

Class allocations

The class allocations for next year are as follows:

- Junior Infants - Ms. K. Doyle
- Senior Infants - Ms. L. Sinnott
- 1st class - Ms. Gahan
- 2nd class - Ms. Wright
- 3rd/4th class - Ms. Stanley
- 5th/6th class - Mr. Nolan
- Seomra Síolóige - Ms. C. Sinnott
- SET - Ms D. Doyle
- SET - Ms. Hanrahan

Results of survey from the Department of Education

The results for the survey that was carried out by the Dept. of Education recently have been published. The results for our school are as follows:

Co-educational / single-sex preference

Single-sex school: 0%

Co-educational/ current configuration: 100%

Patronage / ethos preference

Multi-denomination/ non religious patron: 33%

Religious denomination/ current configuration: 67%

Language preference:

Education through Irish: 26%

Education through English/ current configuration 74%

Many thanks to all parents that participated in the survey!

Attendance

There will be a renewed focus of promoting and maintaining good attendance in the coming year. Please make every effort to support your child in their maintaining high attendance levels..

First Communion

The pupils in 2nd class on their First Holy Communion day.



School re-opening date

School will re-open on **Thursday 27th August at 9 a.m. for all classes.**

Gaeilge—Ár dteanga náisiúnta

Please afford your child(ren) the opportunity to engage in some activities in our native language over the summer break. If you would like and suggestions or ideas, please contact Mr. Nolan via his email address. *Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam.*

Wishing all of our teachers, Special Needs Assistants, bus escorts, secretary Ann and caretaker Hughie a lovely summer break. We hope the pupils and their families enjoy the holidays also.

School tours

After each school tour, staff were happy to report that the children of Ballaghkeene N.S were mannerly, respectful and well-behaved, while also having a ball! Maith thú a pháistí - you should be very proud of yourselves!



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Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to Mr. Ruairí Murphy who finishes with us on Friday 26th August. Ruairí has been a wonderful addition to our school over the last two years. We are extremely grateful to him for all of his hard work, both teaching the children and helping them to flourish in extra curricular activities. He will be sorely missed by staff, pupils and parents. Go n-éirí an bóthar leat a Ruairí, agus beidh fáilte romhat i gcónaí teacht ar ais go dtí An Bealach! We wish you all the best.

Parents' Association

Thank you so much to the Parents Association for continuing to support the school throughout the year. Most recently, they organised graduation yearbooks for our outgoing 6th class pupils. The ice-cream van funded by the PA at sports day was a huge success! Thanks also to the PA for their generous contribution towards the cost of our maths equipment. Special thanks to Eveleen O' Sullivan who has been an active member of the PA for 13 years. Go raibh maith agat Eveleen for your unwavering support and for the time you invested in our school.

AP II post

Congratulations to Ms. Denise Doyle who was recently appointed to the position of Assistant Principal II. Denise has been a valued teacher, committee member and SNA in our school for many years. She has overseen the installation of additional facilities and initiatives. We welcome her onto the In School Management team and look forward to further developing the school together.

Hurling 365

Well done to all the pupils who participated in Hurling 365 on Wednesday mornings over the last term. A special word of thanks to co-ordinator Keira Kinahan Murphy, and all the parent/ volunteers who have coached the children each week. We have seen increased participation this year with almost 40 pupils participating each morning. Well done to all. The thoroughly enjoyed it and we hope that it may continue next year!



Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk was held on Friday 12th June. This is an important fundraiser for our school as we use the money raised to fund resources that support the education of our pupils. It was a huge success, raising over €4510.00! Míle buíochas to everyone who contributed or helped with the walk in any way.

Autism Friendly Schools

We were awarded the AsIAM Autism Friendly Schools Certificate (year 1) in May. Well done to the committee and all staff and pupils involved. This initiative will continue next year.

Active Week

Active Week was a great success! The children completed many different activities and sports including crazy golf and cricket. Sports Day was a big hit and thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. Míle buíochas to Ms. L. Sinnott and the active committee who invested a lot of time and effort into the week. It is very much appreciated.

Wellbeing week

The children really enjoyed Wellbeing Week! They participated in a Teddy Bears Picnic, mindfulness colouring activities, music, and movies to name but a few! It was a really lovely week. Well done to Ms. Wright and the wellbeing committee for organising all the activities.

6th Class graduation

Well done to 6th class who participated in a graduation Mass on Friday 12th June. They have finished up their primary education. We hope that they will always hold fond memories of their time here in Ballaghkeene N.S. Wishing them well as they embark on their next chapter!

