



## OUR LADY'S GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL BALLINKEER Newsletter February 2018

### **Important Dates:**

<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:</b>	<b>School closing at 12.30 p.m.</b> Child Protection Procedure Training for teachers. <b>No table tennis after school.</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	Service of Light for Confirmation Candidates.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March:	Confirmation.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	School closed.
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:</b>	<b>School closing at 12.30 p.m. for Easter Holiday.</b> <b>No table tennis after school.</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April:	School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

### **Closure for Staff Training:**

The school will close at 12.30 p.m. on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March next to facilitate Staff 'Child Protection Training' in line with the Department of Education Circular.

### **Enrolments for September:**

Any siblings of current pupils in Our Lady's Girls' and Boys' schools who wish to join Junior Infants in September and who have not yet submitted an Enrolment Form should do so **immediately.**

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge:**

We will celebrate 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' in the two weeks before St. Patrick's Day, from March 5<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding Ceilís (Irish Dancing), Tráth na gCeist (Quiz) a special Assembly and other events and encouraging all parent to use your 'cúpla focail' (few words in Irish) where possible.

### **GOAL Green Jersey Day:**

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we will hold a Green Jersey Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March in aid of the Third World Charity GOAL. All pupils may wear a green top with their school tracksuit bottoms and runners. We would suggest a donation of €2.

### **School Book Fair:**

Our annual school Book Fair will take place from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Parents of pupils in Infant classes only may bring their daughter to the Book Fair to purchase a book from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March between 8.30 a.m. and 8.50 a.m. and also between 1.30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Only Infant pupils accompanied by an adult may access the Book Fair at these times. Infant classes will also be brought to the Book Fair by their teachers during school hours. All other pupils will be brought to the Book Fair by their class teachers and may purchase books at these times. Please Note: that the last remaining book of any title may not be taken from the Book fair. Orders will be taken for any additional books required but they must be prepaid.

### **Climate Change Day of Action:**

As part of our school preparation for our 7<sup>th</sup> Green Schools Flag application, we will be holding a Climate Change Day of Action on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

- On this day, all pupils will be encouraged to walk to school and to leave the car at home.
- We will also have a 'clean up' around the school yard using bio-degradable plastic bags.
- Children's projects and art work will be on display around the school and posted on our school website.
- There will be a 'Climate Change' assembly with Green Party T.D. Catherine Martin as our special guest.
- Each class will present and showcase their climate change project.

### **Accord Workshop:**

Pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> class will have a Workshop with Accord on Thursday next 1<sup>st</sup> March. A workshop for 5<sup>th</sup> class pupils will be held later in the year.

### **Tag Rugby:**

Well done to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils who took part in a much enjoyed Rugby Blitz on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, following their four week series of lessons sponsored by Leinster Rugby.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade:**

We will hold an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Any pupils who wish to take part should decorate their Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in on the day.