

## Scór na bPáistí

Well done to our pupils who participated in the Scór na bPáistí competition. Many thanks to Ms. O Toole, Ms K. Doyle and Mr. Murphy for preparing the children.

A special congratulations to the sketch group who made it to the finals in Wexford Opera House! Their talent and effort was well rewarded and they were crowned champions within their category! We are delighted for you all and are so appreciative of the time and effort invested by Ms. O' Toole! Comhairdegeas Mór!!



The winning Scór na bPáistí Sketch Group with Ms O'Toole.

## CLOSURES

### Important Dates

School closed (mid-term break) 19th & 20th February

First Confession 4th March @ 7pm  
School photos 4th March

World Book Day 5th March

Lá Glas 13th March

School closed 16th & 17th March

Half day Friday 27th March @ 12 O'clock  
Easter holidays 30th March - 11th April inclusive



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### Parents' Association

6th class have received their graduation half-zips and are wearing them daily to school. Many thanks to the PA for organising these. They have turned out really well.

The PA have also organised for a photographer to come to the school to take photos on 4th March.

### Change of Staff

Many thanks to Eilish Foley Fortune for her work as a bus escort. Eileen Codd has taken over this role and we wish her all the best.

We would also like to express our thanks to Lorna O' Gorman who has been working as an SNA with us since September. She is leaving us to take on a permanent position and we wish her continued success. Yvonne Redmond will be taking over her position here. We look forward to working together.

### Yes to Languages

Chantal Ytier will be teaching Spanish to 5th and 6th class over the next 10 weeks. This is being completed through the 'Yes to Languages' initiative. We hope the children enjoy it and gain some new knowledge of the Spanish language and culture.

### World Book Day

This will take place on 5th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a story. As World Book Day coincides with Seachtain na Gaeilge, children are being asked to bring in an Irish book on that day also.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

This will take place from 1st- 17th March. Children will be completing additional activities to use cúpla focail everyday. We will hold a Lá Glas on Friday 13th March. Children can wear green to school on that day, if they wish.

### Maths equipment

With the introduction of the new maths curriculum, our school needed to acquire some new maths equipment and resources. These will be very useful in promoting hands-on learning. These purchases were made using funds from the PA and our sponsored walk last June. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

### Attendance & Punctuality

We wish to embed good attendance and punctuality. We appreciate your cooperation. Yard supervision begins at 8:50 am. Before that time, children are not supervised. School begins at 9am. Please do not collect children early unless an urgent/unavoidable circumstance arises.

Please use the 'Attendance Notes' tab on Aladdin. This can be used to communicate absences, late arrivals and early collections. Children who arrive late/leave early need to have their parent/guardian sign the office record book.

Please contact your child's class teacher if any issues arise so that they can be addressed promptly.

### Easter Camp

Easter Camp will take place in school for the third consecutive year from Monday 30th- Thursday 2nd April. A limited number of spaces remain. If you are interested in your child attending please email [aine.wright@ballaghkeenens.ie](mailto:aine.wright@ballaghkeenens.ie).

### Rackard league

Boys and girls Rackard league competitions will start the week beginning Monday 3rd March. Training for boys will take place on Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th February after school. Our first game will take place in Oulart vs Craanford the week beginning 2nd March Time TBA. Rackard league camogie competition will also start in March. More information to follow.

### Gymnastics:

Children have begun gymnastic lessons under the guidance of instructors from 'Gymstars' club.

### Wellbeing Committee

The Wellbeing Committee are continuing to run Wellbeing Wednesday on the last Wednesday of every month. Wellbeing week will take place from the 8th to the 12th of June.

### Green Schools Committee

We carried out a successful used battery collection after Christmas. We are looking for volunteers to help us with our school garden. Please contact Ms. D. Doyle or Ms. Hanrahan if you wish to help out.

### Special Persons Day

Junior Infants and 6th class pupils welcomed their Special Persons to school on Wednesday 18th February (today). Thank you to everyone who could attend.

### RSE

Each class will be completing the relevant Relationships and Sexuality Education programme from 3rd March for 9 weeks. Further information can be found online under 'RSE in the Primary School Tips for Parents'.

### Equestrian

Best of luck to our interschools' equestrian team, Molly O'Keeffe, Ciara O'Sullivan, and Sadie O'Keeffe. They have made great strides this year and have represented the school with pride.

### Credit Union quiz

Well done to our pupils who participated in the Credit Union Quiz on Sunday 8th February in Enniscorthy. Thank you for representing our school and congratulations to both the U11 and U13 teams on a great score!