

BROADFORD & KILBANE N.S.

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

We've had a hectic last few weeks. Have a look below to see the important news in our school.

Feb/Mar 2024

Note : Events

Féile na hInse

We had a number of events planned to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge since the beginning of March.

We started with the Féile na hInse Comórtais Ealaíne. Well done to **Clodagh Ryan & Íde Gissane** for both winning medals.

Next up was the Comórtais Filíochta and we had the following winners; **Atticus Borri, Aoibheann Ryan, Rebecca Keane, Caoilinn O'Brien, Róisín O'Brien, Colin Hassett Schous, JJ O'Connell, Betty Zimmerman, Holly Murphy, Seán O'Brien, Laoise O'Brien, Odhran O'Connell, Zoey Heffernan, Finn O'Driscoll, Samantha Marsh, Zac Cosgrove & Heidi Cloete.**

In the Comórtais Agallamh Beirte we had 2 winning pairs, **Michéal O'Connell & Molly O'Sullivan** and **Fionn Boland & Emma Cosgrove.**

We had a large number of winners in the Comórtais Comhrá; **JJ O'Connell, Emily O'Doherty, Enid Wixted, Tommy O'Brien, Seán O'Brien, Melody Borri, Emma Cosgrove & Zac Cosgrove.**

We also held a Féile Áth Leathan Comórtais Filíochta for Juniors to 1st Classes and the following children won prizes for their outstanding performances; **Daniel Long, Diarmuid O'Connell, Conor McMahon, Mia Kiniry, Amelia O'Brien, Maise Moroney, Caoimhe O'Brien, Holly McDonald, Cora Ryan Humphries, Indie Casey.**

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School Tours

All school tours have been organised for May/June. Junior & Senior Infants are off to Turoe Farm in Loughrea, 1st/2nd are going back to UL Activity centre again this year while 3rd/4th classes are heading to Dublin Zoo. 5th/6th class have their overnight tour in the Burren Activity Centre to look forward to. The finer details of all these tours will be forwarded in due course.

Enrolment

Enrolment for next year closed a few weeks back with emails sent out accepting enrolment. Details

of our intro day will be communicated after the Easter break.

Spelling Bee

Best of luck to **Oisín Lovett** who represents our school in the county stage of Eason's Spelling Bee after Easter.

New Staff Member

The Department of Education have sanctioned a 4th SNA post for our school until the end of this school year. We're delighted that **Tara O'Brien** has taken up this post!!

Agree to Agree

All school stakeholders have now been consulted as part of our Agree to Agree project. Thanks to all parents who filled out the Agree to Agree survey last week. Staff along with Children from 1st-6th classes were also surveyed. We will now analyse this data and we'll be in touch with the next steps. Thanks to parents AnnMarie Ryan, Liz Ryan, Diarmuid Smyth and Pádraig Gunning for driving this initiative.

Sacrament Preparation

In preparation for their Confirmation in May, our 6th class were taken to Knock on a Pilgrimage. Thanks to Fr. Brendan for coordinating this event. The Sacrament of Reconciliation took place yesterday evening in Broadford Church for children in 2nd class making their Communion and children in 6th class making their Confirmation.

School Closures

Reminder that the children will go home at 12 noon on **Monday 13th of May** to facilitate staff meetings. The school is closed on **Friday 3rd, Tuesday 7th and Friday 31st of May.** Finally, we'll also be closed on **Monday June 7th** as the school will be used as a polling station for the European Elections.

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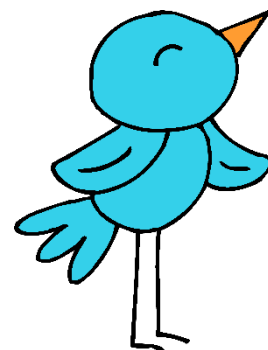
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Parish Participation

Broadford Pastoral Council are seeking children to get involved with church services. This can take the form of serving at mass, doing readings or getting involved with the church choir. If you are interested then please make contact with Tina O'Loughlin at 087-9687020 or alternatively email Yvonne Martin at broadfordclare@gmail.com

Creative Schools-Folklore Stories

Children from 3rd-6th class have been given questionnaires to fill out over Easter with relatives and/or neighbours that have local knowledge of myths, legends, stories, placenames, fieldnames or landmarks. This information is vital as it will be a primary source of material for the stories that the senior classes will write. This writing process will be guided by local woman Madge O'Callaghan and we can't wait to get started.

Green Schools

Pocket Forest-our Pocket Forest started taking shape this week. Well done to 4th class who cut grass, weeded hedges and prepared the ground for planting.

Pete Beaumont-our willow man is coming to work with the children after Easter to teach the children in the senior classes how to weave with willow.

Village Cleanup-hats off to the children in all classes who picked up litter this week and who left the village as clean as a whistle.

End of Term Assembly

Accelerated Reader-Well done to all the children who received special mentions at our end of term assembly for hitting their AR targets-there is a phenomenal amount of reading taking place!

Obair go Dian, Bí go Deas-it was brilliant to see so many children getting special mentions from their class teachers for their hard work and/or kindness and friendliness.

World Book Day-Well done to the winners of the 'Design a Book Cover' art competition which we ran to mark World Book Day. Our senior winners were **Síobhra Corrigan, Aoife Sweeney & Raonaid O'Driscoll** while our junior winners were **Aoibheann Ryan, Alison O'Doherty & Cody McMahon**.

Chess Tournament

We had 16 children in 5th/6th class who participated recently in a chess tournament in Ennis. Both teams performed excellently finishing 1st and 4th respectively. Well done to all involved and thanks to Ms. Melican for introducing the event this year and for preparing the children.

Jersey/Crazy Hair Day

We raised **€346.50** at today's Jersey/Crazy Hair Day. This money will be used to improve resources and services in our special class for autistic children.

Active Corner.....

Hurling & Camogie

The girls in 4th & 5th performed excellently in the **Indoor Camogie** competition. They had big wins against Clonlara, Killaloe, Tulla, Scariff and Raheen before narrowly losing out to Quin NS in the semi-finals. Most of the team are still in 4th class which augurs well for next year's competition.

Our 3rd & 4th class boys also performed superbly in the **Indoor Hurling** competition. Big wins against Clonlara, Killaloe, Raheen & St. Tolas served them well but they eventually lost out to strong Clonmoney and Cratloe teams.

Mini 7's Hurling-our 5th/6th class boys had 3 great games in Killaloe this week, beating Clonlara, drawing with Kilkishen and losing narrowly to Ogonolloe.

Mini 7's Camogie-our 5th/6th class girls also performed excellently defeating Bodyke/Tuamgraney but losing out narrowly to Ogonolloe.

Well done to 6th class twins **Emma & Zac Cosgrove** who made the Clare Primary Game camogie & hurling teams. Emma will play at half time of the Clare Waterford championship game in Cusack Park with Zac getting to play at halftime of the Clare Limerick game. Best of luck also to **Heidi Cloete & Oisín Lovett** who will compete in the football trials.

Our **2nd Class** played a blitz a few weeks ago against Killaloe & Clonlara and our hurlers showed great heart and skill.

GDA Coach Liam O'Grady has finished his block of hurling coaching from Juniors-2nd classes but **Ms. McNamara & Ms. Boland** have taken up the mantle to keep the progress going.

Numbers getting morning practice at the ball wall and astro have increased hugely in the last few weeks. It's a lovely sight to see each morning and is the envy of so many other schools/clubs.

School Leagues for 1st-6th classes will start on the hurling pitch and school astro straight after the Easter holidays. School Leagues are played during big lunch so children in these classes should bring their hurleys and helmets to school each day.

The hurling club are running their annual **Easter Camp** again this year. This is a great way for new or reluctant children to get practice in a non-competitive and fun environment.

FAI Soccer Tournament

5th & 6th classes participated in the FAI 5-aside tournament in Tulla recently. All 4 teams played admirably but unfortunately we had none who qualified for the County Finals.

3rd & 4th Class Swimming

Swimming for 3rd/4th started a few weeks back with 3 remaining sessions after the Easter break. 5th/6th class still have one remaining make up session to complete in May.

Hope you all have a great, safe Easter break,
Aonghus O' Brien

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