

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

2024 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.

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

School finishes at **2pm sharp** for Junior and Senior Infant classes. Please come to the gate to collect your child.

School Assembly - We had our whole school assembly during our first week back where we acknowledged our "Special Mentions" to girls and boys in each class for their many achievements. Well done everyone!!

RSE Programme - We are currently teaching the RSE programme in all classes and it will continue over the next few weeks.

New Teacher - We welcome our new Senior Room teacher Ms. Sinéad Kelly. We are delighted to have her with us and wish her the very best in our school. If any parent wishes to discuss the progress of their child with Ms Kelly please feel free to contact the school to arrange a meeting.



Reading Initiatives.....

Accelerated Reader - Most pupils are putting great work into their reading! Don't forget to ask your children how they are getting on with their quizzes as they are doing great work. Our Monthly Word Count was shared in school today and collectively we have read over 5.5 million words. All pupils who have worked hard on their reading since our last Word Count received a prize from the Lucky Dip today. A special mention for Caoimhe Kelly who has topped the poll in our reading this Month!! We have read 1.9million words since September. An outstanding achievement!!



School Celebrations.....

Lá Fhéile Bríde - The 1st February celebrates Ireland's patron saint "St Brigid" and we are looking forward to the popular tradition of making St. Brigids crosses in her honour. We will also enjoy an In-Class Webinar where we will hear stories about St. Brigid and we will be guided in a Cross Making session.

Sacraments.....

Sixth Class: Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday 9th March at 3pm in St. Senan's Church Knockerra..

Sixth Class Retreat: The 6th class Confirmation retreat will be held in Knockerra hall on Friday 29th February.



Creative School Initiatives....

Tin Whistle - Thankfully our School Music Sessions are in full swing again. We are currently practicing new tunes for the upcoming Féile Na hÍnse Competition so please remind your children to practice their tunes every day. Pupils who are not competing in the Banna Ceoil competition are busy learning new tunes to share with us at our next assembly.



Féile na hÍnse - 1-7ú la Márta. We are delighted to let you know that the Annual Feile na hÍnse competition is running again this year. Children will participate in the music, interview, poetry and story sections of this competition. We have decided on our poems and stories and are busy practicing so please encourage your children to give their best effort when they are practicing at home!

Credit Union Competition - Well done to Brian, Thomas, Caoimhe & Eimear who represented the school so well at the preliminary rounds of the Schools Quiz Competition in Kiltrush Community School on Sunday last. Well done!

Spelling Bee Competition - The Eason Spelling Bee competition is back again this year and Ms Sinéad Kelly is currently in the process of preparing the pupils for the much anticipated heats to find our best spellers who will represent our school. Best of Luck Everyone!!



Digital Learning Plan.....

School Blog & Facebook - An action in our Digital Learning Plan is to increase our use of the School Blog and Facebook page to communicate more effectively with the school and wider local community so please follow for school updates and lots more.

Internet Safety Week - Next week is internet safety week and we have a host of activities lined up to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all. We will begin this Friday with a visit from our community guard Eoin Daly and will continue next week with activities to teach children to stay safe online by learning simple rules.

Active Corner.....

SPAR Soccer Competition - We have signed up for the Spar Soccer schools competition. Details to follow.



Swimming - Swimming lessons have begun this year and will run until the 20th February. A special thanks to our B.O.M. and credit Union who part funded the swimming to make the cost more affordable.



Marian Keane Basket Ball Competition - the first round of the Marian Keane Basketball competition will take place on Friday 2nd February at 10:30 in Ballyea hall.

Transport to sports activities - Again this year we will be asking parents to help with transport to the above activities. We would like to pay a special thanks to parents and staff who have helped us in the past, without your help we wouldn't be able to partake in these activities.

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Helen Kelly