



# Nuacht Litir

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### Deireadh Fómhair 2023



We are now back in school for more than a month, so everybody is well settled into the school routine. We would especially like to welcome our 19 Junior Infants who all seem to be very happy in their new school surroundings. We wish all our pupils a happy, fulfilling and safe school year.

We welcome our new staff Ms. Orlaith Flanagan who is in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class, Ms. Niamh Kenny in Senior Infants/1<sup>st</sup> class and our SNAs Audrey Mann, Aisling Kennedy, Emma Connolly and Michelle Bracken. We also welcome new pupils Arwa, Mohammed, Mark, Cody, Eva and Yaroslav. Go n-éirí leo go léir!

Congratulations to Ms. Kelly on the birth of her baby boy and to Ms. McDonald on the birth of her daughter.

On behalf of everyone in the school I would like to thank all parents, and in particular our Parents' Association, for their support in fundraising for our new playground equipment. We have raised just over €20,000 through a combination of fundraisers, grants and donations. Thank you everyone! We hope this will be an amenity for pupils in our school for many years to come.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead and thank you all again for your continued support.

*Niall Spain*

### ALADDIN CONNECT

A reminder to monitor Aladdin for school/teacher correspondence and to record absences and late arrivals.

### DATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- ❖ Confirmation will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Ballinagar, on **Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024**. Time TBC.
- ❖ First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Ballinagar on **Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**. Time TBC.

### TEACHING PRACTICE

Ms. Ava Tobin has started teaching practice in 5th class. We wish her well during this time.



### Naomh Malaoise – Intermediate football Champions

Massive congratulations to Naomh Molaise on a joyous win in the Ladies Intermediate Football championship. It was fantastic to have some of the girls visit the school with the cup. Well done to all involved!



### HANDWRITING AWARDS

Junior Infants: Olivia Dillon, Otis O' Toole Shortt

Senior Infants: Seán Conroy, Charlie Hughes

1<sup>st</sup> class: Lily Garry, Aidan Kavanagh Bryant, Emma Norris, Evan Colsh

2<sup>nd</sup> class: James Molloy, Olivia O' Meara

3<sup>rd</sup> class: Simon Hendy, Meabh O' Meara

4<sup>th</sup> class: Kaitlyn Moore, Thom Kelly

5<sup>th</sup> class: Heather Gowing, Eimhin Dunne

6<sup>th</sup> class: Peter Kilroe, Eoin Flanagan



5th class embraced all things rugby during the RWC and researched, compiled and presented excellent group projects. They have also been getting into the spirit of Hallowe'en by constructing their own creative masks, clay pumpkins and performing the famous Witches' Chant.

3<sup>rd</sup> class took a great interest in the Rugby World Cup. They carried out research on some of the countries taking part and they also did a sweep stake where they supported/followed a team each.



### **Comórtais Peile:**

Our boys' & girls' teams have finished taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol Autumn competitions. All involved have shown great commitment and represented the school with pride & honour. Commiserations to our boys' team who narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

Well done to all our players and a big Thank You to their managers – Ms. Hope & Ms. Quinn (Girls' team) and Mr. McNamee, Mr Spain & Ms. Ryan (Boys' team).



### **OFFALY PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Our school entered eight teams for the event; a boys' and a girls' team from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The competition took place in the Tullamore Harriers Stadium on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to all the boys and girls who competed. A special mention to our medallist's Joe Daly and Kate Minnock.

**Rang a Sé Buachaillí:** Joe Daly, Cathal Cuskelly, Donnacadh Molloy, Seán McConnell

**Rang a Sé Cailíní:** Emmi Hughes, Alyssa Harte, Emily McDonagh, Aoife Mann

**Rang a Cúig Buachaillí:** Enda Norris, Alex Stafford, Sam Garry, David Dunne

**Rang a Cúig Cailíní:** Alanna Arnold, Lillie McCann, Heather Gowing, Saoirse Clarke

**Rang a Ceathair Buachaillí:** Charlie Farrell, Jack Byrne, Davin Finlay, Thom Kelly

**Rang a Ceathair Class Cailíní:** Kate Minnock, Fiadh Cuskelly, Ciara Lynam, Ella May Murphy Moore

**Rang a Trí Buachaillí:** Charlie Duffy, Liam Cuskelly, Simon Hendy, Niall Martin

**Rang a Trí Cailíní:** Faya Flood, Siobhán Mulligan, Rhea-Hope Power, Tessa Keller-Garcia

### **Athletics Coaching**

Athletics coaching began on the 11<sup>th</sup> October for all classes. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to keep active and learn new skills and they are really enjoying the range of athletic activities on offer.

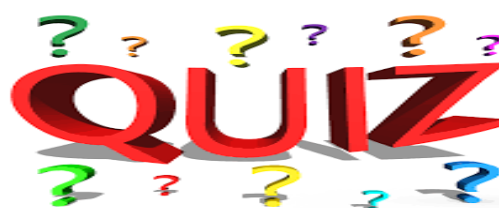
### **BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS**

A gentle reminder that it is school policy that birthday invitations are not permitted to be given out in school unless in exceptional circumstances.

## **Freaky Friday**



It's that time of year again! No uniform day will be Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. It is traditional now that children come to school in Halloween costume. This year we will be doing a Witches Walk in the village and all proceeds will be going towards our new playground. A huge Thank You to all who have donated and raised money so far. Dressing in costume and offering a donation is voluntary.



### **EDENDERRY PRIMARY SCHOOLS' QUIZ -**

Huge Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class teams who performed brilliantly at the recent quiz in Edenderry, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. They worked hard and were very deserving of their success. We were all very proud of them. **Team members:** Patrick Flynn, Eimhin Dunne, Evie Brown, Ethan O' Donoghue, Nora Flynn, Donnacha Molloy, Neil Keller-Garcia, Mia Mooney, Emile Greham, Anna Crombie, Oisín Hogan, Aaron Duffy.

Eimhin Dunne was a member of the Offaly U13 Quiz team that came 8<sup>th</sup> in the All Ireland recently. Well done Eimhin!

### **Briseadh Lár Téarma don Oíche Shamhna**

The school will be closed from Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> for mid-term.

### **Parents' Association**

The Parents' Association and Ballinagar GAA are planning to reintroduce the community lotto in November. This has always been an excellent source of funding to support the school and provide a range of activities for the children to supplement their education. Míle Buíochas!

As you are all aware playground fundraising is ongoing. We aim to raise an additional €10,000 to add to the €20,000 already raised. A reminder to please support our Witches Walk and the marathon @[gofundme-Ballinagar NS](#). Massive thank you to Gearóid Keller, Dermot Doohan and Evan Lynam for running the marathon on behalf of the school.

