



## Ballyfinane N.S

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## Welcome

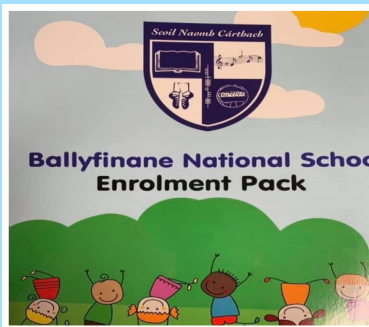


In January, everyone in Ballyfinane N.S. was excited to welcome our newest students. Brothers Cormac & Emmet Delaney joined our Junior room and have already brought huge

enthusiasm and great energy into our school community. We hope Cormac and Emmet have many happy years here with us in Ballyfinane N.S.



Enrolment for the coming academic year 2022/2023 is now open. If you know of any families with children starting school this September please let them know that we are currently taking enrolments. Enrolment packs are available from the school office and can be posted out.



## Tour De Ballyfinane 2022



It's back and what a huge success April 2nd brought. We were overwhelmed by the support shown to us in huge numbers on the day. A heartfelt thank you to everyone, the cyclists, volunteers, stewards, sponsors, the hall committee, the staff and everyone at the Shanty. Thank you to our wonderful Parents Association for all their hard work and efforts in making Tour de Ballyfinane 2022 one to remember. You are all second to none and the community spirit

throughout the day was testament to that. The smiles all around on the day said it all. We had it all from the excitement of the fantastic cycle to the music, not to mention a fantastic barbeque in the Shanty in the sun! We all enjoyed the day and we cannot wait for next year already.



Please log school absence reasons through Aladdin by writing a short note in the parent notice box.

Enjoy Easter break. School re-opens on Monday **25th April**



# A look back over the term...



## Mrs. Roper celebrated her Retirement



Mrs. Roper said farewell to Ballyfinane NS on Friday 18th February 2022. The kind words, memories shared and the people who gathered were testament to Mrs. Roper and her time teaching in Ballyfinane N.S. Friday February 18th was an exceptional closure, but it was also an exceptional day with presentations from the Staff, Pupils, Parent's Association and Board of Management of Ballyfinane N.S. to mark Noirín's last day. There were prayers, speeches, music, song and an amazing video presentation to mark her years in the school. We wish Mrs. Roper and her family every health and happiness in her retirement. No doubt this is only the start of a new chapter for Noirín and we wish her every success.

*Comhghairdeas Noirín ar scoir ón obair.  
Ag guí gach ádh Sláinte an bhradáin  
agus sonas ort lá I ndíadh lae.*



## First Holy Communion Enrolment Ceremony

Congratulations to our second class children Oisín, Clodagh, Cormac and Jessica who enrolled for First Holy Communion on March 6th in Kiltallagh Church with a lovely Mass by Fr. Broderick and Deacon Bradley. Thank you to the Senior room for their lovely music on the day.



## First Confession

The children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school on March 22nd with Fr. O'Sullivan. Well Done **Oisín, Clodagh, Cormac and Jessica!**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **May 28th at 10.30am**. We look forward to a wonderful day together!

## Students of the Week

A big congratulations to all of our Students of the Week so far. Keep up the good work!





# A look back over the term...



## We went Green...

Ballyfinane N.S. went green for St. Patrick's Day and we dressed up for Lá Glas. The Spring season got us into action with our green fingers in the garden where we planted herbs and flowers. We took care of our local environment for Kerry County Clean Up Day. Not least we proudly showed up in force to represent Ballyfinane N.S. in the Castlemaine St. Patrick's Day parade. Ballyfinane Abú!



## Spring arrived and we got busy!



## Wellness and Friendship Week





# A look back over the term.



We got super active in school working together on Wellness and Friendship week, Teamwork makes the dream work! We enjoyed a Toraíocht Taisce, working together for Seachtain na Gaeilge We made delicious fruit kebabs and ate them too! We headed off to Tralee on Fridays for our swimming lessons! Urs from Drumming Kerry joined us for a drumming workshop and we had yoga, circuits, skipping, trails and mindfulness activities. What an action packed term we have had!





# Easter Egg Hunt



What a way to sign off on Term 2 in Ballyfinane N.S. with a visit from the Easter Bunny and a monster Easter Egg Hunt. Wishing all the school families a wonderful Easter Break 2022 from Ms. O'Shea, Ms. O'Sullivan, Ms. Kelliher, Ms. A. O'Shea, Tara, Linda, Aisling and Eileen.

