

BROADFORD & KILBANE N.S. NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

As our final term begins, the school calendar is busier than ever...have a read below to find out what is happening!!

May 2022

Féile Áth Leathan

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge **ALL** classes took part in our Féile Áth Leathan competition. The children performed excellently well. Comhghairdeas to the children who placed 1st-3rd and who were rewarded for their efforts. The following children placed 1st in their classes: **Filíocht**-Luke Chaplin, Rebecca Keane, James Scully, Emily O'Doherty, Reiltín McNamara, Enid Wixted, Melody Borri, Michéal O'Connell, Niamh O'Connell, Seán O'Brien & Jonathon Power.

Comhrá-Enid Wixted, Ellen O'Brien, Oisín Lovett, Niamh O'Connell & Dylan O'Brien.

Board Changes

Welcome to **Yvonne O'Connell** who is our new Community Representative on our Board of Management. Broadford Pastoral Council will announce shortly who is replacing Fr. John as the Diocesan Representative on our board.

Sacraments

Choir-ALL children from 3rd-6th are required for our School Choir on the mornings of **Saturday May 14th** and **Saturday May 28th**. Please send a note to the class teachers if attendance needs to be excused.

Receptions-there will be teas, coffees and refreshments in the Community Hall after both sacraments. Parents of children in 3rd and 5th classes have been asked to organise the receptions for Communion and Confirmation respectively. Jane Duffy has kindly stepped forward to organise the reception for Confirmation. We are asking for baked goods to be kindly donated for this event and they can be dropped to the Hall on the morning of the sacraments.

School Closures

The school will be closed on **Monday 9th of May** to facilitate staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum (this was previously communicated as a half day).

A reminder that we are also closed on **Friday 3rd of June** and **Tuesday 7th of June** as part of the June bank holiday weekend.

RNLI Helicopter

We are in the middle of organising a visit from the RNLI where they will fly their helicopter onto the Hurling grounds and deliver a Water Safety message to the children in our school. Thanks to parent Andrew O'Riordan for organising this for us! We'll keep you all posted once a date is finalised.

New Infants Visit

We are due to have 18 starting in Junior Infants in September. We are planning to get them in to visit their new class on **Friday 10th of June at 11:30am**.

RSE

All classes will be engaged in RSE lessons between now and the end of the year. RSE (Relationship and Sexuality Education) is a key component of the SPHE curriculum. Topics are explored in a developmentally appropriate manner. Parents can find out more information at

www.pdst.ie/primary/health-wellbeing/RSE

Accelerated Reading

Last term, we had the highest number of children ever from 1st-6th classes hitting their AR targets-well done to all for their hard efforts. Targets have been set for the last term-please note that these are lower than the last targets as there are less days in this term.

Note : Events

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More News.....

Colours Day

We are having a Non-Uniform Colours Week on the last week of school from Monday 20th to 24th of June. We asking children to bring €2 to participate in this event. All monies raised are going to Ennis Voices for Autism.

Creative Schools

Evelyn and Kathryn have begun work on the outdoor mural. This work will take place between now and the end of the school year and we are excited to see this work slowly taking place.

Ms. Melican is close to finishing her art piece that she engaged in with most classes and we're looking forward to its unveiling.

Mrs. Kennedy continues to do fiddle lessons with children after school on Wednesdays and we are looking forward to a big performance at our next School Assembly.

Standardised Testing

Standardised testing will take place at the end of May. All classes from Senior Infants to 6th will complete English Reading and Maths standardised tests while 3rd-6th classes will also complete standardised testing in Gaeilge. Below is the planned schedule of tests and we ask parents to make every effort to ensure that their child attends on these days. Please note that standardised tests in Senior Infants and First class are screening tests **ONLY** so scores are not generated. The tests in these classes are used by the school to plan effective interventions in literacy and numeracy in these vital early years. Test results from 2nd-6th will be shared with parents on the end of year report card along with being sent to the Department of Education.

- Tuesday the 24th of May-English Reading (Senior Infants-6th Class)
- Wednesday the 25th of May- Gaeilge (3rd-6th)
- Thursday the 26th of May-Maths (Senior Infants-6th)

Green Schools

Spring Clean-All children took part in a Village Clean-up before Easter while there is a group of litter pickers that clean the school grounds each day.

Outdoor Classroom-the base of our Outdoor Classroom was finished over the Easter. Benches and a blackboard are due to be delivered next week with installation shortly afterwards.

Tree and Hedge Planting-our Whitethorn and Cotoneaster hedging is blooming while the trees we planted on the River Walk are budding nicely.

House Martins-We are waiting eagerly for a return of our resident House Martins who built 2 nests from mud at the front of our new extension and return each year. We are happy to put up with a little mess to coexist with these lovely native birds.

Headlice

A small number of cases of headlice were reported in classes over the last number of weeks. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Thanks to the parents who notify us of cases as it gives us an opportunity to limit the spread by informing parents in the classes affected.

Active Corner.....

Cumman na mBunscoil Hurling & Camogie

Hurling and Camogie competitions are commencing shortly for 4th-6th classes. The girls are playing Flagmount/Dromindoora, Scariff and Lakyle/Inis Cealtra while the boys take on Tulla, Scariff and Killaloe. Best of luck to all involved.

Primary Game

Well done to Ava Reddan who made the Primary Game Camogie Team. Ava will get to play at half time of the Clare V Limerick Munster Senior Hurling Championship in Cusack Park. Well done also to James O'Donnell who made the Primary Game Football Team. James will get to play at half time of the Clare V Limerick Munster Senior Football Championship in Cusack Park this weekend.

3rd & 4th Class Blitzes

3rd and 4th classes are playing in 2 fun hurling blitzes between now and the end of the school year. The first of these is in Clonlara. These blitzes are a great way for anyone not joined up to the local hurling and camogie clubs to get a taste of what the game is about.

School League

Teams have been picked for all the boys and girls in 3rd-6th classes for our School League which takes place each day during lunch break on the Hurling Pitch. The first game is this Thursday 28th. All teams are competing to win the Glenomra Cup. We can't wait for the games to begin!!

Morning Activity

Structured morning activity ceased at Easter. For the last term we are encouraging children to go to the ball wall or astro turf for some hurling practice or just the school yard for a run around with friends.

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