

Saint Catherine's National School



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NEWSLETTER

This is a newsletter from the principal. I will be sending a school newsletter to all parents/guardians at the end of each half term.

School Uniform

The wearing of the school uniform is strongly recommended as it establishes a basic standard of acceptable dress promotes tidiness and also promotes a sense of unity and identity among the children.

These are the details of the school uniform:

Boys:

Navy Trousers
White polo t-shirt
Wine jumper
Wine/navy socks
Navy school shorts

Girls:

Navy Trousers / Pinafore / Skirt
White polo t-shirt
Wine jumper
Wine V-neck cardigan with pinafore only
Wine/Navy socks or tights
Navy school shorts

The school tracksuit may be worn on PE days:

Ms. Doyle's Room: Wednesday and Friday
Ms. McPhillip's Room: Wednesday and Friday
Ms. Cooley's Room: Wednesday and Friday

All students in Ms. Cooley's room are permitted to wear their school tracksuit on any of the five school days.

There may be other days when children will be allowed to wear tracksuits and parents will be notified of these days by the Class Teacher or School Principal in advance.

We are asking you to work with us to enhance the very positive co-operation between the parent body and the school to establish pupil unity.

Absent Notes

Absent notes in accordance with legal requirements, children should attend school regularly. Under section 21 of the Education Welfare Act 2000, the Board of Management is required to submit an Annual Attendance Record with details of students who have been absent for 20 days or more. A note of explanation is required when a child is absent. Please submit an absent note for all full day absences by email or written. If for any reason, your child is collected early or brought to school later than normal please send an email to ballyhackschool@gmail.com. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Morning Drop-Off

Morning drop-off from 9:15am will continue and staff will be outside to supervise from that time. Please ensure your child uses the footpath provided when exiting your car.

Cyril Squirrel Savings Scheme

Our final day of the Cyril Squirrel Savings Scheme will take place this Friday 14th June. We will resume once more in the Autumn term.

Rounders Tournament

Our Rounders team have qualified for the Shield Final of the Rounders Tournament. We wish them best of luck from everyone in the school.

School Athletics

The South Wexford School Athletics took place on Tuesday 21st May in Enniscorthy Athletics Track. We would like to congratulate all the children who took part in this sports event.

Funky Kids

Our Funky kids concert took place in Ballykelly Hall on Thursday 13th June. A wonderful event, which was enjoyed by the children, teachers, parents and wider community. Thank you to the Ballykelly Hall committee for giving us the use of the hall.

Sports Day

Sports Day took place on Wednesday 12th June. Thank you to all the teachers and children for helping to organise this event.

Passage East Trip

Thank you to Jim Foley for helping us organise our yearly trip to Passage East. We all had a lovely day out.

School Tours

This year the children in the school visited the SETU Arena, Castlecomer Discovery Park and Woodfield House for their school tours.

End of Year Mass and Grandpeople's Day

Our end of year mass will take place next Tuesday 18th June. We would like to invite in parents, grandparents, family members, family friend and the wider community to the end of year mass, there will be light refreshments afterwards.

6th Class Graduation

The 6th Class Graduation will take place next at 6pm on Tuesday 18th June in the school. This should last no longer than 30 minutes. We would to see the 6th class children, parents and their families at this event.

School Website

Our website is currently being updated. Check it out on <http://www.ballyhacknationalschool.ie/>

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Summer Holiday