

FAI 5-aside blitz

The boys and girls recently took part in the FAI 5-aside soccer tournament in Shamrock Rovers, Enniscorthy. All pupils represented themselves and the school really well and were unlucky not to qualify for the knockout stages.

Choir

Many thanks to Mrs O' Toole and Mr. Murphy who are working hard to prepare the children for singing at First Communion and Confirmation in May. They sound beautiful.

Attendance

We are always trying to promote good attendance. It is vital for children's social and academic development. We also ask that as much as is possible, children remain in school for the duration of the school day. Please contact a teacher if there are any issues in relation to this.

Food Dudes

Food Dudes will provide fruit and vegetables to all pupils to encourage healthy eating from 19th-25th May.

Bí Cineálta

Bí Cineálta meaning 'Be Kind', is the new approach to prevent and address bullying behaviour in schools. We must take a half day for all staff to meet and prepare for the implementation of these procedures from September 2025. Our school will meet on May 16th. Therefore, children will go home at 12 midday on this day.

School website

Our school website is up and running! Please log on to <https://www.ballaghkeenens.ie> to keep up to date with school events. Newsletters are available there also.

Important Dates

- Half day: 12 midday finish 11th April
- Easter holidays 14th April -25th April inclusive
- May Bank Holiday 5th May
- First Holy Communion 3rd May @11am
- Confirmation 10th May @ 11am.
- Bí Cineálta training for staff 16th May - pupils go home at 12 midday
- Mid term break 2nd-6th June

Active school

The whole school is busy taking part in a Skip Around Europe Challenge at present. Each class is taking a 10 minute skipping break and each skip = 1km. All classes are keeping track of which countries they are able to reach around Europe with their skip totals each day.

Gaeilge

Bíonn na páistí ag obair obair go dian gach lá, ag caint as Gaeilge. Bí ag caint leo agus tabhairt spreagadh dóibh Gaeilge a labhairt chomh minic agus is féidir. Ná dean dearmad, tír gan teanga, tír gan anam!



Hurling 365

Hurling 365 resumed on Wednesday 9th April for all classes. There was a great turnout, with over 30 pupils attending. Please encourage your children to come along for some fun and exercise. Please contact Keira on 087 3819879 if you would like to get involved as a coach or volunteer

Show Jumping

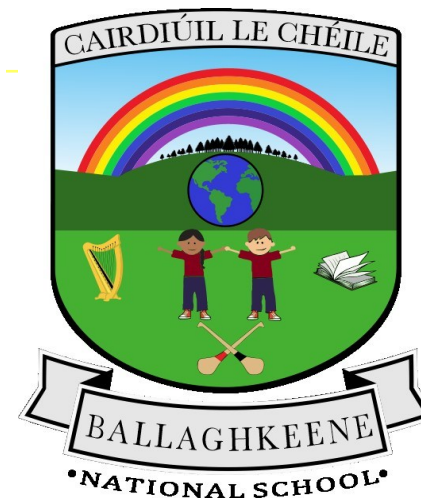
Molly and Sadie greatly improved throughout the schools show jumping season. Both competed in the show jumping final on St. Patrick's day. Well done girls and thanks for representing our school.



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Green Schools

Thank you to all the children and staff who have helped out with our school garden. We were recently awarded €200 by An Taisce for winning the 'Big Travel Challenge' in Co. Wexford. The committee were treated to ice cream to reward their hard work. We have applied for our sixth flag and hope to receive a response soon

New Staff

We were recently given approval to appoint another SNA to our school.. We would like to congratulate Jesamine Mc Donald who has been awarded a full time SNA position.

First Confession

Well done to 2nd class pupils on making their First Confession on Wednesday 5th March. Thank you to Ms. L. Sinnott for her work preparing the pupils and to Fr. Doyle for officiating the ceremony

After school clubs

Well done to all the pupils who took part in tin whistle club, under the guidance of Mr. Murphy and Ms. Stanley
The next after school club will be Board Games Club.
Homework club continues on Tuesdays and Thursday for pupils in 3rd-6th classes.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics with 'Gymstars' in the boxing club ran for 5 weeks and was a great success. We hope to run it again next year.

Seomra Fiadh

The official opening of Seomra Fiadh took place on Friday 4th April. Many thanks to all who helped preparing the facility and to those who provided equipment and resources. We look forward to using this outdoor classroom for many years to come.



Special Days

April is autism awareness month. We are participating in lots of activities to gain awareness of Autism and help us understand what school life is like for the six boys in Seomra Síolóige. These activities include, art work, classroom visits, reading books, watching videos and documentaries and lots more.
We would like to take the opportunity to appreciate the significant progress that our autistic pupils in Seomra Síolóige have made since September. Well done to the boys who are successfully integrating more and more into mainstream classes during the school day and for breaks. Thank you to all pupils from 5th&6th class who take turns to integrate into Seomra Síolóige. Our school is growing and becoming more diverse. We couldn't be prouder of our pupils. They are undoubtedly making the world a better and kinder place.

Rackard League Camogie

Our Rackard League Camogie girls competed in the Roinn C District Final recently where they had a super victory over Bree N.S. The girls then moved onto the Roinn B quarter final where they beat Marshalstown. The girls now have a Roinn B semi final to look forward to after the Easter Break. Well Done Girls. The boys are through to the quarter final of the Roinn A competition where they will face Blackwater. Go n-éirí libh a bhuachaillí!



Mini 7s

Our mini 7s camogie girls were out on Monday 31st March in Oulart. They played two games on the day against Ballycanew and Kilmuckridge. They won one game and lost the second which was unfortunately not enough to move onto the next round but the girls played really well and made themselves and the school proud. The boys mini 7s hurling team took part in the group stages of the competition in Ferns recently. The team performed very well and were very unlucky, narrowly losing out to both Ferns and Monageer

Rising Stars

The boys Rising Stars competition will continue after the Easter break.