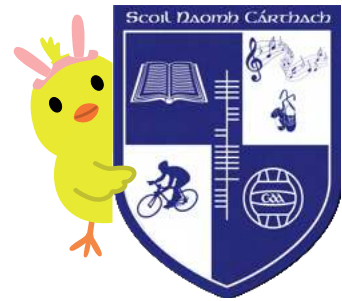


# BALLYFINANE NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Easter 2023

## Principal's Message



On behalf of myself and all of the staff in Ballyfinane National School, I would like to say a huge 'Míle Buíochas' to our pupils, parents & Board of Management for all of their hard work and support during this past term. It has been a long number of weeks but we have made sure to fill it with fun and exciting trips, activities and initiatives for our lovely pupils. I hope everyone has a happy and restful Easter break as we have lots more planned for our final term including our Tour de Ballyfinane, communions and school tours.

Is mise le meas, Catherine O'Shea

## Pancake & Coffee Morning

In February Ballyfinane National School and Ballyfinane Hall Committee organised a wonderful Coffee & Pancake morning in the hall. All funds raised during the morning went to the Turkish & Syrian Earthquake Relief Fund. Both young and old thoroughly enjoyed the pancakes and we were delighted to support such a worthy cause.



## Spring Trips



In March, our Senior Room headed to the The Glucksman Art Gallery in University College Cork. They had an amazing tour of the gallery & got a chance to see their own drawings of Irish Wildlife on display. They also had a tour of the UCC campus and a delicious meal in the college restaurant.

Our Junior Room ventured to Killarney where they saw deer, got a ride on the jaunting cars, fed ducks, visited Ross castle, did a spot of shopping & ended their day with a McDonald's.

## Minister Foley's Visit

We also had a special visitor to Ballyfinane National School in February. The Minister for Education, Norma Foley paid a visit and our pupils were so excited to give her a tour of their school, sing local songs and play some lovely traditional Irish tunes. We would like to thanks Minister Foley for her kind words on the day and what an honour it was for the our school, families and members of the local community.

WELCOME



# Term Two Activities...



## Busy Bees...

Everyone in Ballyfinane N.S. has been very busy during term two from snow days, recording a school anthem, gardening, learning Spanish, playing traditional Irish music, learning some Irish dancing and finally partaking in our annual Wellness Week. We think everyone will enjoy a well-deserved break during the Easter holidays!



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## St. Patrick's Day

Our pupils enjoyed a wonderful week learning all about the story of St. Patrick and finished it off with a trip to Castlemaine to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We were thrilled to win a trophy for the best float in the parade and many thanks to Danny and the Breen family for all their hard work in making such a lovely float for our pupils and families to enjoy.



Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



# Term Two Activities...



## Confirmation

A massive congratulations to our beautiful sixth class pupils; Mia, Rachel, Sophie and William who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Kiltallagh Church in March. A special thanks to the rest of our pupils for their fantastic singing in the choir. You are all a credit to your families and to the school. Thanks also to Ms. O'Shea and Linda for all the preparation and to Fr. O'Sullivan & Fr. Ryan for officiating such a lovely ceremony.



## Easter Activities in Ballyfinane National School

Spring was in the air with some lovely Easter arts & crafts, an easter egg hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny and an appearance from Tiny the newborn lamb!

