

October 2021 Newsletter

Ballina Primary School



❖ Goal Jersey Day:

Goal Jersey Day took place on Friday 8th of October. The total raised was €612. All proceeds raised will go directly to Goal's work in the developing world. Well done everyone!

❖ Scholastic Book Fair:

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Pupils purchased €4286 worth of books last week and the school will receive €2572 in rewards to purchase library books for classes. Thank you to all the pupils who purchased books at the fair.

❖ Hallowe'en Mid-Term Break:

The school will be closed for the Mid-Term Break from Monday October 25th to Friday 29th of October inclusive. School will reopen on Monday 1st of November.

❖ School Uniform: Pupils must wear a full school uniform to school unless it is a designated school tracksuit day.

❖ Student Council: The Student Council is up and running again this year. Children interested in becoming a member gave a presentation to their class informing them on what ideas they would bring to the council. The class then voted for the person they felt would best represent them on the council. The Student Council has representatives from Rang 3 to Rang 6. The Chairperson is Rachel Moroney and other members include Dominik Sheridan, Cillian Burke, Sarah Walsh, Peter Costello, Gerry O' Dwyer, Rosie O' Donovan, Phelim Gardiner, Lily Conroy and Killian Allison. The Council meet once a week. They hope to have a charity fundraiser before Christmas. They began "Check In Friday" last week. For this initiative members of the Council acknowledge the birthdays of the pupils from the past week over the intercom.

❖ Hallowe'en Safety Talk: Sgt. Deirdre O' Doherty and her colleagues from Killaloe Garda Station will speak to the pupils of Rang 5 and Rang 6 on Thursday about keeping safe during the mid-term break and Hallowe'en.

❖ Hallowe'en Costumes:

We invite pupils to wear their Hallowe'en costumes to school on Friday. The Parents Association have kindly organised for an outside disco to take place for each class on the yard on Friday and will give a goodie bag of treats to each pupil. Prizes have also been provided for best costumes on the day. We thank the Parents' Association for everything they do for our school.

❖ Green Schools Target Climate Action:

Last week was Climate Action Week across Ireland. In Ballina we made a big effort to highlight awareness. Junior classes investigated how to save a park. Senior classes watched a talk on climate change from Green Schools.

Agreed Report from the Board of Management Meeting 12th October 2021:

- The Ballina Primary School set of accounts for 2020/21 were presented to the Board of Management by the Treasurer Eugene Power. These accounts were adopted.
- The Board of Management wishes to extend a sincere thanks to Fr. Tom Lanigan-Ryan and the teachers who prepared the pupils for the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion in September.
- The Board of Management are very grateful to our vibrant Parents Association Committee for all they do and wish them well for this school year.
- The Board of Management would like to thank the parents of our pupils for financial contributions made in September and other fundraising collected during the school year.