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Newsletter

Winter 2019



The pupils and staff of Ballyfinane N.S. would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Carol Singing

Well done to all the pupils and parents who participated in our annual Carol Singing in Manor West Retail Park today. A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who supported our collection for Pieta House. A special thanks to Mr. Kelleher for joining us with his wonderful music.

Team HOPE Shoebox Appeal

The pupils & families of Ballyfinane N.S. once again rallied together to donate presents to the Team HOPE annual shoebox appeal. A big thank you to all our pupils for kindly preparing wonderful presents. There will be some very happy children this festive season!



Christmas Play

Our Christmas Plays took place last week and we were blown away by the talent displayed by all pupils. The Senior Room performed 'Roll Out The Barrel' while our Junior Room performed 'Jack & The Beanstalk'. We have some budding actors among us!



A look back over the term...



We had a "spooktacular" week in Ballyfinane N.S. for Halloween. Everyone enjoyed all of the activities throughout the week.



Our pupils with their delicious Báirín Breac



Our Pumpkin Carving Competition



Our pupils looking wonderful in their Halloween costumes

Thank You!

We would like to thank the Parents Association for all of their hard work over the last few years. The P.A. plays an integral part within our school community. We are very fortunate in Ballyfinane N.S to have people who generously give up their time to fundraise for our school.

Many thanks!

Supervision

The official school day starts at 9am. Supervision is provided from **8.45am onwards** each morning.

For health & safety reasons we advise that children are not dropped before this time.

If your child is leaving school early please use the sign out book & provide the class teacher with a written note.

Cooking Demo

As part of Healthy Eating Week in Ballyfinane N.S we had a wonderful cooking demo by Mark Doe from Just Cooking Cookery School. The demo was thoroughly enjoyed by our pupils and their parents. Everyone is looking forward to trying some of the new healthy eating recipes & tips.



Please continue to check your child's hair weekly to avoid the spread of lice in the school



HealthPromotingSchools
Scoileanna Cothaithe Sláinte

Ballyfinane N.S. are delighted to have been awarded their Health Promotion Flag. Many thanks to Mrs. Roper for coordinating this event. There has always been a huge emphasis on Healthy Eating and Exercise in Ballyfinane N.S. and we are delighted to be rewarded for this.

'Is fearr an tslainte ná an tainte' – Health is better than wealth

A look back over the term...



Bee Bots

All of our pupils enjoyed learning about coding with our new Bee Bots. The pupils learned how to create algorithms, to sequence, estimate, problem solve while also having fun.

App of the Month

If your child enjoyed learning about coding please download the free Bee Bot app where there are lots more learning activities to be enjoyed!

Astellas Art Competition

A proud moment for Ballyfinane N.S as William was picked as one of the winners in this years Astellas Art competition.

William's picture is featured in the 2020 Astellas Calendar with all proceeds going to the Irish Kidney Association.

Calendars can be purchased for €5 in the A4 Stationery shop in Killorglin. Well done William from everyone in Ballyfinane.



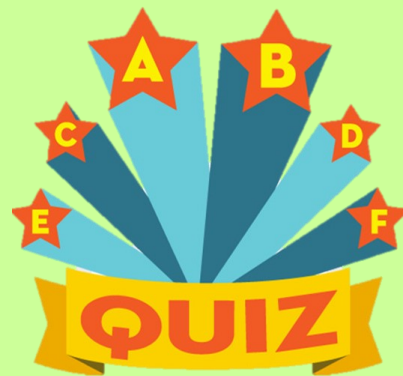
Table Quiz

Sincerest thanks to the Parents Association for organising the hugely successful Table Quiz in the Shanty Bar in November.

It was wonderful to see such support for

Ballyfinane N.S. We would

also like to give a special mention to all the sponsors of our raffle prizes. Their generosity is much appreciated. A final thanks to all who volunteered their time on night. Everyone is already looking forward to the Ballyfinane NS Quiz 2020!



It was great to have a visit from Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club to show the boys and girls their new silverware from the mid Kerry football final over the weekend.

A huge congrats from everyone in Ballyfinane NS!

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Parents are again asked to please download the **Text-A-Parent** app in order to receive texts from the school & to reduce school costs.

Wyn McCormack a Dyslexia Specialist will present a workshop "How Parents Can Support The Child With Dyslexia" at the Progressive Pathways Fair in the Rose Hotel on January 31st.



SLOW



CHILDREN

A reminder to everyone to be aware of the new carpark layout and to please park responsibly when dropping & collecting your children to and from the school

Wellbeing Week

Ballyfinane N.S will hold it's first Wellbeing Week when we return after the Christmas break.

Pupils will enjoy activities such as

- Mindfulness
- Gratitude Lists
- Personal Development
- Making fruit skewers



Congratulations

to **Ciara** who was a winner in the Credit Union Art Competition.



Congrats also to **Luke, Clodagh & Aoife** who were named as runners up.

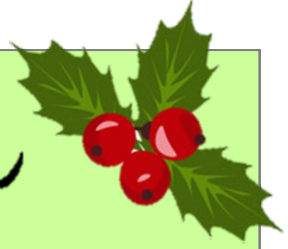
Great to see such fantastic artistic talent in Ballyfinane N.S.



Those who wish to enrol children for the school year 2020/2021 can do so now. If you know of any other families with children starting school this coming September please also let them know that we are currently taking enrolments.

Enrolment forms are available in the office and we will be holding our Open Day in the Spring.

Thank You



Ballyfinane N.S. would like to sincerely thank our departing Board of Management members - Tom Colgan, Sean Lally, Bernie Carroll and Caroline Fitzgerald. Their time & contribution to the school over the last Board of Management term has been much appreciated. It was fantastic to see such work and commitment from all members.

Ní neart go cur le chéile

We would also like to welcome our new board members

- Mike Carroll - Chairperson
- Catherine O'Shea - Principal
- Nóirín Roper - Teachers Representative
- Noreen Breen - Mothers Representative
- Neilus Flynn - Fathers Representative
- John Duggan - Community Representative
- Myra Griffin—Community Representative

Dates for your Diary



- **March 12th** - First Confession
- **May 16th** - First Holy Communion
- School will close for mid-term break on Friday **Feb 15th** and reopen on Monday **Feb 24th**

Football

Well done to our football team who got through to the Mid-Kerry 2 Teacher School competition. Unfortunately luck was not on our side on the day and well done to Cloghane N.S who were victorious. Many thanks to Liam for coaching the team and to all the parent who supported our team on the day.

New Building

We are delighted our new SET room and Toilet Facilities are completed.

This is a fantastic addition to Ballyfinane N.S. and wonderful new facilities for the children. Many thanks to Reeks Engineering & Avondale Construction for all their hard work during the project.

