



St. Patrick's N.S.,
Bruree,
Co.Limerick

Newsletter June 2021



School Year 2020/2021

Once again we have had a very unique school year considering our school closures after Christmas and the level of procedures that everyone has had to follow this year. On behalf of the Board and staff of the school, I would like to thank everyone for complying with restrictions and procedures during the school year. Everyone has done their very best to keep everyone in school and in the community as safe as possible.

While our pupils have spent a considerable amount of time out of school over the past 16 months, they have shown remarkable resilience and flexibility on our return. Of course, there will be gaps in learning considering the school closures but our pupils continue to make very good progress and are ready to move on to the next class level in the new school year. Teachers will continue to assess pupils when they return after the holidays and will work at the level of the pupils in front of them. The pupils will continue to make progress with their learning next year.

We are all very hopeful that we can return to a more normal school environment on 30th August. With the vaccination programme now well underway, more positive times lie ahead.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful summer and we are all looking forward to seeing our pupils return safely for the new school year.

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Return to School

As mentioned above the school will reopen on Monday 30th August for all pupils. At this point it seems likely that there will be some restrictions and procedures still in place so that we can continue to keep everyone in the school community safe. Regular handwashing and hand sanitising will remain in place. We will continue to use separate entrances for our pupils as we enter and exit the school. The car park ran much more smoothly this year than in previous years and we will continue with our one way system when we return. It is likely that we will continue to restrict visitors to the school next year. This will depend on the public health advice available in late summer.

At this point, it is likely that we will continue with staggered breaks and lunches next year. This is to facilitate hand washing and sanitising after breaks and lunches as well as safe entry and exit to the schools at busy times.

We will continue to use an online absence report and a form for the new school year will be available on the school website on our return to school.



6th class Graduation

We were very disappointed that we could not celebrate our 6th class graduation in the normal way this year. Instead we plan on having a ceremony for the pupils in their class on Tuesday 22nd June at 11am. This ceremony will be streamed for any parents that wish to watch it and a recording will also be available on the website over the summer. I would like to wish Jay O'Connor, Liam Kingston, Thomas

Sexton, Dajama Gabcova, Cianna O'Connor, Kayleigh-Ann Hayes, Oisin Curley, Liam Power, Millie Kelly, Emer Sheahan, Áine Sheahan, Gavin Hughes, Aine Prunty, Emily Irwin, Rebecca Carey, Andrew Albert Svetlitsnoi, Emma Kiely, Mya O'Dwyer, Danny Harrold, Ava Selley and Jessica Foley the very best of luck as they move onto their new secondary schools. They are all very capable pupils and we are already looking forward to hearing great things about them in the future.

Communion Class

Our Holy Communion class will have their special day on the 10th July this year. As you are aware, there will be four smaller ceremonies taking place in Bruree and Rockhill Churches during the day. We hope that all our pupils have a lovely day. All ceremonies will be streamed live on our website.

Confirmation Class

Our 5th and 6th classes will receive the sacrament of Confirmation over the 5th and 6th of July. Again this ceremony will take place in smaller groups. We hope that all our pupils really enjoy the day.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support when organising the sacraments this year. We understand that there will be disappointment that everyone cannot attend. We must adhere to current public health advice while holding these ceremonies. The ceremonies will be streamed live on both days.

School Uniform

Our school tie and jumper can be purchased in Murrays, Charleville. To comply with Covid restrictions please make an appointment with Murrays for a fitting. Fittings for pupils in St. Patrick's N.S. will take place on the 8th & 9th of July. Murrays can be contacted on 063-81236 or by email on schooluniforms@murson.ie

Book Rental

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to next year's Book Rental scheme. Books will be distributed to pupils in early September. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so using the following link for pupils in 1st to 6th class next year- <https://forms.gle/rg77cxEnVym6YMsH8>

Parents with pupils in Juniors and/or Seniors next year can sign up using the following link-

<https://forms.gle/gXYLLGpUzPFuF4zo8>

If your child has lost or damaged a book from this year's scheme, please contact the school office about replacing it.

School Reports/ Book Lists



School reports and book lists will be delivered by post to parents on the 16th June. If you do not receive your child's report or book list by the 18th June please contact the school office. Class allocation and formation will also be sent out on the 16th June. Booklists will also be available on the school website over the summer.

School Garden

Ms. Hannon and 1st class really worked very hard on our school garden this year. So much so that they featured in the Limerick Leader in May. The class have produced some lovely vegetables in recent weeks and have learned some valuable life lessons under the guidance of Ms. Hannon and Frances. Well done to all.



Agri Aware Award

Second class are delighted to have achieved their accreditation to be a Farm Safe Star School. They worked really hard over the last number of months, learning how to be safe on a farm, and how to behave around farm animals and farm machinery. The children completed tasks and attended a webinar on each module. Their favourite part of the course was learning about farm animals and how their body language can tell us how they are feeling. We cannot wait to get our certificate!



Stay in touch

The best way to keep up to date on all the latest from St. Patrick's N.S. is to follow us on twitter @brureens. We also have lots of useful information and links for parents on our website <https://www.brureens.ie/>

Dare to Believe

As part of the 'Dare to Believe' programme in association with the Irish Olympic team, 3rd class pupils have written postcards to pupils in a primary school in Fukuroi, Japan. They also designed their own Olympic medals and have entered a competition to design a kit for the Irish Olympic team. For the month of May they recorded their daily activity to encourage 60 minutes of activity each day.



Active School Week 2021

We celebrated Active Schools Week on the week of the 7th June this year. Our classes are active all year round but we make a special effort to be active this week. We were so lucky to receive some lovely video messages from Paul O'Connell and Donncha O'Callaghan this year. Paul reminded the pupils about how important being active is and mentioned some activities that he enjoys. We had a great week taking part in different games, running games and Sports Day activities. Well done everyone!



Sensory Pathway

We recently began our installation of a sensory pathway in the school. This area can be found in the building outside our Junior and Senior Infant classrooms. All the children can benefit from the area and it is particularly of use for pupils with

sensory needs. We plan on adding to our sensory area in the coming year. I would like to thank Ms O'Dea and Ms Conmy for overseeing the project.



New Interactive Panels:

We have installed interactive panels into the Juniors, Seniors, 1st and 2nd classrooms over the last number of weeks. The children in these rooms have really enjoyed using the panels to help with their learning. The panels have many interactive tools which really help the teachers when explaining new content to the pupils. We hope to install new panels in the rest of our classrooms in 2021/2022.



Thank you and Good Bye

Unfortunately at the end of this school year, we must say goodbye to Ms. Dillon and Mr. Goggin. On behalf of everyone in the school I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time in the school. We wish them well in their careers and would love to see them back in St. Patrick's N.S. again in the future.

Ms. Costelloe will return next year in her role as a Special Education Teacher. She will be working as part of a job share with Ms. Grace Brosnan who will be joining our staff. We are delighted to welcome Ms Costelloe back and we are looking forward to welcoming Ms. Brosnan as part of our staff.

Summer Holidays



The school will close on June 23rd at 12.30pm. In order to reduce the number of cars in the car park at that time, Junior and Senior infants will finish at 12.15pm. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe summer holiday. As mentioned before, it has been a tough year for everyone in the school community but we are looking forward to brighter days when we return on 30/08/2021.