

BALLINLOUGH NATIONAL SCHOOL,  
BALLINLOUGH,  
KELLS,  
COUNTY MEATH.  
A82 PX57

TEL: 046 92 43965



PRINCIPAL: TANYA FARRELLY  
ROLL NO: 092381

EMAIL: [ballinloughns.ias@eircom.net](mailto:ballinloughns.ias@eircom.net)  
WEB: [www.ballinloughns.com](http://www.ballinloughns.com)

## January 2020 Newsletter

Happy New Year & welcome back to a new term at Ballinlough N.S.

### **Enrolment**

Next month is our Enrolment month. Please ensure that all Enrolment forms for new pupils are returned during the month of February so your child's name is on our list for September 2020.

As you are aware due to falling enrolments, we will be a 3 teacher school as of next September. To allow us to plan for future enrolments we would be grateful if you could also notify us if you have a child enrolling for September 2021 & 2022. This will allow us to plan ahead for the next 3 years as we will have projected enrolment figures.

### **Confirmation**

Takes place Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm in Ballinlough. All children from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> are needed for the choir. Please ensure pupils have their tin whistle/music folder in their schoolbags each day as there are quite a number of hymns to be learned over the coming weeks.

### **SSE**

As part of our school self-evaluation, we are working on a programme to improve pupils spelling by teaching children to recognise patterns, recognise words within words & spelling strategies. This programme is being piloted at the minute and we will be looking for feedback on this later in the year.

## **Visitors**

Oisín McGann (renowned author) visited classes for a writing workshop on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Swimming**

Commences Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February for 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes (group 1). If you intend to assist your child in the changing rooms, please ensure you are Garda Vetted. A note was sent home recently about this. No adult will be permitted to access the changing rooms without Garda Vetting. Details will follow next month.

## **Photographer**

The photographer will visit the school this year on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, a reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

## **Primary Language Curriculum**

Teachers completed an Inservice Seminar on the Primary Curriculum on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. All schools are entitled to 2 x half day closures to plan for the implementation of this curriculum. Therefore, the school will be closing for pupils at 12.00 noon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please put these dates in your diary.

## **Attendance**

A reminder that February is our Attendance Awareness Month, our motto is "strive for 5" , ie that children are in school for 5 days a week. Certificates will be awarded to the children with full attendance for the month.