

BALLYHEADA N.S. NEWSLETTER



March 2025

Welcome Back!

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Spring has really sprung here at Ballyheada over the past few weeks and we have all been enjoying the nice, bright days. As always, we have had lots going on here in school. Read on to find out what we have been getting up to!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the March edition of our Newsletter. We hope that you are all keeping up to date with our wonderful activities via our new website. Huge thanks to the children and staff for documenting and showcasing our busy school. We are having great fun and adventures and are now looking forward to our Easter holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for a fantastic second term. Enjoy the well-earned break and looking forward to our summer term upon our return at the end of April.

Le gach dea-ghui,
Jacqui Mc Carthy (Principal)



SEACHTAIN NA GAELGE

I mí na Márta, bhí an scoil go léir ag céiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhíomar go léir ag caint as Gaeilge an t-am ar fad i rith na seachtaine agus bhuaigh daltaí áirithe duaisanna speisialta chun Ghaeilge iontach a úsáid. Bhí a lán eachtraí ar siúl gach lá. Bhí tráth na gceist ar siúl, damhsa mór sa chlós agus freisin bhí “Lá Glas” againn Dé hAoine, nuair a bhíomar go léir ag caitheamh éadaí glasa. Bhaineamar an-thaitneamh as an seachtain seo.

In March, the whole school celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge. We all made a special effort to speak Irish as much as possible during the week and some pupils won special awards for using fantastic Irish. We had different events on each day, including a table quiz, a school dance in the yard, and also a “Lá Glas”, where everyone wore green clothes to school. We all really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge!



ACTIVE FLAG NEWS

On Monday 31st March we began our ‘Skip Around Europe’ Challenge which will last for four weeks from March 31st to May 9th. The children are looking at improving their skipping skills while learning more about the continent we live on. The children will also learn new tricks and skills while having fun! We were lucky to receive thirty new skipping ropes as well as a rack for storage from the Active Schools Flag Initiative. These have now been labelled and will be ready to use from next week. As the Easter holidays fall in the middle of the challenge, it would be wonderful if the children continued to practice their skipping and develop their skills over the holidays as a means of keeping active! Most importantly, we hope the children will have fun throughout the challenge!

SCIATH NA SCOL

Sciath na Scol camogie and hurling is well and truly underway. During the month of March we played three matches, coming up against Gaelscoil Mhuscraí, Scoil Croí Íosa in Blarney, and our neighbours Goggins Hill. Both Ballyheada teams were victorious in the first round match against Gaelscoil Mhuscraí and the girls also came away with the win against both Scoil Croí Íosa and Blarney. Both teams have been a credit to the school all season and it has been inspiring to see them put their very best effort in at all times, both during matches and at training. We have one more game to play in the group stages during the month of April, when we get to play Glenville in our home pitch. Best of luck to the Sciath na Scol boys and girls in the rest of the competition!

FEIS MAITIÚ

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Ms. Hayden's class on their fantastic achievement at *Feis Maitiu* on Friday 21st March. The class performed two poems on the day and came 3rd place in the competition. They were a credit to the school and their parents on the day and all the staff at Ballyheada are so proud of their hard work and dedication over the past few months while preparations were underway. Well done to you all!!



CÓCAIREACHT

I rith Seachtain na Gaeilge, rinne na buachaillí agus na cailíní i Rang Iníon Uí Héidín cácaí rís crispí. Lean siad an t-oideas i nGaeilge agus labhair siad Gaeilge lena chéile agus iad ag comhoibriú chun na cócaireachta blasta a dhéanamh.



During Seachtain na Gaeilge, the boys and girls in Ms. Hayden's class made Rice Crispie cakes. They followed the recipe in Irish and they spoke Irish with each other while working together to make these delicious treats.

STUDENT NEWS

On Sunday 9th March, Evie Desmond and her pony Marcus came 7th in the Maryville Stables Interschools individual competition representing Ballyheada N.S. There were over 60 competitors in the class. It was Evie's first time entering and she was competing against both primary & secondary school children. Evie did brilliantly and we are all very proud of her here at Ballyheada.



Well done to 6th Class pupil Tom Rice, who had great success in Taekwondo recently. He tells us all about his achievements here:

“On Sunday, 30th of March 2025, I participated in the taekwondo competition, which consisted of an individual event, creative team event and traditional team pattern event. I performed a sequence of moves. I made up a pattern with two other people as part of the creative pattern event. I came third in the team traditional pattern and the individual pattern so I received a medal. I came second place in the creative team pattern and I received a trophy.”



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all the pupils who celebrated their birthdays in the month of March:

Daisy O'Sullivan, Lochlann Ahern, Martin Óg Coleman, Mia Murphy, Ellen Delee, Amy O'Regan, Ella Canniffe, Shane Duggan, Eoin Van Riel, Senan O'Cathail, Tadhg Mullaney.

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We hope you all enjoyed reading our latest newsletter. Don't forget to keep checking out our school website for more news and updates. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break!