



Broadford & Kilbane N.S. NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,
Below is important information needed for next year along with some key announcements from this year.....



June 2022

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Staffing for 2022/23 School Year

Our pupil numbers for the next school year mean our staffing schedule will be as follows:

6 mainstream class teachers, 1 autism class teacher, 2 special education teachers on full time hours and 1 on part-time hours. We will also have 2 full time Special Needs Assistants. Consequently, our staffing schedule will be as follows:

Junior Infants-Deirdre McDonnell

Senior Infants-Cara Garrahy

First & Second Class- To be confirmed in Sept...

Third Class-KellyAnne Melican

Fourth Class-Aonghus O' Brien

Fifth & Sixth Class-Deirdre Troy & Carmel Kennedy (Job Sharing)

ASD Class-Mairéad Howard

Special Education Teachers-Liam Patterson, Polly Sandenburg & a teacher shared with Bodyke NS.

Special Needs Assistants-Patsy Grogan & Marie Cooney (Job Sharing) & Caroline O' Connell,

Secretary-Robina Hamilton Jones

Cleaner-Mary Casey

Sixth Class

Our sixth class are ready for the big step up to secondary education and everyone in Broadford & Kilbane N.S. would like to wish them all the best. They've been an amazing class all through and they have left us with many amazing memories down through the years. **Sasha Marsh, Ava Reddan, Maebh Wixted, Tom Boland, James O'Donnell, Jonathon Power, Seán O'Brien, Padraig Sweeney, Steffan O'Riordan, Dylan O'Brien, Matthew O'Donoghue, Alan Meade-Lucas, Ryan Corbett and Conan Gunning** we are very confident that your education will continue to be successful and we'd love to see you all pop into us for a visit in the new year....!

Booklists & Book Rental Scheme

Booklists, including details of the Book Rental Scheme, will be issued in the coming weeks. When

received, I am encouraging all parents to read and **RETAIN** their child's entire booklist in addition to details of next year's school calendar detailed overleaf. Our Book Rental Scheme is always a popular service for parents as it represents significant savings while also lessening the hassle involved with getting books.

BOM End of Year Report

The Board of Management have their final meeting for the school year next week. Following this meeting, our 'End of Year Report' will be published and will be under the Board of Management section on the school's website.

Creative Schools

Our Creative Schools journey is coming to an end. Thanks to Mrs Carmel Kennedy for coordinating this 2 year programme which has undoubtedly increased Creativity in all our classrooms. Thanks also to Evelyn Sorohan our Creative Schools Associate.

School Closures and Opening

Please note the school will be closed for our Summer Holidays on Friday 24th of June at 12noon. School will reopen on Monday 29th of August at 9am.

Colour's Fortnight

Instead of a Colours Day, we are having a Colours Fortnight where children can wear their own clothes for the last 2 weeks of school. We are asking for donations of €2 per child and monies raised will be going to Ennis Voices for Autism (EVA). EVA are a great local charity who have been a great support to many kids in our school over the years. Children should wear tshirts, shorts, runners, etc. to coincide with 'Active Fortnight' which we are holding at the same time and which is detailed overleaf.



More News

2022/2023 School Calendar

Our school will be closed during the next academic year on the dates detailed below (bank holidays not included).

- (Staff Meeting) **Monday 26th of September-School Closes at 12noon**
- (Mid-Term) **Monday 31st of October to Friday 4th of November**
- (Christmas) **Closing on Wednesday 21st of December at 12 noon and reopening on Thursday 5th of January**
- (Staff Meeting) **Monday 16th of January-School Closes at 12noon**
- (Mid-Term) **Thursday 16th & Friday 17th of February**
- (St. Patrick's Weekend) **Monday 20th March**
- (Easter) **Closing on Friday 31st of March at 12 noon and reopening on Monday 17th of April**
- (Staff Meeting) **Monday 8th of May-School Closes at 12noon**
- (June Bank Holiday) **Friday 2nd of June**
- (Summer) **Closing on Friday 23rd of June 2023**

July Programme

Our July Programme will take place again this year during the first 5 weeks of the summer holidays. Staff for the programme include Mairéad Howard, Jack O'Brien, Aoife Boland, Caroline O'Connell, Anne Marsh, Annora O'Callaghan and Laoise Roche. It was pleasing to see our school achieve the highest level of practice (Very Good) for this programme in a recent report on the July Programme following an inspection by the Department of Education's inspectorate last summer.

School Bus

The School Bus has become a popular resource for many parents. Any child living over 3.2km from the school is automatically entitled to a space. Concessionary spaces are also offered to children inside that distance if spaces are available. If you are interesting in securing a place on the school bus then please make contact with our bus inspector **Eddie Ryan** on 087 8225986.

Green Schools

Congrats to Mrs. Kennedy and her Green School's Committee who have achieved our 5th Green School's Flag. We now have all 5 Green Flags (Waste, Energy, Water, Travel & Biodiversity). This has taken the school 12 years to achieve and Mrs Kennedy has been the constant driving force behind everything we have achieved. Well done all!!!

Irish Coast Guard Visit

The Irish Coast Guard are visiting our school on Monday 13th of

June. The helicopter and life boats will be in attendance along with members of the Coast Guard and they will be delivering a Water Safety Message to the children ahead of all the water activity they will be involved in over the summer holidays.

First Holy Communion

Well done to the children in 2nd class who recently received their First Holy Communion. Thanks to Fr John for performing the ceremony and to Mrs Kennedy for preparing the children and the choir. Big thanks to the parents in 3rd and 5th for preparing the receptions for both Communion and Confirmation in the hall after both sacraments. They really made both days very special!

Cumann na mBunscoil

Our schools hurling and camogie teams recently represented the school in their relevant Cumann na mBunscoil competitions.

The girls from 4th-6th had great wins over Whitegate/Mountshannon and Scariff. They qualified for the semi-and are due to play Stonehall NS in the next week. The boys beat Killaloe NS but lost to Tulla and Scariff in the group stages. As always, our children represented their school with pride and enthusiasm.

Clare Skills Competition

Best of luck to Seán O'Brien, Jonathon Power and James O'Donnell who are representing the school in the Primary School's Hurling Skills Competition this Friday 3rd of June in Clareabbey, Clarecastle.

Primary Game

Congrats to **Jonathon Power** in 6th class who got picked on the Clare Primary Game team for the half time match in the Munster Final between Clare and Limerick. 3 children in our school got picked on Primary Game teams this year, Jonathon Power in hurling, Ava Reddan in Camogie and James O'Donnell in football. Well done all!!!

Active Fortnight

We have planned an **Active Fortnight** for the last 2 weeks of school. Some of the activities include;

School Leagues-Top Teams will play to win the Glenomra Cup

Sports Days-2 Day Sports Day where the Whole School are split into 4 teams and compete in a range of activities from Gladiator to Shot Put to Cross Country Racing to Bouncing Castle Challenges. Teams compete to win the Bac Laidhre Cup.

2nd & 3rd Class Hurling/Camogie Blitz on Monday 20th June.

Juniors-3rd Class Blitz. Our teachers are organising mini hurling games for these classes to be played over a few dates.

Hoping everyone has a fun-filled, **SAFE** summer break,

Thanks for a great year!!

Aonghus O' Brien