



Dear Parents/Guardians,

PRE-SCHOOL 2019 - we are delighted to announce **and guarantee** the opening of 'Bloomfield Pre-School' in September 2019. The pre-school will be situated in our school and is open to any child who is 3 years old on or by 1st September. The children shall be taught the full ECCE curriculum, including 'Aistear' and 'Síolta'. For further information, please call Paula on 087-6631288 or Caroline on 087-1231227 or email bloomfieldbaypreschool@gmail.com

Our 'Breakfast Club' and 'After School Club' shall also continue to run for the coming school year. Parents can contact Paula or Caroline to register for either service. The 'Breakfast Club' opens from 8.15am to 9.10am and the 'After School Club' runs from 2pm/3pm to 6pm daily.

We are now taking enrolments for all classes for September 2019. If you, or someone you know, has a child to enrol for this coming school year, please contact the office for an application form. This form is available from the school office. We shall be holding an 'Information Night' for **all** parents on **Wednesday 1st May** at 7.30pm. Any parent considering sending their child to our school in September 2019 is invited to attend. This is a **parent only** event.

I realise that the beginning of the next school year is still some months away, but for those of you planning a family holiday, school shall re-open, after the summer break, on **Monday 2nd September** at 9.20am for all children. Our full calendar shall be issued with our May Newsletter and will also be on the school website. The school office shall be open from 9am on Thursday 29th August.

Pancake Tuesday - the children enjoyed eating their pancakes in school. Huge thanks to our amazing parents who did a lot of hard work in organising this event and thank you to everyone who donated batter. There was a lovely community feeling in the school as we all tucked into warm pancakes with Nutella and syrup. Yum Yum ☺ We raised €225 which has been spent on 2 basketball hoops for the junior yard, one Bluetooth speaker and a subsidy towards tomorrow's 5th/6th Class History tour.

Stay Safe - all classes have completed their 'Stay Safe' programme. Our next main programme shall be RSE (relationships and sexuality education) which shall take place in May/June for all classes. Due to the sensitive nature of some of these lessons in the senior classes a letter shall issue after the Easter holidays to all parents/guardians. Further information can be found on <https://pdst.ie/node/811>.

School Tours 2019:

1. 1st - 6th Class

Date - Tuesday 11th June

Venue - WIT Arena Waterford

2. Junior/Senior Infants

Date - Thursday 6th June

Venue - Bricks for Kidz & Playzone Wexford

Easter Raffle: Our Parents Association are holding a raffle on 11th April to celebrate 'Easter'. Each family has received a raffle card and lines are €5 each. This will be the Parents Associations only

fundraiser this year. There shall be lots of prizes and details of these have been sent home already. This is completely voluntary, however, all cards must be returned to the school by 10th April.

Reminder that school shall close on **Tuesday 7th May** to facilitate whole staff training by DES in the new language programme.

Homework Club – is open to all children from 3rd to 6th. Homework Club runs Monday to Thursday from 3pm to 4pm. Cost €10 per child per week. If you would like to register your child for Homework Club, please contact the office.

Due to the way the Easter holidays fall this year, our next Newsletter shall not issue until Thursday 2nd May.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Maria Brophy
Principal

Dates / Upcoming Events:

- ✚ Easter Holidays - 15th to 26th April inclusive. **School shall close at 12pm for all children on Friday 12th April and re-opens on Monday 29th April at 9.20am.**
- ✚ 'Open Night' for new/prospective parents - Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm in the school.
- ✚ May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May. School closed.
- ✚ Oral Language Staff Training Day - Tuesday 7th May. School closed.
- ✚ DPRT - standardised English testing - Wednesday 15th May (1st to 6th Class)
- ✚ SIGMA-T standardised Maths testing - Wednesday 22nd May (1st to 6th Class)
- ✚ DPRT Gaeilge - standardised Irish testing - Wednesday 29th May (2nd to 6th Class)
- ✚ Staff Meeting - Wednesday 29th May school closes at 12.30pm for all children.
- ✚ First Holy Communion - Saturday 18th May at 11am
- ✚ June Bank Holiday weekend - May 30th and 31st to 3rd June inclusive. School closed on these days and re-opens on Tuesday 4th June.
- ✚ Summer holidays - Friday June 28th. School closes at 12pm for all children.

Parent Info Update

Athletics – all our children shall participate in a six week athletics programme, commencing 1st May. This programme is part of our PE Curriculum. The athletics programme shall be taught by a qualified fitness coach. Each class shall run for one hour weekly. The **cost per child is €6** for the entire programme.

Ms. Lawlor's Junior/Senior Infant Class Report

Our theme for March was spring and the farm. The children have been busy learning all about the different farm animals. They have also been learning about farm produce and our role play area has been transformed into a farm shop. In the farm shop the children are busy writing shopping lists and practising using their money when paying for items. They have to take turns at being the shopkeeper and they are doing this very nicely! We will continue on with this theme in for the first two weeks in April also.

In Science the children had a lot of fun making butter. They have been observing their daffodils and tulips growing outside. They also sowed potatoes, onions, strawberries and sunflowers! Our classroom tomatoes are coming on well too. We are learning about the farm in Irish too and the children are enjoying singing Old McDonald as Gaeilge!!

Ms. Ormonde's 1st/2nd Class Report

March has been a busy month, as always in 1st and 2nd Class. We have been looking at the theme of 'food and farming' this month and we have been having so much fun exploring this theme. We have been doing the incredible edibles programme and we have been looking at food and how some food is natural and other food is processed. We went to the local shop and looked for the 'Bord Bia' mark on the food to ensure we are buying Irish food. We then sowed our own seeds and will hopefully see them start to grow in the next few weeks.

In P.E. we had a mixture of activities in March. As it was Seachtain na Gaeilge, we did some Irish dancing in the hall which we really enjoyed. We have also been practising our basketball skills this month and the kids have been improving each week.

We have been reading our novel 'Mad Grandad' and have been really enjoying it. Most recently we wrote our own ending to the story before we read the final chapter and the kids wrote some amazing endings.

We are looking forward to welcoming a student teacher, Ms. Neasa Ní Laoghaire, to our classroom on the 1st of April for 4 weeks.

Ms. Pitt's 3rd/4th Class Report

This month we have been working with clay in art. Firstly we plan and sketch our idea based around a particular theme. One theme that we worked on was 'Spring'. We then used the clay to create a piece by using different shaping tools and rollers. We used matchsticks to support extra pieces of clay added on. Then the children painted the clay white and left it to dry before painting it the colour of their choice. Finally we coated it with PVA glue to seal and give it a shine.

In English this month we have been learning about persuasive writing. We read various persuasive writing pieces and have been practising writing persuasive letters. We will also be doing some debating and writing speeches. We have recently finished our novel 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading the novel and are looking forward to doing another novel after Easter. We also did some drama activities about the novel; the children wrote their own conversations in role as different characters and acted them out for the class.

Congratulations to Oisín O'Connor (4th Class) who won 3rd place in the U12 handwriting competition in the Community Games. Oisín will go onto the County Final stage of the games in Castlebridge this Saturday and we wish him the very best of luck. Well done Oisín ☺

Ms. Morrissey's 5th Class Report

March has been our quickest month yet! We have been feeling very patriotic the past few weeks between St Patricks Day celebrations and learning about the 1798 Rebellion and the Battle of Vinegar Hill.

In Maths the children were investigating and learning a lot about the circle, area percentages. Keep up the good work everyone. The kids have been working very hard with their Irish this month

especially having learned how hard Irish people fought for this in our history. We learned the song 'Ireland's Call' which is sung at many important Irish rugby sporting events.

In Art, children had been learning how to draw Celtic knots, known as triquetras. These were quite challenging but the children did a super job on them! In History we are very much looking forward to our tour on Friday about the 1798 rebellion and Battle of Vinegar Hill which the children have been learning about in history the last few weeks!

Mrs. Brophy's 6th Class Report

This month was very busy in 6th Class. We finished reading our novel 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' and watched the movie also. We are currently study different types of poetry. To date we've looked at 'Limericks', 'Haiku', 'Kennings' and now 'Narrative/Ballad' in the form of 'The Lady of Shalot'. The children have written their own poetry also and published them for others to read.

In Maths we have been studying algebra, positive and negative numbers and equations. The children have been getting used to new terminology and rules e.g. minus x minus = plus or plus x minus = minus. In History we've been studying our local area and places of significant interest. Tomorrow we are going on a tour of Enniscorthy Castle, the 1798 Centre and Vinegar Hill which will bring this topic to a close.

The children have made several models (construction in art) of their place of choice in Wexford. We have Hook Head, Enniscorthy Castle and Vinegar Hill amongst the pieces of work. The children used materials such as cardboard, plastic and cloth materials to construct their object. They researched their building thoroughly prior to beginning the work. Pictures of these can be seen on our Face Book page.

Sa gaeilge, bhíomar ag foghlaim trí an téama 'Teilifís'. Tá na páistí ag eirí lena chuid léitheoireach ós ard agus lena chuid cómhra. Tá siad ag baint triail as an teanga agus ag obair go díon sa rang. Tá seacht dánta ar eolas acu freisin.

In SPHE we have completed our 'Stay Safe' programme and are currently looking at the UN Children's Rights charter. Finally, in science we have looked at local native birds and animals and the children wrote about them and illustrated beautiful pictures of same.

GAA Rackard League

Rackard League Camogie

Our first match which was to be played against Rosslare had to be cancelled due to bad weather. This was then rescheduled to be played on Thursday March 28th. The girls played their first Rackard League match at home against Kilmore. Kilmore were a strong team and won with a score of 5-1 to 1-1. All of the girls battled hard, well done to some of the 4th class girls who played their first Rackard League Camogie match. We will let you know about any training and matches. Please remember to practise at home and come to Hurling 365 as much as possible. Best of luck in your upcoming matches!

Rackard League Hurling and Futsal

There has been a lot of sport outings also with the Rackard League well and truly underway. The boys lost the first game against Taghmon Camross in a very close game and got their first victory on

Tuesday against a very competitive Our Lady's Island. The boys also had a great day out last week for the 5 aside soccer tournament in Ferrycarrig Park. The boys had some great wins but did not qualify at the end of the day. Great work all round ☺

Spirituality and Personal Development

A Message from Fr. Finn

Easter is the highlight of the church's celebration. It is the foundation and the summit of our whole Christian belief. Christ rose from the dead. It is this significant factor that makes Christ totally different from all religious leaders, gurus and founders of different religious organisations.

The empty tomb is both symbolic and real. It stirred the apostles' imagination. It confused the Greeks and made the Romans suspicious.

There is enduring evidence (written letters, communications) from the Roman world, from local soldiers to the Senate in Rome that Christ rose from the dead. The Romans put this evidence across in a way that showed the culture of the Emperor being threatened. They claimed the Emperor was a God.

The Jesus Resurrection persisted and within 300 years had transformed the Roman Empire. So much so that Christianity became the official religion of the Empire. We teach the children the importance of Easter. So the celebrations of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and Easter Saturday night are very important for the children to attend.

Easter Ceremonies Ballymurn

The Lord's Supper

Thursday 18th April, 8.15pm

Good Friday

Friday 19th April, 2.30pm

Holy Saturday

Saturday 20th April - Easter Vigil 9pm.

Easter Sunday

Sunday 21st April - Mass 10am

SUPERVISION - Your Child's Safety on School Premises

Monday to Friday -----9.10am to 3.10pm

Infants (Junior & Senior) ----- 9.10am to 2.00pm

Outside of these times there is no supervision for children on the school premises.