



Broadford & Kilbane N.S.

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

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



June 2023

Note : Events

Staffing for 2023/24 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 2.83 Special Needs Assistant posts. Consequently, our staffing schedule will be as follows:

Junior Infants-Deirdre McDonnell (*replacement teacher for Deirdre's maternity leave to be confirmed in Sept...)

Senior Infants-Cara Garrahy

First & Second Class- *To be confirmed...

Third Class-* To be confirmed...

Fourth Class-Aonghus O' Brien

Fifth & Sixth Class-Kelly Anne Melican

ASD Class- *To be confirmed...

Special Education Teachers- Deirdre Troy & Carmel Kennedy (Job Sharing), Mairéad Howard, Eimear McNamara (shared with Bodyke NS) & Eadaoin Hogan (shared with Killaloe Boys NS).

Special Needs Assistants-Patsy Grogan & Marie Cooney (Job Sharing), Caroline O' Connell and 3rd post to be confirmed...

Secretary-Robina Hamilton Jones

Cleaner-Mary Casey

*Following interviews which will take place over the summer, appointments to the above positions will be made and parents will be notified.

Sixth Class

Our sixth class are ready for the big step up to secondary 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. **Amber Alaoui, Lily Duffy, Niamh Grace, Adam Gunning, Daniel Hickey, Dylan Kiniry, M.J. Madigan, Saraid McNamara, Róisín Micks, Niamh O'Connell, Emma O'Mahoney and Dylan Slattery** 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....!

Schoolbooks Grant & Booklists

As communicated in March, the school has received a grant from the Dept of Education to cover the cost of **ALL** books and copies. These items will be provided to parents free of charge and will be itemised on the booklist along with stationary that parents **must** purchase. Also documented will be items to be paid for like Arts & Crafts, Accelerated Reader, etc. Booklists will be issued shortly along with end of year Pupil Reports.

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.

School Closures and Opening

Please note the school will be closed for our Summer Holidays on **Friday 23rd of June at 12noon**. School will reopen on **Wednesday 30th of August at 9am**.

Colours 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 super local charity who have been a great support to many kids in our school over the years. Children should wear t-shirts, shorts, runners, etc. to coincide with 'Active Fortnight' which we are holding at the same time and which is detailed overleaf.

End of Year Assembly

On **Wednesday 21st of June**, we have our End of Year Assembly where we'll celebrate all the achievements of this school year. We'll graduate the 6th class children along with commemorating Polly Sandenburgh's career as she retires in June. Assembly starts at **11:15am** and parents, grandparents and family members are invited to attend.

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2023/2024 School Calendar

We return to school on **Wednesday 30th of August at 9am**. Our school will be closed during the next academic year on the dates detailed below.

- (Staff Meeting) **Monday 25th of September-School Closes at 12noon**
- (Mid-Term) **Monday 30th of October to Friday 3rd of November**
- (Christmas) **Closing on Friday 22nd of December at 12 noon and reopening on Monday 8th of January**
- (Staff Meeting) **Monday 22nd of January-School Closes at 12noon**
- (St. Brigid's Day) **Monday 5th February**
- (Mid-Term) **Thursday 15th & Friday 16th of February**
- (St. Patrick's Weekend) **Monday 18th of March**
- (Easter) **Closing on Friday 22nd of March at 12 noon and reopening on Monday 8th of April**
- (May Mid-Term) **Closed Friday 3rd and reopening on Wednesday 8th of May.**
- (Staff Meeting) **Monday 13th of May-School Closes at 12noon**
- (June Bank Holiday) **Friday 31st of May**
- (Summer) **Closing on Wednesday 26th of June 2024-School Closes at 12noon.**

July Programme

Our July Programme will take place again this year during the first 4 weeks of the summer holidays. Staff for the programme include **Sarah McKeogh, Jack O'Brien, Diarmuid O'Brien, Anne Marsh, Tara O'Brien, Laoise Roche and Aonghus O'Brien**. 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.

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 local bus inspector **Eddie Ryan** on 087 8225986.

Cead Míle Fáilte

A big welcome to 2 new students who joined our school in recent weeks. **Ava** and **Jack Hudson** have joined 4th and Senior Infants respectively and both are great additions to the school.

Field Trips

The children in 5th & 6th class completed the Crag Challenge which consisted of a cycle to Kilbane and climbing Crag mountain

before returning home to school the same way. We were really impressed with the resilience all children showed in completing the challenge. 3rd & 4th classes are also going to Knockshanvo Woods to see a wildlife pond that was installed recently by the foresters. The children will see other sites of importance on this fieldtrip before walking back to school.

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, to **Jack O'Brien** and **Bernie Torpey** for preparing the children and **Ger Cremins** who prepared the choir and provided music on the day. Big thanks to the children from 3rd-6th who sang wonderfully on the day and to the parents in 3rd class for preparing the reception in the hall. 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 St. Conaires and Scariff. They qualified for the semi-but lost out to a strong Whitegate team. 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

Well done to **Seán Óg Reddan, Fionn Boland** and **Alex Maher** who represented the school in the Primary School's Hurling Skills Competition on Friday 2nd of June in Clarecastle.

Primary Game

Congrats to **Adam Gunning** in 6th class on making the Clare Primary Game team. Adam will get to take on Limerick at half time of the Munster Final between Clare and Limerick. Go n-eirí leat Adam!!

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 (Thursday & Friday 15th & 16th of June) 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. Parents are invited to attend the Sports Day on Friday 16th to watch the races and league finals. More info will follow...

Junior Infant Blitz. Our teachers are organising mini hurling games for this class which will be played on Friday 16th.

Eoghan Gunning and **Ger Hickey** will present medals to the winning teams on Friday 16th at 1pm. We'd love as many parents as possible to turn up for this special event.

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

Thanks for a great year!!

Aonghus O'Brien

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