

# BroadFord & Kilbane N.S.

## HALLOWE'EN NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

As we approach the Hallowe'en mid-term break, detailed below are a few things we would like to bring to your attention.

October 2018

### Hallowe'en Colours Day

This year we will support 'The Irish Cancer Society' for our Hallowe'en dress up day. This will take place on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October and we will be asking for a donation of €2 per child. There will be **Go Pink!** merchandise for sale in the office on the same morning which is also in aid of The Irish Cancer Society while the staff will be taking part in a coffee morning at breaktime. Thank you for your support over the previous years for this worthy cause and let's make this year's event another 'fangtastic' success!



### Junior Activity Club

The Junior Activity Club are busy organising Hallowe'en and Christmas events for the children. This year the Hallowe'en party will be held in the school and all children are invited to bring their decorated or carved pumpkins along on Halloween night to enter a best dressed pumpkin competition and join in on all the traditional Halloween fun and games!!!

If anybody has any extra Hallowe'en or Christmas decorations that they would like to donate, then the Junior Activity Club will gladly take them off your hands. And of course the club is open to new members all year so if anybody would like to get involved in some festive fun, and join the team, we would be delighted to welcome new faces! Every extra elf counts!

### School Calendar

We will again produce the school calendar as it has proven very popular for parents. All classes from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will get their pictures taken on **Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November**. We are asking all children to wear their school uniforms on this designated day. If you do not wish your child to be included in the school calendar, then please make contact with your class teacher before this date.

### School Closures

Our school will be closed on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of October** to facilitate staff training and on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** for the Presidential Election and Referendum. The school will then be closed from **Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October to Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November** for its Mid-Term Break.

We are urging the children to stay safe over the Hallowe'en Holidays.

### Student Council

Our Student Council gives the children a voice in our school. Elections took place last week. There are 10 children in t

he student council each of whom was voted in by their classmates from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The children will meet fortnightly/monthly. Each class will have a suggestion box where they can write down any good ideas they have about improving the school. The council will discuss these and their own ideas under the guidance of Mrs. Polly Sandenburgh, who is overseeing this initiative. The council will then bring agreed suggestions to school management for consideration. Any ideas we feel are beneficial will be put into action. Elected members include Isabel Maher, Paddy Smith, Mark McNamara, Clare Fahy, Oisín Gunning, Úna O' Doherty, John Moran, Michael O' Donoghue and Grace Madigan.

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- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class hurling

# TRICK OR TREAT



# More News...

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our parent/teacher meetings are scheduled to take place on the week of **Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November**. Further details will be issued closer to the time.

## Green Schools-Transport

We have a new Green School's Committee in place to try and achieve our 4<sup>th</sup> Green School's Flag. We already have Green Flags under the themes Litter, Energy and Water and this time around we are aiming to achieve a flag under the theme of Transport. This will be a 2 year process and will examine ways of being more sustainable in how we travel to and from school. Fionn Boland, Emma Cosgrave, M.J. Madigan, Emma O' Mahony, Ava Reddan, Jonathon Banin Casey, Cormac Gunning, Sadhbh McMahan, Mark McNamara, Amy O' Brien, Oisín McMahan and Saoirse McNamara are our new committee and we are waiting to attend workshops from An Taisce that will guide us through the process.



## Punctuality

A gentle reminder to parents that school starts at 9am sharp. Children who are late for school cause disruption to lesson time. Morning supervision begins at 8.45am to allow parents to drop their kids off early, whilst also allowing children get some morning exercise which also benefits concentration in class!!

## Whole School Evaluation

As parents are aware, our school underwent a Whole School Evaluation during the first week of October. This was a very positive experience for our school as the inspectors commented very favourably on most aspects of our school. Most pleasingly, the inspectors commended the children in our school for their friendliness and enthusiasm how well they are engaged with their own learning.

## English Reading

'Literacy Lift Off' has finished in 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> and the children have made huge progress in their reading. 3<sup>rd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup> have been reading the novel 'The Iron Man' and the children have loved exploring the characters and plot of this wonderful children's story. Accelerated Reader is up and running in all classes from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class. Well done to our first 'Millionaires' **Clare Fahy, Saoirse O' Farrell** and **Catriona Corrigan**..let's keep up the great work that is taking place both in school and at home.

# Active Corner.....

## Cross Country Running Championships

Well done to the boys and girls who represented our school with distinction in this year's Cross Country Running Championships which took place in Lee's Road in September. Congratulations to **Isabel Maher, Ronan O' Connell, Saoirse O' Farrell, Eoghan Gunning** and **Ryan Corbett** who all placed in the top 12 of their respective races thus qualifying for the finals. The Girls under 10 team and the boys under 10 team also finished second in the team events and so they have all qualified for the final of the team events. The finals will take place in **Lees Road on November the 14<sup>th</sup>**. The school is very proud of their efforts and achievements. Our u6 girls unfortunately missed their race on the day and we are waiting for confirmation from the organisers to allow them participate in the finals.

## Girls and Boys Gaelic Football

Our girls and boys are in the middle of playing their Cumann na mBunscoil Gaelic Football competitions. The boys have four group matches played against Parteen, Killaloe, Newmarket & St. Conaires and won all games. They then beat Kildysart N.S. in the semi-final so will take on the winners of Killaloe/Lissycasey next Wednesday at 10am in Cusack Park. This is a huge achievement for the boys as they are competing in Division 2 and many don't play football competitively for clubs. The girls unfortunately didn't have as much luck but competed bravely against strong Kilnaboy, Stonehall/Ballcar, Clonmoney and Clooney sides.

**Thanks to Liam Patterson and Orlaith Cullinan for training and managing both teams.**

## School Swimming Championships

We will again be entering participants into the Munster Minor Swimming Championships this year. **Grace Madigan** will be our sole representative and we wish her all the best.

## 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class Hurling/Camogie

There will be hurling training for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys and girls after school each Monday until Christmas, starting on **5<sup>th</sup> of November**. Training will finish at 4pm each evening. If there are any parents willing to help me out with this training then please get in touch.

Thanking You,

Aonghus O' Brien