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Coronavirus COVID-19



Help prevent coronavirus



Wash your hands



Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing



Avoid touching your face



Keep surfaces clean



Stop shaking hands and hugging



Keep a safe distance

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

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Newsletter

Easter 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

On behalf of the school team I would like to take this opportunity to commend the parents and children for their support, work ethic and flexibility during these difficult times for our school community, as this is a time of understanding and helping each other.

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine!

During this Easter Break it is important that we take time to reflect, take time out for family and recognise the people vulnerable around us and those people helping everyone on the frontline.

Also the children deserve huge credit for becoming adaptable to the current situation and I would like to take this opportunity to give them a **BUALADH BOS**. All of the staff miss them in school everyday and look forward to welcoming them back very soon.

Beannachtaí na Cásca craibh go léir agus bí sán.

Cáit Ní Shé



Home Resources

While Ballyfinane N.S. is closed there are some wonderful websites students can access at home. Parents can create accounts to access answers, online activities and games.

- **Irish and Abair Liom** activities—www.folensonline.ie
- **English and Maths**—www.mycjfallon.ie
- **All Curricular areas**— www.scoilnet.ie
- **All curricular areas**— www.twinkl.com
- **Typing**— www.rapidtyping.com
- **Coding**— www.codingireland.ie
- **Physical Activity**—www.gonoodle.com
- **Maths**—<https://login.mathletics.com/>
- **Special Education Links**—
<https://padlet.com/dbuckleyberringsns/mg6gnc9y7f96>



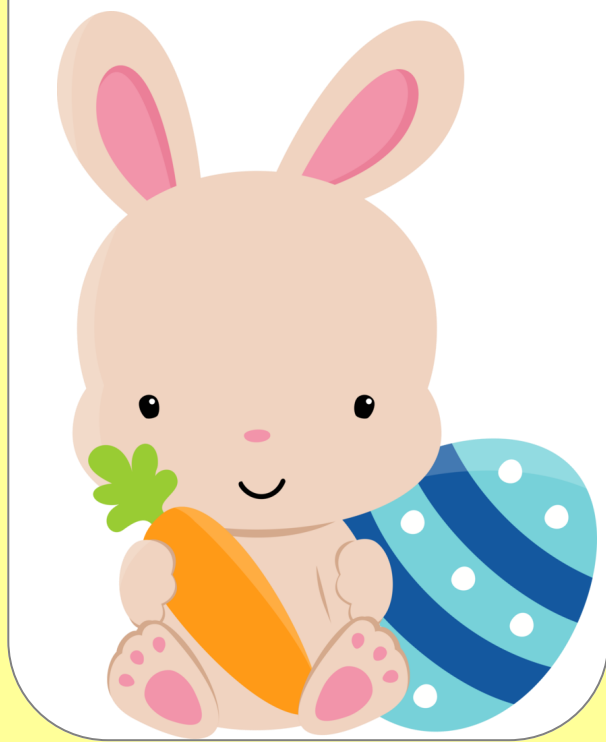
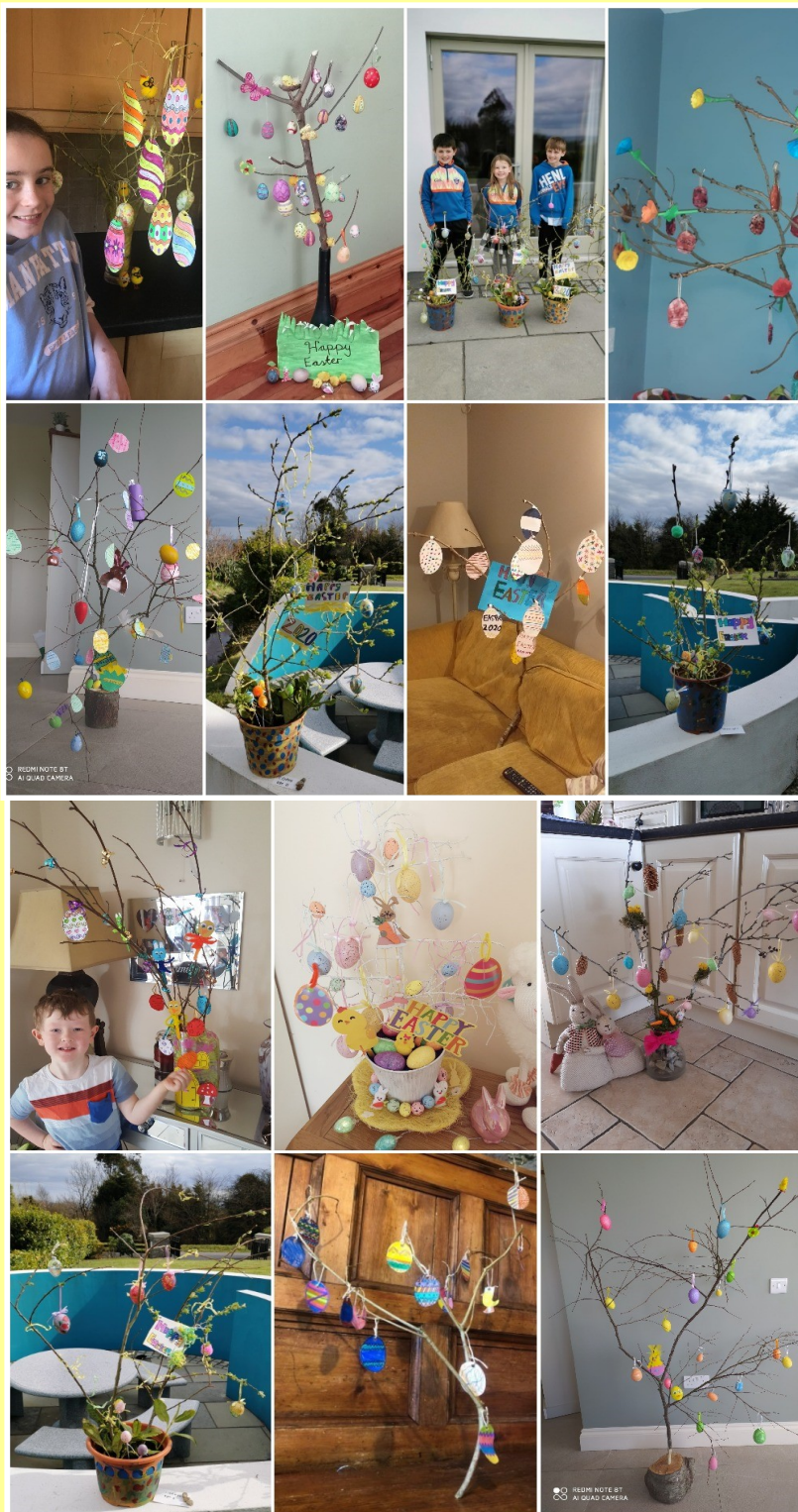
Easter Tree Competition



We were blown away by the entries to our Easter Tree Competition... Thank you for all of your hard work and well done on such fabulous Easter Trees! **The winners were Mia and Dylan**

2nd place: Tomás, Lan Rachel, Clodagh E., Kieran and Clodagh O'S.

Runners Up: Ciara, Conor, Shane, Aoife and Ross.



Communication

The main methods of communication during this time are text-a-parent and by email. If anyone is having difficulties or needs to contact the school please do so by emailing

ballyfinanens@hotmail.com.



Open Evening

A huge thank you to everyone who attended & to those who gave their time to help out for our very successful Open Evening.

Enrolment Packs for 2020/2021 can be got by emailing **ballyfinanens@hotmail.com**



A look back over the term...



Community Games Winners

A big congrats to Megan, Luke, Ciara, Clodagh & Rachel who won medals in the Community Games art and handwriting competitions.
(Missing from the picture is Ciara)
Well done to all of you!



Wellness Week

Ballyfinane N.S. held a Wellness Week in January. This was a fabulous event for all pupils and staff. Pupils enjoyed Mindfulness, Drumming, Healthy Treats and also created gratitude lists which are hanging on our gratitude tree. Thanks to Mrs. Roper for organising. We are already looking forward to Wellness week 2021!.



Re-scheduled Events

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak the following events have been postponed

- Tour De Ballyfinane
- Clothing Collection
- Blue Star Visit- Sean Kelly Visit

Parents will be informed of all re-scheduled dates when the school re-opens.

A special mention to all our pupils who were very busy composing a song for the **Tour de Ballyfinane 2020**

Watch this space - We will be back!



Drumming

Thanks to Urs from Drum Dance Ireland for giving us a fantastic workshop on drumming.
Our boys and girls had a wonderful evening!



Work Experience

We were delighted to welcome Tara and Alice to the school on work experience. Many thanks to both of them for all of their hard work during their placements.



A look back over the term...



Aistear

Our Junior Room really enjoyed some fun Aistear themes since Christmas focusing on Handa's Surprise, The Vikings, Trip to the Hairdresser and exploring Japan just to name a few. Fantastic work in our Junior Room.



Station Teaching

We had lots of fun with station teaching while also learning about length. We did this by finding the perimeter & area around our school environment.



PDST—Michelle Culloty

We were delighted to welcome Michelle Culloty from the Primary Development Support Team who worked with both classes on STEAM activities. Both rooms produced fantastic projects on bridges. All classes explored, planned, made and evaluated their bridge constructions. Many thanks to Michelle on a thoroughly enjoyable project.

