

School Newsletter

Ballynacally National School



Happy Easter

Happy Easter to everyone in our school community.

It has been another eventful term at Ballynacally N.S. and the past few months have flown by. Thankfully our restrictions have eased with the removal of our class bubbles and pods. The increased social interaction between the children has brought a new energy to the school. Long may this continue. Thank you to our Parents' Association for their continued support and activity during the term. Wishing everyone in our school community a safe and joyful Easter. - *Shane Greene*

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ENROLLING

Please contact the school as we are now enrolling for September 2022.

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FIRST PENANCE

Well done to the 2nd class pupils who made their First Penance recently.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

This year we held a céilí in the school yard. There was plenty of music, dance and fun.



Schools Football

The boys are off to a winning start in the league and are training each week.



Fitness Five

Every day the school exercises together for five consecutive minutes.



After-School

Well done to Laura's Childcare for organising a collection for the people of Ukraine.

Classroom Activities

We learned a lot in each of our classrooms this year.

This term we learned about Tom Crean. Tom was a great explorer from County Kerry. He went to Antarctica twice as well as rescuing his crew-mates from Elephant Island. Tom also owned the South Pole Inn in Annascaul, Co. Kerry where he was born. - Olive and Shane

We learned about the Great Irish Famine that lasted from 1845 to 1852. The famine was caused by the failure of the potato crop due to blight. We found the vast drop in population resulted in a huge decline in the number of Irish speakers. - Laoise, Ruby and Sarah

We learned about the solar system. We live on Earth. Earth is the third planet from the Sun. We have one moon that orbits Earth. Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon. In Aistear we got to make a rocket and act out Apollo II. It was a great adventure. - Mae and Evan



World Book Day

On March 3rd, we celebrated World Book Day in the school. Some fantastic characters appeared in our school that day. The children were up very early that morning dressing up as their favourite book characters.

Every child received a number of book tokens and free books. Dolores Meaney visited each classroom and read some wonderful poems and excerpts from books.

Thank you to the Parent's Association for organising this for us.

IRISH SEEDSAVERS

As part of the Heritage in Schools Scheme, Áine Ní Fhlatharta from Irish Seedsavers visited the school. We learned all about pollinators about biodiversity.

With Áine's help, we mapped areas for developing a school garden and the growing of wildflowers to increase biodiversity. In the past few weeks we have planted potatoes to start our school garden. We have also planted shrubs at the front of the school and a rowan tree. We are looking forward to seeing the results of this in the years to come. Thank you to Marion, John and Jim for all of their work.

