

Newsletter Bansha N.S.

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What's happening in Bansha N.S....

Christmas raffle & Clothing Collection

The Parents' Council organised their bi-annual clothing collection in October which raised €384. These monies subsidised the cost of the Christmas Panto and cinema trip. Santa visited the school and gave a selection box to all the children. A donation was made to the South Tipperary Hospice also. The Christmas Raffle raised €1217, a massive thanks to everyone who helped with raffle prizes. The Parents' council were also able to subsidise the cost of the swimming lessons and ukulele lessons for all the boys and girls this year. On Pancake Tuesday, the Parents' Council served lovely pancakes to all the children, kindly cooked by Declan Hayes. Another clothing collection will be held in April/May and many thanks to those who contribute and help out.

Open Day and Enrolments for 2023/24

We are currently accepting expressions of interest from parents of children who wish to join Bansha N.S. in 2023/24. We will hold an open day on Wednesday 8th March from 2-3pm for all prospective pupils and their families. Enrolment forms are available at the school office if you know anyone that is interested in enrolling. Completed enrolment forms are to be returned by 31st March.

Gymnastics with Eithne

Eithne from Sonic Fitness began 6 weeks of gymnastics with each classroom on Thursday 12th January. The children learned how to safely perform a range of jumps, rolls, balances and cartwheels with the correct form. For the final session on 22nd February, each child will perform some gymnastic skills in a sequence, we can't wait to see their performances!



GAA with Ellen

GAA training with Ellen re-commenced for this year on Tuesday 21st February. Children must wear PE gear. 5th & 6th class will be learning hurling skills and Juniors – 4th class will be learning football skills. 2nd-4th will commence hurling training in a couple of weeks. Hurleys and helmets can now be ordered from the school. Form was sent by email in recent weeks. Hurleys cost €11, helmets cost €45.

Swimming lessons in Clonmel Pool

2nd-6th classes have completed six swimming lessons in Clonmel pool in January and February. The children made lots of progress with their strokes and water confidence.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge will take place from the 13th -16th of March. Beidh na páistí ag labhairt Gaeilge i rith an tseachtain seo agus ag baint triail as an teanga. Beidh Lá Glas, Céilí mór, tráth na gceist, Paraíd Phádraig agus taispeántais againn. Beidh an spórt againn!

Food Trip

Our pupils from 2nd, 3rd and 4th class took part in their first task of the Incredible Edibles Healthy Eating Programme which is run by Agri Aware. They visited Walsh's Mushroom Factory in Golden and The Apple Farm in Cahir.

What is Incredible Edibles? Incredible Edibles is a curriculum linked to healthy eating and growing initiative for Primary School students. It encourages schools across the country to get busy sowing, growing, cooking and eating fruit, vegetables and herbs through a hands-on and engaging learning experience.

The project aims to:

- **Educate** students about growing fruit and vegetables.
- **Increase awareness** of food origin, identifying and supporting Irish grown produce, while looking after the environment.
- **Highlight the importance of consuming 5-7 fruit and vegetables daily** for a healthy balanced diet.

Scholastic Book Fair

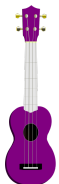
Scholastic Book Fair will visit the school from the 3rd of March until the 8th of March. Children will be taken in their classes to the book fair from 9.10a.m. until 9.30a.m. each morning to view and purchase books for themselves. Parents may also visit the Book Fair in the mornings. There will be a variety of children's books available for all ages and abilities. A love of reading is something which we promote hugely here at Bansha N.S. and we encourage all parents to avail of this opportunity to purchase children's books at a very reduced price.

World Book Day and Book Sale

Children may dress up as a character from a book or novel. We are running a used book sale this year on World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March. Children can bring books they no longer want, and they can buy some second hand books costing from 20c-€2 each. Funds will be used to stock class libraries.

First Holy Communion & First Confession

Children in 2nd class receiving First Holy Communion this year will celebrate on Sunday 14th May. First Confession date will follow.



Ukulele lessons with Niamh

Ukulele lessons with Niamh recommenced on Wednesday 22nd February in the Junior Classroom for four weeks. The children will take their Ukelele home to practice and it **MUST** be returned for the following TUESDAY. The middle and Senior room will each get a four week block with Niamh later in the term.

Soccer Blitzes

5 a side Boys/ Mixed soccer blitz on Tuesday 28th February in Cahir Park for 5th/6th classes. €5 to cover the bus.

5 a side girls blitz for 5th/ 6th classes in Cahir Park on Monday 6th March.

Hurling Blitz

1st and 2nd class took part in a ground hurling Blitz in Canon Hayes Complex on 8th February 2023. This was their 1st hurling Blitz and they were super excited.

What our pupils had to say.....

'Gymnastics is really fun. I love doing handstands, cartwheels and jumping off the trampoline.' Seanna, 1st class.

'I love doing Irish. We learned all about pancóga.' Kayla, 1st class.

'I love maths, we had to do plus sums to get the squirrel to the nut.' Fletcher, 1st class.

'Swimming was very fun because I got to learn how to swim and now I'm better.' Callum, 2nd class.

'We went to see 'Peter Pan' in Limerick. I loved all of it!' Emily, 2nd class.

'The St. Ailbe's school concert was really fun. It was called 'Blue Suede Shoes.' I liked that!' Abigail, 2nd class.

Staffing

Ms. O'Neill is on maternity leave until the end of June and Miss Ivory is filling in for her until that time.

Mrs. Edel Hartnett is filling in for Mrs. Natalie O'Gorman as secretary until June.

Mrs. Margo Morrissey is filling in for Mrs Agnes Hickey presently.

Planning - Half Days

Staff have a half day Primary Language Curriculum Planning on Friday 10th March. All pupils will go home @12:00 noon on that day. School bus has been notified.

Staff also have half Day DEIS Planning on Friday 24th March. School will close @ 12:00 noon on that day for all pupils. Bus will collect pupils at that time

Thank you for your continued support in Bansha NS.

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Mrs. Margaret McCarthy

Acting Principal

Important Dates

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| GAA returns | 21 st February & every Tuesday |
| Ukulele lessons- Junior Room | 22 nd February-every Wednesday for 4 weeks |
| Food Trip 2nd/3rd/4th class | 24th February |
| Engineers' Week-Visit from Fernanda Purcell | Monday 27 th February |
| Soccer Blitz Boys/ Mixed-5 th / 6 th class | Tuesday 28 th February |
| World Book Day and Book Sale | 2 nd March |
| Scholastic Book Fair | 3 rd -8 th March |
| Girls soccer blitz Cahir Park | 6 th March |
| Seachtain na Gaeilge | 13 th -16 th March |
| First Confession | TBC |
| St. Patrick's Day closure | 17 th March |
| Open Day for Prospective students | 8 th March 2-3pm |
| Heritage Day with Albert Nolan | 9 th March |
| Primary Language Curriculum Planning Day | 10 th March-school closes at 12pm |
| Daffodil Day for Circle of Friends-Wear yellow | 24 th of March |
| DEIS Planning Day | 24 th March-School closes at 12 noon |
| Easter Holidays | 31 st March, school closes at 12 noon |
| First Holy Communion | Sunday 14 th May |
| School Hike | 9 th June |
| Sports' Day | 16 th June |
| School Tour | 20 th June |
| Summer Holidays | 22 nd June at 12 noon |

General Housekeeping

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Absence Notes/Attendance</u></p> <p>When your child is absent the parent must send in a note on the child's return stating the reason for every absence. We aim for 100% attendance which is important for your child's education. The school is obliged to report to the Education Welfare Officer if a child is absent for 20 days/ or if the child is not attending school regularly. Allow your child to stay in school for a full day and should only be taken out if absolutely unavoidable. Parents/Guardians must collect children from school and sign the child out if a child must go home early, The child must be signed back in if returning to school. Please be advised that if two or more siblings from different classrooms are absent on the same day, we need a note for each child.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parking</u></p> <p>Please do not park in the bus bay when you are collecting or dropping off your child – as the bus will be unable to stop at its designated point. On the grounds of Health and Safety I would ask all Parents/Guardians to ensure that they are not blocking access for the school bus between 9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. each morning or 2:50 p.m. -3:10 p.m. each afternoon.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Healthy Eating</u></p> <p>We have a healthy eating policy in our school. Please ensure lunch boxes do not include items such as biscuits, crisps, sweets, cake, fizzy and sugary drinks, cereal bars, chewing gum and crisps. Glass bottles and cans are not allowed for Health and Safety reasons.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contact Details</u></p> <p>Please return any changes to your contact details to the office ASAP so we can update our records of your contact details. Please sign up to our email alert where possible E-Communication is in line with our Greens Schools Policy and helps promote a greener and more efficient system in our school.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework Club</u></p> <p>The children from 5th & 6th Class will be attending Homework Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3pm to 4pm. This service which is provided by the School Completions Programme is an excellent resource and we remind children that they must attend Homework Club, as much as possible, once they have signed up for it. If your child cannot attend on a particular day, an explanation note should be given to the class teacher.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Breakfast Club & Hot Meals</u></p> <p>Our Department funded food scheme, which provides the pupils with two healthy snacks and a hot meal every day, free of charge to every child in the school has been a great success. The hot meals are provided by thelunchbag.ie and parents can order their chosen meal for each day on the app. It has given the children an opportunity to taste new healthy foods.</p> |