

## Reminder: Ballymurn 5k Fun Run

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Ballymurn 5k fun run will now take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May with the race starting at 6.30pm. If you had already registered for the original date you don't need to do anything further but if you still have to register please do so by clicking on this link <https://www.popupraces.ie/race/ballymurn-5k-fun-run-walk-2024/>



## Child Protection

As you were informed via email, our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was updated last week at our Board of Management meeting. Should you have a Child Protection concern in relation to any child in our school, you should immediately contact the Designated Liaison Person (DLP), Ms. O' Gorman, or in her absence the Deputy DLP, Ms. Ormonde.

## 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. We have now secured the hall for wet/icy mornings so hurling 365 can go ahead in any weather. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer to make this happen, and to Leanna for coordinating it all. If any other parent could help out, as volunteer numbers are quite low, please contact Leanna for further information.

## Suitable Shoes

We would like to remind parents that children must wear shoes with a velcro strap until such time as they can tie their shoe laces independently.

## Standardised Testing Dates

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May English 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May Gaeilge 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May Maths 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class

We ask that you make every effort for your child to be in school on the days of their tests.

## World Book Day

We had a fantastic day for our World Book Day celebrations on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A huge well done to all pupils for their amazing hat creations.



## Attendance

Well done to Ms. Ormonde's class who had the best attendance in school for the month of January with attendance of 99%. Each month we will celebrate the achievements of the class who has the highest attendance rate at school. There is a huge national drive to increase school attendance, as rates have really declined over the past few years. We have seen the same happen in our school and urge all families to ensure that children are in school every day, except in the case of illness, or an urgent family reason.

## First Confession

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils made their First Confession with Fr. Finn in the church on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. They are really looking forward to their First Holy Communion Day on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Parents Association Easter Raffle

Reminder that the Easter Raffle will take place in School tomorrow morning so please ensure all lines sold have been returned to the office before 10am tomorrow. There are some lovely prizes available and we wish the PA every success with their fundraiser.

## Rackard League

Due to the inclement weather conditions this week, the boys Rackard League campaign has been delayed until after Easter. They are due to play Oylegate/Glenbrien and Taghmon-Camross in the group stages after the break.

We have also entered a girls camogie team into the Rackard League, as it is the first time in a couple of years that we have had sufficient numbers to do so. This will also commence after the Easter break.

## Hot School Lunches

A reminder that hot school lunches will be given to all pupils daily from Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. A reminder to all parents to ensure to login and order your children's lunches. Log in details went home with the pupils last week, if they get miss laid you must contact Fresh Today directly to retrieve them. Pupils will be issued with lunchboxes by Fresh Today, which will be used to take home their empty cartons and leftovers each day. This lunchbox must be clean and back in their school bag each day.

Because children will be getting a full dinner at lunchtime, a quick snack should now suffice for small break and please ensure they bring plenty to drink each day.

**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](http://ballymurnns.ie), under the "Useful Information" tab. <https://forms.gle/zeR2ZT9b9BnrScsr5> 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.

## Enrolment

Our enrolment process for September 2024 has now concluded but we are still taking enrolments for our mainstream classes.

**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](http://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.

**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.

## Dates / Upcoming Events:

### March

- Easter Holidays: School closes on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.15pm and reopens on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.20am

### April

- 9<sup>th</sup> April - FAI 5 Aside Tournament
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April - Autism Awareness Week
- 17<sup>th</sup> April - Living Arts trip to Wexford 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes
- 27<sup>th</sup> April - First Holy Communion 11am
- 29<sup>th</sup> April - Confirmation Retreat

## Community Notices

### **Lá na gClub**

Crossabeg Ballymurn GAA Club, Ladies Gaelic Football Club and Camogie club will all come together to celebrate Lá na gClub on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am until 1pm in Ballymurn GAA Pitch. The entire community is encouraged to attend what promises to be an action filled two hours. Please keep an eye on their social media accounts for further details. The children will have received a colouring competition page today in school which they are welcome to complete.



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