

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 greeting to the new children and parents in our school!!

New Students: A big warm welcome back to all our students and a special welcome to our new Junior Infants Jassim and Karolina.

Confirmation: The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 9th March at 2pm.


Confirmation will be celebrated in St. Senan's Church, Knockerra this year. 

School Closures: A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website. **Please note:** We will be closed during the school year to facilitate staff training. Parents will be told when this closure is, in advance of the closure.


School Initiatives.....

School Self Evaluation: Our process of School Self Evaluation (SSE) in Wellbeing has seen us introduce positive changes to school life, such as replacing our formal uniforms with tracksuits and a focus on creative and enjoyable learning initiatives in our school such as daily health activities, music Thursdays and "Power Hour" to name a few. We have also been accepted to the Kids Ceol programme this year, which will provide access for all pupils of Burrane N.S. to high quality instrumental tuition that will result in enhanced learning outcomes in the arts and creativity of our pupils. Further information will be given to the children at our first school assembly next week.

Literacy Stations: We have started our English Literacy Stations in the junior room. These stations run for an hour a day from Monday to Thursday. Reminder for reading in classes from 1st to 3rd; please take the time to listen to your child read every night. Children from 4th-6th class can read independently, but we strongly encourage parents to discuss the material read with their child. This helps ensure they understand what they are reading.

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. 

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: As you all know, there is a huge love for reading in our school. Again this year we will be using Accelerated Reader. AR is designed to establish a culture of reading in children through giving them autonomy over what they choose to read while assessing their comprehension of material read. Thus allowing us to monitor children's progress and provide feedback when required. The pupils are given 15 minutes of silent reading time each day in class to encourage reading for pleasure and we strongly encourage your children to read at home for 20 minutes every night. 

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

Active Corner.....

PE: Our PE day is Friday this year.

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 Monday next the 25th of September; races will begin at 11am sharp.

Creative Corner.....

Kilrush Credit Union Art Competition: The theme for this year's Credit Union Art Competition is "My Community & Me", pupils will present their interpretation of what their community means to them.

Music Thursdays - Our Music Sessions! This year it will be under the guidance of Ronan O' Flaherty, our tutor for the Kids Ceol Programme. (See attached note for further information)

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