Creative Corner.....

Music Mondays - Again this year, we are delighted to say we have been accepted to the "Kids Ceol Programme" 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. **Letter attached.** We will also be doing our music sessions on Thursdays where children can

bring in their instruments.

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.

ReTurn bottles: To reduce litter, protect the environment and help get extra funds for our school we have signed up to the "ReTurn" scheme, please donate your "ReTurn" cans and bottles to our "ReTurn bin" located at the front of our school.

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.

Gaelbhhratach: Tá gach duine i Scoil Náisiúnta an Bhorráin ag obair i dtreo an Ghaelbhhratach. Tá an coiste ag déanamh a lán obair chun an gaeilge neamhfhoirimiúl a usaid tríd an scoil. Maith sibh go léir. **An Coiste:** Senior Room pupils.

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: There is a huge love for reading in our school. Again this year we will be using Accelerated Reader, this is designed to establish a culture of reading in children through giving them power over what they choose to read while assessing their comprehension of material read. The pupils are given 15mins of silent reading time each day in class to encourage reading for pleasure and we strongly encourage your children to read at home for 20mins 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 29th of September.

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