



Newsletter

Spring 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Ballyfinane N.S after the Christmas holidays. I hope everyone had a lovely relaxing break and are looking forward to an exciting school year. We have lots of exciting events and curricular weeks planned. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and the school Facebook page for more details.
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App of the month...

Jolly Phonics A fantastic app for revising phonics with the Junior Classes.



Website of the month...

www.worldbooksonline.com is a fantastic research site & contains activities on all subject areas for



Please continue collecting the Lee Strand tokens for their Cash 4 Schools Programme and for free homework diaries for September 2019. Thanks to everyone for sending them in.



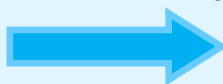
Carol Singing

A huge thank you to all of the pupils, parents and staff who were involved in the carol singing in Manor West before Christmas.

We raised an impressive €342 for Arlington Lodge.

Well Done!!

Please tell all your family & friends about our Open Day and like and share on our Facebook page.



Please note that the **school will be closed** on Friday **February the 1st** for a Staff Curriculum Day to

facilitate planning for the New Primary Language Curriculum.

Pupil Absences: Please be reminded as per Department Guidelines that the school needs to be provided with a note regarding absences. Please find attached some absence notes which can be sent into school when your child is absent. As the sheets are numbered please use one sheet per student. More sheets are available from the secretary.



Ballyfinane National School



Come join us for our **Open Day** on **Saturday the 2nd of February** from **10.30am to 12.30pm**



CHRISTMAS SHOW

Well done to the boys and girls on a fantastic performance in the school hall during their Christmas Show. It was lovely to see such talent through drama, art, music and song.

Many thanks to the Parent's Association for providing refreshment on the day and for helping to clean up afterwards. It was a lovely way to end our first term.



The rising stars of the future!

The annual Tour De Ballyfinane will take place at the beginning of April. Information packs were sent home to all families. Please like and share the event on Facebook to get the word of the cycle out.

TOUR DE BALLYFINNANE
CYCLE
6TH APRIL 2019
IN AID OF BALLYFINNANE NATIONAL SCHOOL
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.TDB.IE

Ballyfinane N.S. is delighted to announce we are a Health Promoting School. We have lots of fun activities planned including a Healthy Eating Week on April 29th.



Unfortunately head lice are still an on-going problem within the school.

Parents are urged to please check their child's hair weekly and to keep long hair tied back to avoid the spread of lice.



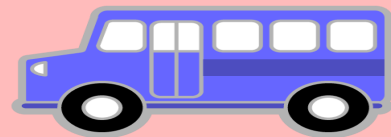
Friendship Week will take place in the school from **Monday the 11th of February**. There will be specific lessons based around this theme.

Parents are asked to talk to your child about friendship and what it means to be a good friend.



SCHOOL TOUR:

This will take place on **June 13th** for both classes. As we have to pay a deposit for the tour, please inform the class teacher if your child is unable to attend.



MID TERM BREAK & SCHOOL CLOSURES

- The school will close for the mid-term on **Thursday the 21st** and **Friday the 22nd of February**.
- The school will also be closed on **Monday the 18th of March** for St. Patrick's weekend.
- The Easter Break will commence on **Monday the 15th of April** with the school reopening on **Monday the 29th of April**.

Well done to our budding artists **Freya, Conor** and **Ciara** who were winners in the Credit Union Art Competition.

There were some fantastic pictures produced by all the girls and boys. Keep up the excellent work.



While the school website is currently being updated please keep on eye on our school Facebook page for all the events & activities that are happening in the school.



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Many thanks to all who donated DVD's for wet days in the school.



Dates for your Diary

Feb 2nd — Open Day

Feb 3rd — Credit Union Schools Quiz

Feb 4th — Digital & Internet Safety Week

Feb 11th — Friendship Week

March 4th — Engineering Week

March 8th — Confirmation

29th April — Healthy Eating Week

May 18th — Communion

May 21st- 30th - Standardised Tests

May 24th — School Closed for Election

June 4th — Active Schools Week

June 13th — School Tours (Provisionally booked)

June — Sports Day (Weather pending)

June 26th — Summer Holidays