



October Newsletter



Green Schools

We are working towards our 6th Green Schools Flag which is Global Citizenship – Litter & Waste. This enables us to discover how Green Schools work has positively influenced people and environments worldwide while revising the previous Litter and Waste Theme. Congratulations to Rory Camon, Harry Fox, Aiden Young, Odhran McGarry, Síomha Leamy, Holly Guinan, Róise Gill and Alice Molloy who were elected to our Green School Committee for this school year.

Halloween Dress-Up

School will close at 12:30pm on Friday, 27th October for our Halloween holidays. There will be plenty of fun and games on the day and all children are welcome to dress-up. This year, as part of our Green School Initiative, please consider reusing or swapping around old costumes, or better still make your own from items you already own. Our Halloween theme is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Cross Country

Offaly Athletics County Board ran the Cross-Country Competition for National Schools in Tullamore Harriers on Thursday, 5th October. The aim of the Cross-Country Championships for National Schools is to promote physical fitness in our young people. Girls and boys teams from 3rd – 6th class did a wonderful job representing our school in this competition. Well done to all.



Sacraments

First Penance will take place at 7pm on Friday, 23rd February in Mountbolus Church. First Holy Communion will take place at 10am on Saturday, 27th April in Mountbolus Church and Confirmation will be at 12pm on Thursday, 11th April in Mountbolus Church.

Policies on our Website

Our school's Child Protection Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Code of Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy have been updated and are available on our website.

Rev 'n' Roar All Ireland Tractor Pulling & Dyno Day

Well done to everyone involved in organising another very successful Tractor Dyno Day. It was a great day, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who donated delicious baked goods for the occasion. It is greatly appreciated.



Fast Feet Programme

We are delighted that all children in our school have been provided with the opportunity to participate in the Fast Feet Athletics Programme delivered by Offaly Sports Partnership over the past six weeks. The children will engage with this programme for a further two weeks after our Halloween break. The children are really enjoying this programme which focuses on developing their fundamental movements.

County Final Success

Well done to Kilcormac/Killoughey on their victory in this year's hurling county final. There was great excitement in school especially when members of the management and team kindly took the time to visit us with the Sean Robbins cup. Congratulations to the management and team and very well done to our own Seán Slevin who was the team mascot on the day.

Pride of Place

Our Local Development Group and wider community carried out immense work in preparation for the National Pride of Place competition which took place on Wednesday, 6th September. They left no stone unturned in showcasing our village and presenting the very best of Ballyboy to the judges. The children of Scoil Bhríde were delighted to play a part in our community's Pride of Place competition. A special thanks to our Local Development Group for your generosity in providing the children with treats on the day. Well done to everyone involved and the very best of luck in the competition.

Design a Card

The children have been working on designing their Christmas Cards over the past number of weeks. Once completed, your child's design will be sent home and parents can return the order envelope to the school or order online using the unique code on the template.

Maths Week

Maths Week took place from 14th – 22nd October this year and all our pupils participated in a range of activities. Throughout the week, our classes took part in maths trails around the school grounds and observed maths in our environment. A lot of fun was had by all the children.



Book Fair

We are delighted that the Scholastic School Book Fair is set to return on Friday, 1st December. Children will be provided with the opportunity to visit the Book Fair from Fri 1st – Wed 6th of December. Parents are welcome to visit the book fair from 2pm - 3pm each day. The book fair offers over 200 titles, suitable for all ages and abilities.

Cumann na mBunscol Football

Well done to our school football team who participated in the Cumann na mBunscol football competition this term. Our team played against Killeen, Rath, Cloghan & Kinnitty/Roscomroe. They can be very proud of their performance in each game. A big thanks to our parents for organising transport to our matches.



Return to School

A big thanks to the Parents Committee and members of the community who had the school looking so well for us on our return to school this year. Your work is very much appreciated by all of us.

Winter Weather

Please ensure your child is wearing a coat with a hood to school every day as we aim to go outside for lunch each day. Can you please pop a spare pair of socks in your child's bag.