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Booklists

Booklists were sent home with pupils during the week. Please ensure that these are kept in a safe place.



Calendar

The calendar for the 2021/2022 school year were sent home with the booklists. The calendar will also be available on the Aladdin app. Please note that all pupils will return to school on **Thursday August 26th**.



School Reports

The end of year reports for all pupils have been sent out on the Aladdin app. Please email the school if you have not received a report for your child.



Uniforms

All new half-zips that were ordered were sent home with pupils last week.



Enrolment for the coming academic year is now open. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack. These can also be posted to homes during the summer months.

Newsletter

Summer 2021



Principals Message

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all pupils on completing another successful year here in Ballyfinane N.S. We had lots of fun and exciting times during the year and have many planned for next year.

I would also like to thank every family for their support in navigating through the Covid-19 pandemic over the past fourteen months. Your co-operation with all of the new procedures & guidelines is greatly appreciated. This has ensured that our school has remained a safe environment for all pupils, staff members and families. Any updates from the Department regarding our return to school in August will be posted on the Aladdin so please keep an eye on the app during the summer months.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we are all looking forward to welcoming you back on Thursday August 26th to begin another school year full of educational activities and learning opportunities.

Go dtí sin, tabhair aire, agus bíodh laethanta saoire aoibhinn agaibh.

Kind regards

Catherine O'Shea

Principal

Farewell to our Sixth Class

We would like to wish our 6th class pupils **Seoladh, Lan, Ross, Ruairí, Tomás, Nevan** and **Connor** all the best as they move on to secondary school. It was a pleasure to have each of you as a member of our school community and we hope that you will look back fondly on your time spent here in Ballyfinane N.S.



A look back over the term...

St. Patrick's Day & Easter



Wellness Week

During Wellness Week we raised an astonishing €300 for Pieta House. Pupils enjoyed activities such as yoga, tai-chi, mindfulness & a no-uniform day. Many thanks to all those who gave a donation for such a worthy cause.



School Quiz

The school would like to offer its sincerest thanks to everyone who supported our online quiz in May. We were very grateful for all the hard work the Parent's Association & members of the school community put in to organise such a wonderful event. We really appreciate all the donations of prizes from parents, staff members and local businesses. All funds raised will go towards initiatives for our pupils.



Junior Room School Trip

Pupils in our Junior Room had a fantastic school trip to Ballyseedy Woods for a lovely nature walk. They then travelled to Ballyseedy Garden Centre to enjoy some yummy hot chocolate.



Senior Room Trip

The Senior Room had a wonderful trip through the Lakes of Killarney, a boat tour of the Gap of Dunloe followed by a lovely scenic walk to Kate Kearney's Cottage.



A look back over the term...

Activities in the Junior Room

Our Junior Room took part in some wonderful activities during their final term. Many thanks to Mrs. Roper, Linda & Tara for facilitating such fun and educational activities for our pupils.



Building a Wormery



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Digging for Worms



Crystallization in Caterpillars



Creating Round Towers



Tie-Dye



The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Creating Round Towers



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The pupils in the Junior Room worked on 'The Little Yellow Chicken' and we decided to hatch their own eggs. Many thanks to the Quirke family who provided the incubator, red lamp & box with food. Many thanks also to Flanagan's Poultry who provided the fertilised eggs. It was wonderful for our pupils to witness the miracle of life.



A look back over the term...

Our pupils had a fantastic final week in the school. It was a great way to finish off the school year. Activities included the following; Monday Funday, Memory Tree Mass & our 6th Class Graduation.



Activities in the Senior Room



P.E. Circuit



Building Round Towers



School Clean-Up



P.E. Circuit



Paper Weaving



History Projects