



BALLYFINANE NS NEWSLETTER



Easter 2026



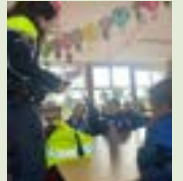
Principal's Message

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our school families, staff, and Board of Management for their hard work and continued support throughout the term. It has been a very busy and productive period in Ballyfinane N.S., and we are extremely proud of the effort, enthusiasm, and positive attitudes shown by all our pupils across every aspect of school life. The children thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful Wellbeing Week, filled with activities such as yoga, baking, drumming, skipping, and much more. The Senior Room also had the opportunity to engage with a fantastic range of visitors during Careers Week, which proved both inspiring and informative. Lá Glas and our St. Patrick's Day parade were great successes, and initiatives such as Sam's Business Bus and The Heritage Keepers kept the Senior Room actively engaged. As we look ahead to Term 3, we are delighted to see our Active Flag initiatives and Gaelbhreach in full swing. We also have a few exciting trips planned and our school tours in June. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 13th April, refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting final term of the 2025/2026 school year.

Kind Regards,
Catherine O'Shea

Careers Week

Careers Week offered so much invaluable insight & learning to everyone schoolwide. Thank you to Ms. Leane for organising such a memorable initiative at Ballyfinane. We had some wonderful guests to our school who shared many paths & words of wisdom to the adventures that our future careers can take us!



Ballymac Abú

January days were much brighter with some exciting sporting events. We could not ask for a better celebration than Ballymac's All Ireland triumphant win over Clogher at Croke Park. Thank you to Daniel and his team mates for bringing the cup to us in what was a very memorable & special sporting visit!



Sacrament of Reconciliation



Congratulations to these wonderful children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation from Fr. O'Sullivan at Ballyfinane NS. The children now look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Kiltallagh Church in May. Preparations are under way and we cannot wait for the big day, hopefully the sun will shine!



A Wave of Green & Gold

It was our pleasure to welcome Paudie Clifford along with Sam Maguire to Ballyfinane NS. There are no greater school days than these. Big dreams start small. Paudie shared his footballing journey with us and gave us some great knowledge of what it takes to be one of Kerry's finest! When small minds are inspired, anything can happen! Paudie's roots in football began at a young age in a small rural two teacher school.



Internet Safety Day

Our children can never learn enough about the importance of staying safe online. Our little learners celebrated Internet Safety Day by sharing lots of good advice and tips to help us to stay safe!



STAY SAFE



Lá Fhéile Pádraig

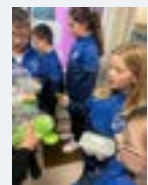
Lá Fhéile Pádraig was got off to a great start at Béal Átha Fionnáin le Lá Glás ar scoil. We took part in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Castlemaine! A very special mention to thank Danny & the Breen Family for all your support & hard work in putting together an amazing float! Míle buíochas to Harriet for making our fantastic school flags!





School Meals

There was huge excitement at Ballyfinane NS as hot school meals arrived in January! Children are enjoying their hot lunches together everyday. Thank you to the School Food Company for their commitment working together with us.



Heritage Keepers



The Senior Room have been participating in the Heritage Keepers programme ran by the Burren Beo Trust. The children have been learning lots about the History, culture, heritage and wildlife around Ballyfinane. They have been very busy working together on an exciting project for this.



Friendship & Wellness Week



Wellbeing is integral to everyday school life. Healthy minds allow for great learning to take place. Wellbeing is our School Self Evaluation focus. Our children love wellbeing activities and so everyday we love to celebrate Friendship & Wellness Week together. We enjoyed mindfulness, song, skipping, dancing, chats, Friendship Day, yoga, Touch Rugby, with Isabelle, drumming & a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Our Learning Experiences...

Term Two gave us lot of learning opportunities across all curriculum areas together. We enjoyed the arts, dance, literacy, Maths, swimming and so much more!



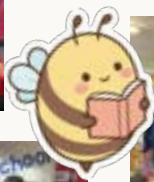
Gaelbhrtach ar siúl ar fud na scoile...



Rince le céile.. Dancing our hearts out with Johnaton & Swimming lessons in Tralee!



Visual Art - Exploring our creative imagination through Clay, paint, construction, print and much more! Together we share lots of colour and ideas through art!



Sam's Business Bus - the Senior Room have been learning all about entrepreneurship while participating in the Sam's Business Bus programme and were kindly sent yoghurts from Glenilen Farm.

Little learners working together! Just the beginning of our reading adventures!

