



Newsletter

As we begin the new school year, we would like to make some changes to improve the school under the new Self-Evaluation of Schools Initiative. We would like your input and help with this. We will be setting up a Parental suggestion box outside the school office for you to post your suggestions. Some of the areas we are prioritizing are improving the general well-being of our pupils incorporated with getting the children more active and healthier. We are also looking to build on home/school relationship.

At present:-

- We send out monthly newsletters
- We update the blog on the website regularly
- We have a Parents Association
- We have an open door policy
- Relevant parental policies are uploaded onto the website. These include Code of Conduct/Anti-Bullying/Child Protection, Relationships & Sexuality. Parents are asked to contribute to these such as our Code of Conduct/our Anti-Bullying policy.

School Initiatives

- ✚ Literacy Lift off/Guided Reading to improve Literacy Levels.
- ✚ Ready Set Go Maths & Maths stations to improve Numeracy.
- ✚ Science: Discover Primary Science Awards
- ✚ Health & Wellbeing – Active School Flag
Health Promoting Flag
Food Dudes
- ✚ ICT: We are currently working on our Digital Schools Framework at present to build on the success of Digital Schools of Distinction Award.
- ✚ Life Skills: taking part in initiatives such as the Pride of Place, Green School and the Junior Entrepreneur Programme.
- ✚ Gaeilge: We are in year 4 of our Gaelbhreach. We try to inform parents what phrases we are working on throughout each month, so they can be re-enforced at home.
- ✚ Creativity: working alongside artist Betty Newman Maguire, taking part in school concerts
- ✚ Self-Evaluation: We are working to improve Oral Language in both English & Irish and later on in the year we will be looking for your input in drawing up the policy.
- ✚ Transitioning to Secondary School:- We run a transition programme with our 6th class pupils to ease the transition.
- ✚ Pupil Involvement: We are electing a student council this year to give the pupils a voice in how things run & what improvements we can make to the school

As always parental input & involvement is always encouraged in Ballinlough N.S. We hope

to build on these relationships and improve our school together this year.