

# BALLYFINANE N.S. NEWSLETTER



Christmas 2022

## Principal's Message



A huge 'Thank You' to all of our pupils, staff, parents & Board of Management for all their help and support since we returned to school in September. We have had a very busy few months with lots of exciting activities and have many more planned for the coming year. I'd especially like to pay tribute to our wonderful staff who have been working tirelessly to create a happy and safe learning environment for our lovely pupils. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy & peaceful Christmas break and the very best for 2023!

Is mise le meas, Catherine O'Shea

## Junior Infants Welcome

In September, we were thrilled to welcome our new Junior Infants to Ms. Doyle's Junior Room in Ballyfinane National School. We hope Michael, Phelim, Fionn, Tadhg and Ruan many happy years with us.



## Autumn Trips

We enjoyed some wonderful trips since we returned to school. These included a trip to Killarney for some pizza making and Halloween shopping and a local history trip to Kerry County Museum. Our pupils had a wonderful time and we look forward to making more memories in the new year.



## School Visits

Here in Ballyfinane N.S. we have been so lucky to have two special visits already this year. The first being from Garda Trish McMahon where pupils learned all about life as a member of an Garda Síochána. Our second special visitor was the one and only Sam Maguire Cup alongside Kerry footballing superstar David Clifford.



## Memory Tree

After a two year break it was wonderful to see our Memory Tree shining brightly again this Christmas.

Sincerest thanks to everyone who purchased a candle and attended on the night. Thanks also to the parents who provided some lovely refreshments for after the service. It was a wonderful way to bring the school & local communities together to remember those who have gone before us.

We are very grateful for all the support and the total raised so far is €1900.





# Term One Activities...



## Halloween



## Weaving



## Competition Winners

We were extremely proud to have had four winners in the Credit Union Art Competition. Well done to Eve, Kieran, Rachel & Megan. A massive congratulations to budding artist Kieran who went on to win at Chapter level and also won the Astellas Competition. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!



## Science Week





# Term One Activities...



## Christmas in Ballyfinane National School

