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Newsletter

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Junior Infants Welcome

In September, everyone in Ballyfinane N.S. was delighted to welcome our newest Junior Infant, Sophie Fitzgerald.

Sophie joins her big sister Leah in Mrs. Roper's Junior Room. We hope Sophie has many happy years here with us.

New Furniture

Many thanks to the Department of Education all of the furniture in all of our classrooms was replaced. Many thanks also to those who took the old tables & chairs, it was great to see our old furniture being re-homed.



Sensory Garden

Work was completed on our brand new Sensory Garden in September and our pupils have already enjoyed many hours planting various spring bulbs & playing on the new outdoor toys. Sincerest thanks to Bank of Ireland Begin Together for funding such a wonderful new facility for our school.



Enrollment

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.



Return to School Declaration Forms will need to be completed on the Aladdin app by all pupils before they return to school after the Christmas Holidays.

A look back over the term...



Junior Room Activities

The pupils in our Junior Room have been very busy since they returned to school in September. They made some delicious blackberry jam, bath salts from lavender and participated in some lovely mindfulness activities. They also baked rocky road, Halloween cookies & pretended to be forensic detectives. Many thanks to Mrs. Roper & Tara for all of their hard work.



Memory Table

During the month of November, we set up a table of remembrance to honour those who have passed away. Many thanks to Mrs Roper for all her hard work & for once again teaching our students about the importance of remembering our loved ones.



Students of the Week

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



Christmas Raffle

Sincerest thanks to everyone who brought in spot prizes & purchased lines in our Christmas raffle. We were delighted with the response & all money raised will go towards funding activities for our pupils.



Confirmation

Congratulations to our pupils, both past & present who made their confirmation in St. Carthage's Church in September.



A look back over the term...



Senior Room Activities

The pupils in our Senior Room had lots of fun planting, learning Spanish and doing construction and paint in art. Some wonderful creations - well done.



Halloween Activities



Local Trips

Pupils in both classes enjoyed a wonderful trip to Kerry County Museum. Our Junior Room also explored the local history in the area while our Senior Room took a trip to the monastery in Coolclieve. We had great fun getting out and exploring our locality.



A look back over the term.



Our pupils had a jam-packed December in the school. It was a lovely way to finish the school term and wind-down to the Christmas Holidays. Some of our festive activities included our Christmas plays, wreath & candle making, knitting headbands, making snowmen, crazy hair day, hot chocolates and even a visit from the main man, Santa! Everyone is definitely on the good list!

