

# BROADFORD & KILBANE N.S.

## NEWSLETTER



January & February 2023

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.

### Enrolment

Enrolment for new students for the 2023/2024 school year will open on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>. Both the Registration Form and the Enrolment Form can be found on the school website along with the Admission's Policy. Both forms must be filled out and returned to the school either through post or handed in. Please note we cannot accept forms emailed in. If you would like copies of these forms, please make contact with the office and we'll send forms home. Closing date for applications is Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

### School Uniform Change

There was a huge response to the suggestion of our school uniform changing to a school tracksuit. An overwhelming 92% of parents are in favour of the change which makes sense for the reasons included in the original email. Many thanks to the parents who provided suggestions and these will all be taken into consideration when deciding on the design and supplier of the new tracksuit. I failed to mention in the email that the new arrangement will be more cost effective than the current one as parents will have less items of clothing to purchase. As before, details of the new tracksuit will be included with the booklist for the new year.

### Literacy Announcements

**Guided Reading**-Small group guided reading started in Junior Infants this week to great excitement among the children. We're looking forward to seeing them blossom as little bookworms in the years to come.

**Accelerated Reading**-We have 3 Word Millionaires in the school since our last Newsletter was distributed-Zac Cosgrove, Oisín Lovett (5<sup>th</sup> class) and Enid Wixted (3<sup>rd</sup> class). Also, well done to Róisín O'Brien in 1<sup>st</sup> class who has already hit her Spring AR target. Great achievements by all 4 children.

**World Book Day**-World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March and the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character!!

### Sacraments

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm** in Broadford Church had been provisionally book for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> class. We'll let parents know if this changes.

The Confirmation class have an enrolment mass in Broadford Church on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January. Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 11am** in Broadford Church. As is tradition in this parish, the parents of 5<sup>th</sup> class organise the reception that will take place in the Community Hall afterwards. Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> class can liase with Robina in the office for any assistance.

### Junior Infant Immunisations

We're glad to welcome Public Health back to the school after the Covid-19 interruptions. All Junior Infant parents should have received details of the MMR and 4 in 1 Immunisations which take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February here in the school. Parents are asked to come on time and to bring their Orange Book for records to be included in. The children will be ok to return to class after receiving their immunisation.

### Pedestrian Safety

We are liasing with Clare County Council to improve pedestrian safety in front of the Community Hall and school. Council engineers are currently drawing up a proposal that would allow a safer pedestrian route from the footpath in front of the handball alley to the footpath directly outside the school. Once a final design is agreed upon, we will apply for CLÁR funding to implement a safer layout for all pedestrians.

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## Féile na hInse

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge **ALL** classes are taking part in the annual Féile na hInse competition. Children from Juniors to Sixth classes will enter the Comórtas Éalaín (Art Competition). Children from 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes will be travelling to Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg to take part in 'Filíocht', 'Comhrá' and 'Agallamh Beirte' competitions. Exact details will be emailed to parents next week with dates, times, etc. In preparation for the performance events of Féile na hInse, children will also get to practice in front of the entire school in the Community Hall during school. Children from Juniors-1<sup>st</sup> classes will also be involved in these performances.

## Spelling Bee

Well done to **Heidi Cloete** who won our school's Spelling Bee competition recently. Heidi will now represent our school in the County Finals which will take place before the Easter break.

## Headlice

Please take the weekend to check your child's hair thoroughly for headlice and treat if necessary as we had a case reported over a week ago.

## School Calendars

There are a small number of calendars still available in the office if anyone missed out before Christmas!

## Credit Union Quiz Teams

We are also sending 2 teams to this year's Credit Union Quiz which is taking place tonight in Scariff Community College at 7p.m. Our U13's team consists of **Adam Gunning, Fionn Boland, Oisín Lovett** and **MJ Madigan** while our under 11's team consists of **Molly O'Sullivan, Melody Borri, Finn O'Driscoll** and **Benny Ryan**. Wishing them all the best!!

## Fiddle Classes

Fiddle classes continue to take place after school every second Friday with Mrs. Carmel Kennedy. Fiddle classes are for any child that attends fiddle lessons outside of school and is aimed at further developing the skills of our school musicians.

## Green Schools

We have registered for the National Clean Up Campaign with An Taisce and a village cleanup will take place in early spring. We will also plant a number of native trees in February to increase biodiversity on the school grounds..

## Swimming

Swimming lessons in Shannon continue for another few weeks and it is brilliant to see the progress being made by all. We are well impressed with how independent the children are when getting togged out and in and the instructors have commented on how mannerly the children from our school are..

## Basketball Court

There are great games taking place between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class children recently so we got the court lines repainted on Tuesday last. It's great to see activity levels so high in these classes..

## Indoor Hurling & Camogie Competitions

The indoor hurling/camogie tournaments are back this year. The boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes and the girls in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> will be playing Clonlara, Scariff, Killaloe and Bodyke National Schools. Both competitions take place in Clonlara Sports Hall on the week of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Specific details of these competitions will be issue next week once we receive the dates!! Training for this tournament takes place at each big lunch on the astro turf so all children participating should bring their hurleys and helmets to school each day.

## Primary Game

Trials for the Primary Game will take place at the end of February. The hurling and camogie club's skills test which the children were shown recently will be used to determine the girl and boy from 6<sup>th</sup> class who will represent the school at these trials in March. There are good numbers on the wall each morning honing their skills so the standards will be high...!

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class Cycling

We have secured funding to subsidise cycling lessons for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. These lessons will take place in April at a cost of €5 per child. Further details will be sent out once dates are finalised.

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Aonghus O'Brien



