

BALLYFINANE N.S. NEWSLETTER



A snapshot of term one in our school ...

Christmas 2023



On behalf of the staff here in Ballyfinane N.S., we would like to express our gratitude to our children, parents and board of management for all of their support and involvement in our school community over the past few months. We have had a busy term filled with lots of fun activities and we have many more planned for the remainder of the year.

From the staff in Ballyfinane N.S., we would like to wish everyone a joyous and peaceful Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Junior Infants Welcome

In September, we were delighted to welcome our new Junior Infants to the Junior Room in Ballyfinane National School. They settled in very well and we hope that Robin, Kylie, Noah, Brian and Lilly Mae will enjoy many happy years with us here.



Aistear Trip

The Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed a wonderful Aistear trip to the Garda Station and Fire Station this year. They were lucky enough to get a tour around both stations. They tried on some Garda uniforms and even spotted a mischievous elf locked up in the cell! The children loved the VIP treatment.



Christmas Market

The children worked so hard and represented their school so well with a stall at the Ballyfinane Christmas Market. Our Ballyfinane elves were busy making Christmas cards, yule logs, centre pieces and sweet treats to sell at the market. The market was a huge success and we are all very proud of the children. Thank you to the hall committee for organising such a wonderful event.



School Visit

We were very proud of the Milltown/Castlemaire GAA team on their win against Fossa in the intermediate final.

We supported the team by wearing green and white to school and were so lucky to have a visit from them with the Finian cup, after their win.



Term One Activities...



Halloween



Creative Schools

Our school has the unique privilege to take part in the creative schools initiative, alongside Curraheen NS and Boheshill NS. The children will be learning about diversity and other cultures over the next two years.

The Creative Schools Initiative aims to promote creativity and the arts in schools across Ireland. It offers a unique opportunity for children to learn and explore new cultures through various forms of art, including music, dance, and drama. The initiative encourages children to express themselves creatively and to develop their artistic talents, while also promoting diversity and cultural understanding.

Our first trip was to Curraheen NS where the children learned about Christmas around the world. They sang beautiful songs, met children from other schools and had yummy goody bags.



Competition Winners

Ballyfinane NS were so excited to have had so many winners in the Astellas and Credit Union art competitions this year. Well done everyone!



School Anthem

The children wrote and recorded an amazing song showcasing their school. The children had two long days of the recording and filming experience. We loved the build up to the official release. The school community is so proud of the children for this unique anthem, which will leave their legacy for years to come. Everyone was amazed at how the anthem has spread far and wide. It really captures the true spirit of our school ... one big family, one small school.



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Christmas in Ballyfinane National School

