<u> BALLÝMURN NEWS – 25TH MAY 2023</u>



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter- We try to ensure that all up to date information relating to school events is included here each month, and if we can keep a good readership base, it enables us to give parents a one stop view of what is happening in our school.

Homework

Written homework will cease for the rest of the year from this Friday, we would encourage the children to get outside in the lovely weather and enjoy it!

Sports Day

Our school Sports Day will take place on Tuesday, June 15th. (Weather permitting) Our Parents' Association will host a barbecue on the day and we look forward to welcoming our incoming Junior Infants and their families on the day. Further details will issue closer to the date such as BBQ prices and what each child will need to bring with them.

Easter Raffle

Our Parents' Association would like to extend their thanks to all who supported their recent Easter raffle. A total of \notin 1490.50 was raised, and the P.A have thereafter been in a position to donate \notin 500 towards our school tours, which will help to offset the cost of buses.

Standardised Testing

Our pupils completed their standardised tests over the past few weeks. The results will issue in the children's school reports in June. If you have any concerns regarding your child's score, please contact the school to discuss it with their teacher, but always remember to never draw your child's attention too much to these tests, as their main function is to provide data to the Department, and help school staff to prepare for teaching, unlike regular class tests where children are more aware of their performance. No child needs to be told that they have scored below average/average/ above average for their age.

Sacraments

2nd Class pupils received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 13th. This was a fabulous occasion that was greatly enjoyed by the candidates, their families and our school community. The school choir performed and it was wonderful to have so many pupils join the choir this year. We extend a huge thanks to Fr. Finn Ms. Boggan, Ms. Lawlor, Monica, Ms. Sheehan, and Rachel all other members of staff who worked so hard to make these two occasions so special for the children.



Enrolment for School Year 2023/2024

The official enrolment process has now concluded for September 2023, but we accept enrolments all the time. If you are, or somebody you know is, interested in a place for your child in our school, please contact the office on 053-9138435 or by email at <u>office@ballymurnns.ie</u> for more information.

I thank you all for taking the time to read our newsletter. Is mise le meas, Chloe Ormonde Acting Principal

Dates/Upcoming Events

- Inservice training for staff: Thursday June 1st School closed to pupils on this day
- June Bank Holiday: School closed from Friday 2nd Tuesday 6th June inclusive
- School Tour Dates: Crescent Class, Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class, Thursday, June 8th 2nd/3rd Class: Tuesday 13th June 4th/5th/6th Class: Tuesday 20th June
- Active Schools Week: 12th 16th June
- Sports Day, Thursday June 15th: Weather permitting
- End of Year School Mass: Thursday June 22nd at 10am
- 6th Class Graduation: Thursday, June 22nd at 7pm
- Summer Holidays: School closes at 12.15pm on Tuesday, June 27th

