

# BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

2023 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 today where we acknowledged our "Special Mentions" to girls and boys in each class for their many achievements. Well done everyone!!

**Stay Safe Programme** - We will be teaching the Stay Safe programme in all classes over the next few weeks. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous.

### 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 Jack Browne who has topped the poll in our reading this Month!! He has read 1.6million words since September. An excellent achievement!!



### School Celebrations.....

**The Wren** - a very special thanks to the B.O.M., staff and all the present and past pupils of our school who came out to follow the Wren on the very cold and wet 26<sup>th</sup> of December. We raised a total of €750 euro for our school.

**Catholic Schools Week** - Next week we will celebrate "Catholic School week". Our Theme is "Walking Together in Faith & Love" we will enjoy daily activities to teach us to recognize the love and generosity of the entire school community. Grandparent's day is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January and we are inviting grandparents to come in at 1p.m. to share their stories of what school was like when they were young. Afterwards we will enjoy light entertainment from our pupils and a cup of tea.

**Lá Fhéile Bhríde** - The 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Sacraments.....

**Sixth Class: Sacrament of Confirmation** - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April St. Imy's Church, Killimer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> class: Sacrament of Reconciliation** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - St. Senans Church, Knockerra.



**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, St. Imy's Church, Killimer.

### 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.

**Féile na hÍnse** - 2-9ú la Márta. We are delighted to let you know that the Annual Féile na hÍnse competition is running again this year. Children will participate in the music, interview & poetry sections of this competition. We are currently in the process of deciding on poems and practicing for this competition so please encourage your children to give their best effort when they have their piece to practice!

**Credit Union Competition** - The Senior Room have been brushing up on our general knowledge as the Kilrush Credit Union is holding the preliminary rounds of the Schools Quiz Competition on the 29<sup>th</sup> January in Kilrush Community School, starting at 2pm. We are entering three teams of 4. More details to follow.

**Spelling Bee Competition** - The Eason Spelling Bee competition is back again this year and Ms. Nugent is currently in the process of running heats to find our best speller 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.

**Cyberschool** - All classes are enrolled in the cyber safety and digital learning programme. Lessons will commence after the Mid Term break.



### Active Corner.....

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

**Swimming** - Swimming lessons have begun this year and will run until the 7<sup>th</sup> March. A special thanks to our B.O.M. who part funded the swimming using €600 from our Christmas Raffle to make the cost more affordable.



**Marian Keane Basket Ball Competition** - the first round of the Marian Keane Basketball competition will take place before the February 15<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

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Helen Kelly