



OUR LADY'S GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL BALLINTEER
Newsletter June 2018

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER IS: 01-4930736

Important Dates:

Tuesday 12 th June:	Induction morning for New Junior Infants.
Wednesday 20 th June:	6 th class Graduation.
Friday 22 nd June:	Parents Association 6 th class Quiz.
Monday 25 th June:	Green Flag Raising at 9.45a.m.
Thursday 28 th June:	Mass in Church at 9.30a.m.
Friday 29 th June:	Uniform Sale. Non-uniform day. School closing for summer holidays at 12.30p.m.

Parking:

When bringing pupils to and from school, please park in a designated space in the car park. Please do not park along access roads, on walking paths or on footpaths or grass banks. Parents are reminded that younger pupils must always be walked into school and handed over to a responsible adult. They must never be allowed to walk in unless accompanied by an adult or responsible senior pupil.

Pupil Absences:

Pupils absent from school should bring a note to their teacher on their return to school. Please be aware that we are required to report any pupils who are absent for 20 or more days.

Child Protection:

Our School Child Protection Strategy Statement has now been posted on our school website. Please be aware that under recent legislation, we are required to report any child protection or child welfare concerns to T.U.S.L.A.

Data Protection:

We have begun working to ensure our compliance with the recently published General Data Protection Regulations Legislation, and will continue working on this.

Confirmation and First Communion:

Congratulations to all our sixth class pupils who were confirmed, and also all of our second class pupils who made their First Holy Communion. Both events were wonderful occasions and we trust that they were enjoyed by all concerned.

Many thanks to the Parents Association who organised a fabulous reception in the school after each event. Thank you also to our Gardening volunteers who ensured that the school grounds were looking their best for both occasions.

Sports Day:

This year's Sports Fun Day took place on Thursday 30th May. All senior classes, from 3rd to 6th spent the day in Marlay Park enjoying games and races such as Hurdle and Sack races, Tag Rugby and use of the playground. Junior classes had use of the entire school, yards and playground for their games and fun races, and also played with bubbles and chalk. A very enjoyable and tiring day was had by all.

Santry Sports:

Preliminary heats were held in school to choose our top twenty athletes to compete in Santry Sports Athletics competition. These girls were then trained by Mrs. Morgan. Congratulations to all of the girls, both on qualifying and on representing our school so wonderfully in Santry.

Public Speaking Competition:

Congratulations to all our 6th class pupils who took part in our annual Public Speaking competition in the school hall on Wednesday last. Every girl in the class delivered a speech on her chosen topic to 6th class parents and senior pupils and our outside adjudicator was impressed by the high standards achieved. Well done to our winner, Ruby Baker, and runners up Aoife Muldowney, Abby Cregan and Romy Stack.

Table Tennis:

Congratulations to all who took part in this year's Table Tennis Competition, especially our cup winner; Talah Mandourah, 2nd place winner Alaine O'Connor, 3rd place Laura Kirwan and 4th place Charvey Rakwal.

Bizworld:

Well done to our 5th class pupils who took part in a two day 'Bizworld' workshop this week. This Dragons Den style event was assisted by facilitators provided by Bank of Ireland, including two Dragons, who were most impressed by the business plans presented and made lots of investments. This was a wonderful opportunity for our young entrepreneurs and we'll be looking out for them in the future on 'Dragons Den'!!!

Contact Details/Information:

If your contact details – address, phone number have changed, please notify the school as soon as possible. Please also notify the school if your daughter develops any health condition that is not already known to us – e.g. asthma, allergies etc.

Pupil enrolments:

All classes for September are currently full, with waiting lists for some classes. Please note that we expect to have a single Junior Infant class in September 2019. Siblings of existing pupils (girls and boys) must have submitted an application form before **December 30th 2018** to be considered for a place in Junior Infants in September 2019. If the class is oversubscribed in any category priority will be given to the **eldest** applicants. Please note also that any pupils with special needs must submit relevant reports to the school by 30th December of the year prior to starting school. Our Enrolment Policy is available to view on our school website.

Parents of any pupils who will not be returning to this school in September should notify the school as soon as possible.

Non-Uniform Day:

We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 29th June. Pupils may wear their own knee length shorts or school shorts or tracksuit bottoms. This will be a fundraiser for the Parents Association and a donation of €1 is suggested.

Parents Association:

A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents Association from our school and also the Board of Management for all the work that they do to support our school throughout the year. This includes not only the very well organised and efficiently run receptions for special occasions, but also supporting other school events such as concerts, parent meetings, fundraisers, and running fun and social events such as storytelling for Infants and the 6th class Quiz Competition. This support is much valued and appreciated.

Garden Volunteers:

Thank you to our Garden Volunteers who work throughout the year to ensure that our school grounds are well kept and always looking their best. If any parents are interested in joining our volunteer gardeners (no experience necessary!!) please contact the school secretary.

Sports Volunteers:

Thank you to parents who volunteered to assist with Camogie Training this year. We will resume Gaelic Training in September and would love to hear from anyone who can assist with this.

Uniform Sale:

The Parents Association will hold their annual Uniform Sale in the school hall on Friday 29th June from 10.30a.m. – 11.30a.m. Any unwanted uniform pinafores/skirts, jumpers, cardigans, tracksuits can be brought to school on or before Friday 29th June.

Mass:

All pupils will attend 9.30a.m. Mass in the Church on Thursday 28th June for the end of our school year. Pupils not attending Mass may come to school at 10.30a.m.

Green Flag:

We are delighted that we will be officially raising our 7th Green Flag with our special Guest Catherine Martin T.D. and Deputy Leader of the Green Party on Monday 25th June at 9.45a.m. Any parents who wish are most welcome to attend.

Our Winner:

Congratulations and well done to all pupils who have won trophies and awards recently. A particular mention to Mary Kate Keane from Senior Infants who won a national award for using her 'Maths Eyes' for Maths Week. She submitted a photo of an egg carton with places for 10 eggs which she used to compile number facts about 10. Well done to all our winners.

Classes for 2018/2019:

Junior Infants	Miss Ryan
Junior/Senior Infants	Miss Ní Mhurchú
Senior Infants	Miss Milmoe
1 st class	Miss McMunn
1 st /2 nd class	Miss Doherty (Maternity substitute to be appointed).
2 nd class	Miss Dooley
3 rd class	Miss Heffernan
3 rd /4 th class	Mrs. Molony
4 th class	Miss Sharkey
5 th class	Miss O'Neill
6 th class	(to be appointed)

Support Teachers: Miss S. McCarthy, Miss Ní Ghabhann, Mrs. Morgan.

Best wishes to Miss O'Riordan as she leaves us for a year to take a career break. We look forward to welcoming her back.

We would like to wish all our pupils and their families a very happy summer and an enjoyable break.