

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 school uniform has been updated. All students are permitted to wear the K-Sports half zip and tracksuit and white polo/O'Neills top every day. More details will follow with an updated School Uniform Policy.

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 through Aladdin Connect. 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.

Aladdin Connect

We are now fully up and running on Aladdin Connect. We would appreciate if you have not downloaded this application please do so immediately. Aladdin Connect will be used for the following; Parent Teacher Meetings, Announcements, Permission Slips, Attendance and many more features as we use the application more and more. We appreciate your patience in setting up this application.

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.

Super Saver Sam

We were delighted to engage with the Super Saver Sam, Credit Union savings. We hope to continue this in September of the new school year.

Fire Station Visit

The students from Junior and Senior Infants visited the New Ross Fire Station on the 8th of May. They enjoyed a great day with lots of new learning experiences. They finished their day out with a visit to the New Ross playground.

First Communion

First Communion took place in St James Church, Ramsgrange, on Saturday 17th May at 2pm. We would like to congratulate the communion class on making their First Holy Communion.

School Chess Tournament

We again ran out in school chess tournament. Lots of students from 2nd-6th class played lots of game. Well done to those who took part and a special well done to the finalists of this year's tournament.

Rounders Tournament

We were delighted to see our rounders team win the county mixed final this year. What a fantastic achievement for the school in the short time that the students have been taking part in rounders. Special thanks to Ms Doyle and Ms O'Brien for their hard work training and coaching the team.

Soccer Tournament

Well done to the boys and girls who took part in the 5 a side soccer tournaments in Enniscorthy this term.

Rackard League Athletics

The Rackard League athletics took place in Enniscorthy track on Tuesday 20th May this year. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part at this athletics meet.

Passage East Visit

We again visited the Passage East playground as we do every June. We had a wonderful day out and enjoyed the lovely weather at both the playground and the beach. Thank you to the Passage East Car Ferry for bringing us safely to and from Passage East.

PA Summer Raffle

The Parents Association Summer raffle will take place on Friday 20th June. Thank you for organising this fundraiser and thank you to all the sponsors.

Lee Chin and Clearwater Construction

The students were delighted to welcome Lee Chin into the school to donate a signed jersey to the summer raffle. Thank you to Melody and Johnny for organising.

Get Active May

We had great success with our 'Walk a KM a Day' and our weekly walk from Arthurstown. We extended our walk from Arthurstown until the end of the term. On the last day of the walk both students and teachers visited Arthurstown beach and Lady's Bay to collect stones and paint them.

School Tours

The school tour venues and prices will be given after Easter holidays. The dates for the school tours are as follows;

Classes	Dates	
Ms Cooley's Room	Thursday 5 th June	Forest School
Ms McPhillip's Room	Thursday 5 th June	Forest School
Ms Doyle's Room	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Dunmore Adventure Centre

Ms O' Brien

Ms. Sarah O' Brien will be leaving us this year after two years here in Ballyhack NS. We want to sincerely thank her for all her hard work in teaching and learning, supporting and coaching the rounders team. You will be missed in Ballyhack NS.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter holiday.