

## Ballymurn 5k Fun Run

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Ballymurn 5k fun run took place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and what a fantastic event it was! A big thank you must go to Bobby & Mag Redmond who organise the event each year and also to our PA who organised a fantastic BBQ in the school yard afterwards. A massive thank you to Michael and Mairead Cummins who sponsored all the food for the BBQ.

In School last week we had our presentation to our pupil winners which were as follow:

Junior Infants:	Oscar Parle
Senior Infants:	Aine Redmond & Luka Ormonde
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Zara O'Connor & Shane Carty
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Alex King & John Whelan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Saoirse Redmond & Charlie Healy
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Amelia Doyle & Mikey Cummins
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Roisín Farrell & Dean Murphy
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Lily Copeland, Jessica Quirke & Luke Healy

First Boy	John Whelan	First Girl	Amelia Doyle
First Father	Greg Wade	First Mother	Michelle Connelly



## Uniform

A reminder for summer term that children should still wear their school uniform properly. Although adherence to uniform is very good, there are a number of points that we wish to remind you of.

- -Plain navy shorts are allowed instead of tracksuit bottoms, but they must be of an appropriate length for school.
- -Leggings are not allowed.
- -Long hair should be tied back.
- -The only jewellery allowed is a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Hoops or longer earrings should not be worn, as they are not safe for yard or P.E time.
- Appropriate footwear should be worn to school no sandals, crocs or open toe shoes allowed.

Full uniform details are available for review on our Code of Behaviour on the school website.

## 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Class Hurling Blitz

On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class and Ms. Sutton travelled to Wexford Park to participate in a hurling blitz. They had a fabulous time and had very comprehensive wins in all of their games.



## Sports Day

Sports Day takes place on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We are thankful to our Parents' Association, who are holding a barbecue on the day again this year. We are changing the format of Sports Day this year. Classes will take part in group based activities for the morning, and we invite families to join us for the bbq and some races from 11.30am onwards.

## GAA

A big thank you to Crossabeg Ballymurn GAA for supplying us with our very own GPO (Games Promotion Officer) for the year. The children really enjoyed all the GAA coaching sessions with Tracey every Thursday. This has now concluded for the year.



## First Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Class received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Ceremony was lovely and all the boys and girls looked fantastic. We extend our thanks to Fr Finn for all the hard work and preparation and also to the children's teachers and SNA's Ms Sutton, Ms Ormonde, Rachel, Ciara, Monica, Getta and Shauna.

### First Holy Communion Candidates 2024

James Sunderland, Evie Jacob, Alex King, Penny Parle, Jack Carroll, Ruairí Lafferty, Connor Thompson, Joshua O'Brien, John Whelan, Finn Roche, Lochlan Roche, Cillian Doyle, Gemma Quirke and Grace Connelly.



### **Confirmation**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. They recently attended a retreat day in Ballyvaloo in preparation for this.

### **Active Schools Week**

Our Active Schools Week will take place from Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> -Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Sports Day, Splash Day and many other activities are currently being planned by our staff for this week.

### **School Reports**

School reports will be sent home in sealed envelopes with pupils on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Wellbeing Day**

As part of our implementation of the Wellbeing Policy Framework, we had a whole school wellbeing day on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The staff really pulled out all the stops to make this a fabulous day for all pupils. They got the opportunity to spend the entire day engaging in nice activities, such as Meditation, Art, Music, Dance, Gymnastics, Lego, Karaoke, Board Games and card Games. We had a surprise visit from the ice-cream van, and the afternoon was spent watching movies in class.

### **Graduation**

6<sup>th</sup> Class graduation takes place on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. A ceremony for the pupils and their parents will take place in Ballymurn Church, followed by refreshments in the school.

### **Arts & Crafts, Photocopying & Printing Fee**

A letter was emailed to all parents last week with the details of an Arts & Crafts, Photocopying & Printing fee that will be due to be paid for all pupils for the 2024/2025 school year. The cost per child is €30 and the fee is due to be paid to the office on or before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### **Thank you to the Parents' Association**

We extend our thanks to the Parents' Association for all of their recent help, providing refreshments to the parents of our incoming Junior Infants on their open evening, and hosting the barbecue after the 5k. They are also running a barbecue on Sports Day and providing refreshments after the 6<sup>th</sup> Class graduation. This support is invaluable to our school and we thank those involved, and hope that more parents will become involved next year.

### **Primary School Sports: Athletics**

The annual Wexford Primary School Sports took place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Enniscorthy Sports Hub for pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> class upwards. A number of our pupils took part on the day with many of them reaching the final and semi-final stages. Well done to all the pupils who took part and thank you to Ms Sutton and Tracey Lafferty who were the school officials on the day.

### **Attendance**

A reminder to all about the importance of school attendance. We really want to see all pupils in school every day, unless they are unwell. Each month, the class with the highest attendance receives a prize. For the month of April Ms Lalwor's Senior Infant class had the highest rate of attendance at 98.5%.

### **Rackard League**

Our boys Rackard League team have qualified for the Roinn D round 3 stage and will come up against Kennedy Park NS. Further details will be texted out to parents when the match has been confirmed.

**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](https://forms.gle/zeR2ZT9b9BnrScsr5), 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. Please ensure the by the end of the school year there are no unexplained absences remaining on the system for your child, if you are unsure please check with Leanna in the office.

### **Enrolment**

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

**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.

**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:

### May

- 31<sup>st</sup> May - Senior Tour Clara Lara

### June

- 7<sup>th</sup> June - Confirmation 11am
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Fire Safety Talk with 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class
- 11<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour Woodfield House, Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Crescent Class
- 12<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Carlow IT
- 18<sup>th</sup> June - Tuesday Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - Freshtoday Nutrition and Fitness workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class
- 24<sup>th</sup> June - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation 7pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> June - School Closes at 12.15pm for Summer Holidays