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ST. PATRICK'S N.S. CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Board of Management

A new Board of Management has been formed in the school for 2023 to 2027.

Chairperson- Fr. David Gibson

Patron's Representative- Síle De Cléir

Secretary- Ger Kelleher

Teacher Nominee-Róisín Cussen

Parent Nominee- Joanne Kelleher

Parent Nominee- Cathal O'Regan

Community Nominee- Mike Barron

Community Nominee- Pauline

O'Connell.

We would like to welcome Fr. Gibson as our new chairperson and Róisín Cussen as our new teacher nominee. I would also like to thank Síle De Cléir for all her support and dedication to the school in her role as chairperson during the term of the last Board. I would also like to thank Canon Shire and Fiona Walsh for their time on the previous Board.

The Board meets at least five times per year and an agreed report from these meetings can be found on our website here-

<https://www.brureens.ie/our-school/board-of-management/>

Science Week

All classes had a great week for Science Week 2023. There were a huge variety of activities throughout the week. Mr. Reidy's 6th class went to a Science Quiz in Scoil Iosaef, Kilmallock. Class activities varied from watching SFI Science shows, making skittle rainbows, investigating our fingerprints, experimenting with air pressure, playing the tin whistle without our fingers and much, much more. The children had great fun throughout the week and saw many aspects of Science.

Admissions 2024

If you wish to apply for enrolment for a child in September 2024 you can do so on our website

<https://www.brureens.ie/>

Click on the 'Parents' tab and the first tab has all the information you need.

Credit Union Art Winners

Well done to Gráinne Cotter, Robbie Kearns Liddy, Róisín O'Brien and Jamie Maher who were recent winners in the Credit Union Art Competition. Well done to all our pupils who took part and thanks to our local Credit Union in Kilmallock for organising.

Swimming Lessons

Our 3rd class will start swimming on February 14th in the Woodlands House Hotel Leisure Centre. They will take part in six lessons ending on March 20th. We will provide more information about the costs and times after Christmas. Our BOM and Parents Association will also make a contribution towards the cost of swimming lessons.

GAA Coach

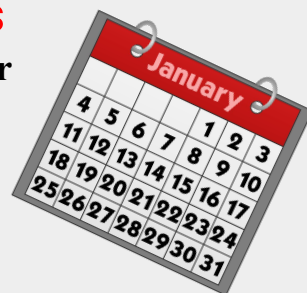
We will have a new GAA coach starting in the school again after Christmas. Daragh Bridgeman, a Sports Science student in UL, will begin taking sessions with all our pupils in early January. The sessions will be a mix of fundamental movement skills, fun games and of course Gaelic football, hurling and camogie.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We donated over 80 boxes and these are well on their way to children in need this Christmas.

Important Dates and Times

- School closes at 12.15pm on Friday 22nd December
- School reopens on Monday 8th January at 9.20am
- GAA Coach starting Friday 19th January
- Public Holiday Feb 5th
- Mid Term Feb 15th/16th
- 3rd Class Swimming 14th February



School Policies

School staff have recently reviewed a number of policies including;

- Assessment Policy
- Acceptable Use of Internet Policy
- Communication Policy

These policies can be reviewed on our school website in the policy section. We welcome parental feedback on our policies and this can be done here-

<https://www.brureens.ie/parents/school-policy-review/>

Christmas Shows

Well done to our Juniors, Seniors, 1st and 2nd classes on the fantastic shows they put on on Tuesday 12th December. The boys and girls were brilliant on the night and we all really enjoyed their performances. I would like to thank our teachers, SNAs, Joan and Ger Sexton for all their help with organising a great night. Thanks also to our parents who turned up in great numbers to support the pupils.

Visit to Beech Lodge Care Facility

Pupils from 5th and 6th class attended Beech Lodge Care Facility in the lead up to Christmas to sing carols, dance and play traditional Irish music for the residents. We really enjoy our annual visit to Beech Lodge and get a great reception from all the residents who love to see the children performing. Thanks to Beech Lodge for inviting us down and for looking after us so well.

Well Done

Well done to Páidí Herlihy and Michael O'Donnell who were part of the South Schools Sarsfield Cup team this year.

They met a very strong City division in the semi final. Well done to all the boys and girls in the school who tried out for both the Sarsfield Cup and Larkin Shield teams



The Parents Association would like to thank all the parents of the school for their generous support of our fundraising efforts in the first semester of the 2023/2024 school year.

On 23rd November, the Parents Association held a Family Table Quiz. It was a great night with 33 teams battling it out for the honours. In a closely fought battle only one point separated the top 3 teams.

The Curious Cussens (the Cussen family) emerged victorious with 37 points, in 2nd place were the Quiz Starz (the O'Dea family) with 36 points and in 3rd place were the Mighty Mc's (the McCoy family) with 35 points.

We would like to express our thanks to David Reidy as Quizmaster, Catherine Hynes as corrector and to Ger Sexton and the school for their help and support for our event.

Our first prize of €200 was sponsored by Kilmallock Credit Union.

While the results were being calculated we held a raffle with prizes kindly donated by Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel, Bulgaden Castle, Supervalu, Fogarty's Chemist, Smyths Toys, Unique Hair Salon and the O'Brien family.

We also had a prize for the Best Team Name, selected by David Reidy and Catherine Hynes; the winners were The Brureegans (the O'Regan family).

In December, we produced a school calendar featuring the children of the school in their birthday month. The photos for each month were greatly enhanced by the creative artwork of the children organised by Anna O'Dea. Our sincere thanks to Anna for her incredible hard work and creativity, and our thanks to the school for their support.

The calendar went on sale through the school with all costs covered by the sponsorship received from the following businesses; Abbey Printing, Adiuvo, Brian Geary Cars, Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel, Geary's Bar, JB Beechinor Group, Kilmallock Credit Union, Maurice Power Solicitors, Ryan's Supervalu, Unique Hair and Beauty, Zanwood Kitchens

Our thanks to all the sponsors of our school calendar and to all the parents for supporting our fundraising.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Silver Circle Draw

We had a very successful Silver Circle Draw again this year. I would like to thank everyone in the school community for their continued support. Over €6,000 was raised and this money will be used to subsidise transport costs during the year, develop our numeracy resources particularly in the strand units of time and money

Christmas Jumpers

Pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Friday 22nd of December if they wish. The school will close on Friday for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on January 8th at 9.20am

Happy Christmas

On behalf of the BOM and all our school staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. In particular I would like to say well done to our pupils and our school staff who have worked very hard throughout the year. I would also like to thank our parents who have supported the school throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the support and dedication of our Board of Management and our Parents Association. Enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

Gr Kelleher



Prizewinners

Well done to our Credit Union Art Competition winners- Jamie, Róisín, Gráinne and Robbie.

Well done also to our Anti Bullying Slogan competition winners- Gráinne, Emma, Caitlin, Saoirse and Matthew. Our winning slogan from Gráinne is 'Don't Bully, it's never Funny.'



Photo Gallery





