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Newsletter

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Principal's Message

A huge 'Thank You' to pupils, staff, parents & our Board of Management for all their help and support over the last number of months. It's fantastic to see all the staff & pupils back working very hard in Ballyfinane N.S.

Níl neart go cur le chéile.

We had a busy few months with lots of exciting activities taking place in school. Be sure to read the newsletter and follow our Facebook page to keep up with all the events and fun learning activities. From sport with Amy, PE with Mr. Sealy, Football with PJ, Mindfulness walks, Lego Wedo, Bee Bots, Aistear, Art, Pumpkin carving and Halloween dress up– it really has been an action packed half term.


I'd especially like to pay tribute to our wonderful staff who have been working tirelessly to ensure the school is a safe place and to the pupils who are a credit to their parents. The maturity, understanding and adaptability of the children over the last few months has been amazing.

As we approach the Halloween Break I would like to wish everyone a peaceful & safe week off and to enjoy family time during the break.

Mise le Meas,

Cáit Ní Shé

Coronavirus COVID-19



Help prevent coronavirus

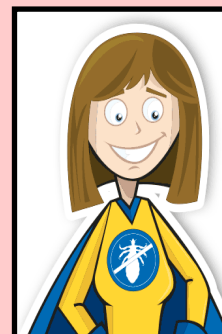
- Wash your hands
- Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching your face
- Keep surfaces clean
- Stop shaking hands and hugging
- Keep a safe distance

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

Visit [HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie)
For updated factual information and advice
Or call 1850 24 1850

New Pupils

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Junior Infants pupils Eve, Chloe & Leah.



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

As the school year starts again please check your child's hair **weekly** for lice & keep long hair tied back.



Halloween Activities

Our pupils enjoyed some wonderful activities for Halloween from our annual Pumpkin Carving Competition to a scary dress up day on Friday. Our Junior Room were also asked to make some yummy Báirín Breac for their homework.



Communication

The main method of communication from the school is now through the Aladdin app.

If anyone is having difficulties with the app please contact the school secretary by email or on 0669764044.



Enrolment

If you know of any parent who wishes to enrol their child in Ballyfinane N.S please inform them that Enrolment Packs can be posted to them by emailing the school on

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A look back over the term...

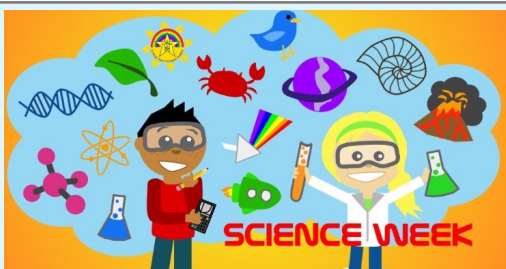
Communion

Congratulations to both William & Sophie who made their First Holy Communion. A huge 'Thank You' to the Parents' Association who provided the pupils with lovely gift bags to mark the special occasion. Thank you to Mrs. Roper and Linda for all their hard work in preparing the pupils for the sacrament.



Meet & Code Event

We were delighted to receive a Meet & Code grant which will enable us to learn some new digital skills. Pupils in our Junior Room got to learn coding through the Bee Bots while our Senior Room did a Lego WeDo workshop on bridges.



Ballyfinane N.S. is one of the schools chosen to partner with University of Limerick and the Science Foundation of Ireland to participate in workshops during Science Weeks. The school has been gifted Science Kits to enhance the pupils learning experiences in the school.

Welcome

A big welcome to our new staff members Ms. Conway (S.E.T.) & Tara O'Shea (S.N.A.) We hope you have many happy years here in Ballyfinane N.S

Supervision

The official school day starts at 9am. Supervision is provided from 8.45am onwards each morning. During COVID-19, I would like to remind parents to stick to the allocated drop off/pick up times to ensure social distancing and safety for all our pupils. For health & safety reasons children should not be dropped before their allocated times.



A look back over the term...

Aistear

Our Junior Room really enjoyed learning about Jack & the Beanstalk through Aistear. They made a scarecrow, planted beanstalks & even got letters from the Giant!



Mindfulness Walks

Pupils in the Junior Room have taken part in some mindfulness & nature walks during the term with Mrs.Roper, Tara & Linda.



Flags

Ballyfinane N.S. were awarded two new flags during the last school year. First the Health Promotion Flag for our efforts in maintaining a healthy learning environment for the boys and girls. The children were awarded the Blue Star flag for their wonderful work on Europe and the E.U. The children learned a lot about different E.U. countries and completed many of projects and research. Well done to Mrs. Roper who put a lot of time and effort into these initiatives.

