



## OUR LADY'S GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL BALLINTEER

### Newsletter: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

#### **Important Dates:**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Parents Information Meeting in School Hall at 7p.m.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> –	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February:	Catholic Schools' Week.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February:	Catholic Schools' Week Mass 11a.m. in Church. Schools' Open Day/Grandparents' Day 11.30a.m. – 1.00p.m.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February:	Storyteller (Niall de Búrca) visit.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> –	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February:	Literacy Week.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February:	School closes for Mid-Term Break at 2.30p.m.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February:	School re-opens at 8.50a.m.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March:	Service of Light for Confirmation Candidates.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	St. Patrick's Day – school closed.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April:	Confirmation at 11a.m.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April:	Music Concert.
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April:	School closes for Easter Holidays.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April:	School re-opens at 8.50a.m.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	First Confession.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May:	First Communion.

#### **Parents Information Meeting:**

A Parents Information Meeting has been organised by Our Lady's Schools to address concerns on the topics of Anti-Bullying and Internet Safety. The evening will be presented by Bully4U and will last 75 minutes approximately, to include a video presentation and questions and answer session. We would strongly urge all parents to attend.

### **Catholic Schools' Week Mass:**

Our annual Catholic Schools' Week Mass will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February next at 11a.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend and our school choir will sing at this Mass.

### **Open Day/Grandparents' Day:**

Our annual Schools' Open Day and Grandparents' Day will take place this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 11.30a.m. – 1.00p.m. Both schools will be open for viewing of the pupils work and visits to the Infant classrooms with teachers present. Tea and coffee will be available in the School Hall, provided by the Parents' Association. All are most welcome to visit our school.

***Please Note: that children and teenagers must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Pupils' work will be displayed on corridors and the Infant classroom, the Library and Computer Room will be open for viewing. All other classrooms will remain closed.***

### **Storyteller:**

We are delighted to welcome storyteller Niall de Búrca back to our school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February next. He will conduct storytelling sessions for all class groups. These sessions are always much enjoyed by all pupils and we look forward to his return next week. There will be a charge of €2 per pupil for this event. Money should be given to your daughter's class teacher.

### **Literacy Week:**

Our annual school Literacy Week will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. During this week, all classes will focus particularly on Literacy and participate in events such as Book Reviews, Story writing and reading, Readers Theatre, Poetry writing and reading etc.

### **Health & Safety:**

We would remind pupils that cycling helmets should be worn at all times when cycling. Riding bicycles and scooters through the school yard is not permitted for Health & Safety reasons. Pupils and younger siblings are not permitted to climb rocks or grassy banks on the school grounds for safety reasons.

### **Volunteer Gardeners:**

Many thanks as always to our wonderful volunteer gardeners for all their work in keeping our school grounds looking so well.