



Ballina Primary School - April 2024 Newsletter

School Tours:

School tours have been arranged for all classes as follows:

May 31 st	Juniors Infants- Stonehall Farm.
June 4 th	Rang 1 Turoe Pet Farm, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
June 4 th	Rang 2 UL “Adventure World Camp”.
June 4 th	Rang 3 Mary Immaculate College “Just 4 Fun Camp”.
June 12 th	Senior Infants Bunratty Folk Park
June 13 th	Rang 4 Mary Immaculate College “Just 4 Fun Camp”.
June 20 th	Rang 5 “Base Camp Adventure Park” Shanagolden.
June 6 th	Rang 6 Portlaoise Donaghmore Famine Workhouse and Roll and Bowl

Please inform class teachers immediately if your child is unable to go on the school tour as transport costs have to be confirmed. The Parents Association are sponsoring the cost of transport for each school tour, which reduces the cost significantly. A payment link has been sent to parents via Aladdin for payment of tours. Cash payments / instalments can be paid through the school office also.

May Bank Holiday Closure:

The school will close on Monday 6th of May for the May Bank Holiday.

School Planning Day Closure:

The school will close on Monday 13th of May to facilitate a staff training day for the new Maths Curriculum.

Local and European Elections:

The school will close on Friday 7th of June as it is to be used as a polling station for the local and European elections.

Confirmation:

Best wishes to the pupils in Rang 6 who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 26th of April at 11am. Well done to all the pupils for preparing so well for this special day. A sincere thanks to all the staff who helped with the ceremony especially Múinteoir Cáit, Múinteoir Claire, Múinteoir Eoin, Múinteoir Mary Donoghue and our secretary Fiona. Thanks to Fr. Tom Lanigan-Ryan also.

Hurling:

Well done to our Under 13 team who were victorious over Nenagh CBS on Friday 19th of April. Well done also to our Under 11 boys who took part in a blitz in Nenagh week. Thank you to Múinteoir Adrian and Múinteoir Michael for coaching the boys after school in preparation.

Green Schools News:

Congratulations to our Green Schools Committee on being awarded another Green Flag (Global Citizenship and Energy). Thank you to Múinteoir Maryclare for co-ordinating the Green Schools Committee and to all the teachers and pupils who helped to achieve this flag.

Science Curious Minds Awards:

As another exciting year of Curious Minds draws to a close, we would like to extend our gratitude to all the classes for their enthusiastic participation in science investigations. Your contributions have made this programme truly special. Our application for a gold award was submitted this week; your support in this endeavour is greatly appreciated. We will soon be sharing pictures of all the science investigations on the school website, so stay tuned to celebrate the accomplishments of our budding scientists!

Parents Association News:

Thank you to the Parents Association who recently organised a Clothes Drive to raise funds for the school. This was very successful with a huge amount of bags being dropped to the school. Many thanks to all who all those who donated.

Agreed Report from the Board of Management 24/04/24

- The school calendar 2024/25 has been ratified by the Board of Management.
- Congratulations to the Green Schools Committee on achieving another Green Flag for Global Citizenship and Energy. The Board of Management wish to thank them for their recent letter with suggestions on ways to make our school more energy efficient. The Board will work to implement these suggestions and hopes the committee will keep up the good work and look forward to more suggestions in the future.
- The Plean Scoile for Gaeilge was recently reviewed and ratified following in- school support for teachers from an Oide facilitator.
- The Board of Management appreciates the wide variety of work and initiatives currently being undertaken by staff and pupils in the school as noted in the Principal's report.