

# BROADFORD & KILBANE N.S.

## PARENTS' INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Parents,

I'm aware that a Newsletter was issued to you very recently, but our school is a very busy place at the moment and there are a few things that we'd like to bring to your attention.

### JUNIOR ACTIVITY CLUB

The Junior Activity Club organise events for children in the parish at Hallowe'en, Christmas and Easter. There will be a meeting in the school on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**. A number of the current committee have given over 8 years of service and will be stepping away from their roles. As a result, for the Junior Activity Club to continue its great work, new members will be required to come on board. We are pleading with new parents to attend this meeting.

### PLAYGROUND GAMES

We have secured a set of tencils from Clare Sports Partnership to paint Playground Games on our new yards. Games like hopscotch are included and will provide hours of fun and activity for the children in our school. The assistance of parents will be required to paint these games and we are planning to complete the work on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of October from 2.40pm**.

### PARENT'S INFORMATION SESSION

There will be an information session for parents on various Literacy and Numeracy strategies in use here in the school. This information session will take place on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of September at 8pm**. Content covered will be mainly applicable to parents of children from Senior Infants to 4<sup>th</sup> classes but is open to all parents.

### STAY SAFE

All classes are engaged in the Stay Safe Programme from now to the Hallowe'en break. Stay Safe is a personal safety skills programme designed for use with primary school children from Junior Infants through to 6th class. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protection skills through participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger. Further information can be found by following this link <http://www.staysafe.ie/parents.htm>

### SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION

Our staff are committed to a process of Self-Evaluation so that we can continue to improve Teaching and Learning in our school. To effectively choose an area of focus, we are seeking the opinions of both parents and pupils. In the

next few days, there will be an online questionnaire for parents on the school website and we would be very grateful if you could take 10 minutes to fill this out. We will notify parents through 'Textaparent' when this questionnaire is live.

### TEXTAPARENT

To date, only one third of parents have downloaded the Textaparent App. We are asking **ALL** parents to download this App. Textaparent is our main method of communication with parents when there is short notice and while it is very convenient, it proves very costly over the full year. Through downloading the Textaparent App, parents will still receive the school texts (through the App) but at half the cost to the school.

### MEMORY WALL

We are still looking for photographs of life in the old Broadford NS and Kilbane NS for our memory wall. Thanks to those parents who have already provided us with some great pictures.

### FIELD TRIP

We are hoping to get **ALL** children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes out and about our locality next week, weather permitting. The children will be taken to areas of local historical interest that are close to the Village and we'll be accompanied by Pat O' Brien.

### TWITTER

In an effort to improve communication between the school and the wider local community we are now on Twitter. Check us out on [@broadford\\_ns](https://twitter.com/broadford_ns).

### CROSS COUNTRY

Trials for Cross Country will be held during school time for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> of September**. Children in these classes are to wear their PE tracksuits. Best of luck to all our athletes!!

As always, thanks for all the cooperation,

Aonghus O' Brien