

Ballymurn 5k Fun Run

Our annual Ballymurn 5k fun run will now take place on Sunday 18th May with the race starting at 12.00noon. All registration will take place in the hall from 10.30am that morning. Please note we don't have a card machine so it will be cash only. There is no set cost and a donation of your choice is much appreciated.



Child Protection

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. 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.

Standardised Testing Dates

- Tuesday 13th May English 1st to 6th Class
- Thursday 15th May Gaeilge 2nd - 6th Class
- Tuesday 20th May Maths 1st - 6th 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 7th. A huge well done to all pupils for their amazing book cover creations.



Attendance

Well done to Ms. O'Gorman's class who had the best attendance in school for the month of January. The month of February saw Ms Sheehan's class take the honour. 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.

Jazzy Jewellery

6th Class have been working very hard on making bracelets for Jazzy Jewellery. We also do necklaces and anklets. The cost for our bracelets is €3, necklaces are €4 and anklets are €3.50. We are taking orders on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Stay Jazzy



First Confession

Our 2nd class pupils made their First Confession with Fr. Finn in the church on Thursday, March 6th. They are really looking forward to their First Holy Communion Day on Saturday, May 10th.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Last week the school was alive with the spirit of Seachtain na Gaeilge as students and staff embraced the Irish language and culture with great enthusiasm. Each day began with Seanfhocal an Lae, where pupils explored traditional Irish proverbs, learning their meanings and how to use them in everyday conversation.

Laughter and excitement filled the halls during the whole-school fun quiz, where teams worked together to answer questions 'as Gaeilge'. Students showed off their dance moves during a lively Céilí, where they enjoyed traditional Irish music and dancing with Ms Ormonde. Gaeilgoir an Lae was awarded daily to those making a special effort to speak Irish, encouraging everyone to use their cúpla focal throughout the week.

The celebrations finished with a fantastic whole-school assembly, where every class gave a special performance. The highlight of the event was the entire school coming together to sing 'Mac go Deo', and dance to 'Mo Dreoilín'.

It was a fantastic week of fun, learning, and Irish pride, with every student and teacher making a tremendous effort to celebrate our language and culture.

Parents Association Easter Raffle

The Parents Association will again this year run their annual fundraising Easter Raffle. Further details and raffle lines will go home with the children early next week and the Raffle will take place on Friday 11th April.

Pancake Tuesday

On Pancake Tuesday our Student Council ran their annual fundraiser with the help of our PA and served pancakes to all the pupils and staff. It was a great success and they raised over €200. A big thank you to the members of the PA for their help on the day and thank you to all the parents who sent in delicious toppings.



Hurling 365 FreshToday Skills Competition

A huge well done to Robbie who came 3rd in the Fresh Today/Hurling 365 skills competition county final in Wexford Park last month. What an amazing achievement. Well done also to Charlie, who received the most improved player award. Thanks to everybody who made the trip to Wexford on the night to support the boys, and those who volunteer weekly to make Hurling 365 available to our pupils.



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.

Enrolment

Our enrolment process for September 2025 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.

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.

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'

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:

Dates for your Diary

- March 31st - April 4th - Autism Appreciation & Acceptance week
- March 31st - Mini 7's 1st Round 1 - boys & girls
- April 1st - FAI Primary 5Aside Boys
- April 8th - FAI Primary 5Aside Girls
- April 11th - School will finish at 12.15pm for all pupils for Easter break
- April 28th - School reopens for all pupils at 9.20am
- May 5th - School Closed - May Bank Holiday
- May 10th - First Holy Communion 11am
- May 18th - Ballymurn 5K 12noon
- May 29th, 30th & June 1st - School closed on these dates

Community Notices

