



New Primary School Curriculum

A new primary school curriculum was launched in recent weeks which will be fully in place for the 2025/26 school year. Teachers will be completing CPD on this over the next number of years, just as they have been doing in recent years for the Primary Language Curriculum. School will be closed to pupils on Thursday, June 1st for teachers to attend a half day introduction to the new curriculum, and another half day of Primary Language Curriculum training.

Rackard League

The boys have made a really good start in their Rackard League campaign, with a draw against Oylegate-Glenbrien in the first round, and a comprehensive win against Kilmore last week. The wet weather has played havoc with fixtures, so their final group game against Our Lady's Island will now take place soon after the Easter break, when the boys will hope to qualify for a district final. Unfortunately, although we had a mini 7s camogie team, there weren't enough players to field a full Rackard League camogie team this year between ourselves and Crossabeg school.

Hurling 365

Hurling 365 continues each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Tuesday morning's session is for Senior Infants to 2nd class, and Thursday morning's session is for 3rd-6th class. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer to make this happen. If any other parent could help out, as volunteer numbers are quite low, please contact Leanna for further information.

Mini-7s

Our camogie and hurling Mini-7s teams took part in their respective competitions at the start of the month in Ballymurn pitch. The girls enjoyed taking on Monageer and Raheen and the boys were very unlucky not to get through to the next round after tough games drawing against Glynn and beating Oulart.

First Confession

Well done to the children from 2nd Class who made their First Confession in the church on Tuesday. They have been working so hard learning the prayers for their First Confession and did so well on the day. They look forward to preparing for the First Holy Communion in the weeks after Easter.

County Wexford Primary School Sports

We have entered the Co. Wexford Primary School Sports this year, which takes place on May 17th, in Enniscorthy on May 17th. This is an Athletics competition for primary school children, and we will have heats after Easter, to determine which children qualify to represent our school at these games.

Primary School Book Grant

A letter has issued via email to all parents relating to the new school book scheme launched by the government to provide free schoolbooks and copybooks for pupils each year. Please read this letter for full details on this new scheme.

School Tours

School tours take place in June. Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class and The Crescent Class are going to Woodfield House, Oylegate, on Thursday, June 8th. 2nd and 3rd Class are going to Pirate's Cove on Tuesday, June 13th and 4th-6th Class are going to Castlecomer Discovery Park on Tuesday, June 20th. Letters will issue after the Easter break containing payment details.

Absences -Leanna has sent a text to all families containing the link for our back to school form, which must be filled in each time your child returns following an absence from school. This link is also available on our website, ballymurnns.ie, under the " tab.

As always, we must remind parents that we are obliged by law to report instances where children have been absent for a cumulative total of twenty days or more during the school year to Tusla.

Garda Vetting - It is a legal requirement that any parents who wish to be involved in school activities e.g. Rackard League, Hurling 365 etc., must be Garda vetted through the school. Rackard League games will commence in March, so it is especially important that parents of this age group ensure that their vetting is up to date. We realise that many parents are already Garda vetted through the G.A.A and other organisations, but unfortunately, everybody still needs to go through the school vetting process. If you would like to become involved and have not been vetted previously, please contact the school office for a form. This also applies if you are giving a lift to another child to matches

Morning Supervision- School gates do not open until 9.10am, and no pupils should be on the premises before this. Morning supervision is outdoors, and on wet days, children must wait in the shelter until school opens at 9.20am.

Healthy Eating - Reminder that the school operates a 'healthy eating policy'. Children are allowed a small treat each Friday and we thank parents for their support in implementing this policy. This is available on our website 'www.ballymurnns.ie'

Parking- Please remember to park with care on the street outside the school. Do not double park or block access to staff cars. The car park spaces provided are for staff use and the school bus only. We also ask that people please do not park directly opposite the school, as our bus for pupils with Special Educational Needs parks there. Please do not park in these spaces when dropping off or collecting your child from school. Please be conscious of how/where you park, taking the children's safety into account at all times.

Child Protection - A reminder that our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been updated. should you have a Child Protection concern in relation to any child in our school, you should immediately contact the Designated Liaison Person(DLP), who is now Ms. Ormonde, or in her absence the Deputy DLP, Ms. Sheehan.

Communication - Parents are reminded that if you have a concern/issue which you would like to raise with the school; you must make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher, through the school office.

Grievances- If any parent/guardian has a grievance they would like to raise with the school, please follow the procedures as laid out in our 'Communication Policy'. This policy is available to read on our website 'www.ballymurnns.ie'

In all cases we endeavour to deal with issues raised as promptly and fairly as possible. We will do our best to resolve any and every situation as far as is practicable.

Mega Easter Raffle

Our PA's Easter Raffle will take place in school tomorrow. All tickets must be returned to the school by 11am tomorrow morning. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a prize.



Handy Candy



Hello parents we just want to let you know about our business Handy Candy and that 5th & 6th Class will be selling 50 cent treat bags every Friday for four weeks after the Easter break.

Instead of your child bringing a Friday treat into school you can give them 50 cent to buy one at break time.

From Luke & Callum at the Handy Candy Communications Team

Dates / Upcoming Events:

- Easter Holidays: School closes on Friday, March 31st at 12.15pm and reopens on Monday, April 17th at 9.20am
- May Bank Holiday: Monday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 2nd: School closed
- First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 13th at 11am
- Standardised Testing: Tuesday, May 9th English (1st-6th Class)
Tuesday, May 16th Maths (1st-6th Class)
Thursday, May 18th Gaeilge (2nd-6th Class)
- In-service 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 & Senior Infants, 1st Class: Thursday, June 8th
2nd/3rd Class: Tuesday, 13th June
4th/5th/6th Class: Tuesday, 20th June
- Sports Day, Thursday June 15th: Weather permitting
- 6th Class Graduation: Thursday, June 22nd at 7pm
- Summer holidays: School closes at 12:15pm on Tuesday, June 27th

You can find our 2023/2024 school year calendar on our website or by clicking on this link
<http://www.ballymurnns.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Calendar-2023-2024.pdf>