

# BALLYHEADA N.S. NEWSLETTER

May-June 2025



## *Welcome Back!*

Welcome to our final newsletter of this school year. It's hard to believe the summer holidays are upon us already. We would like to wish all pupils and their families a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to seeing you all again in the new school year! It has been a busy term and we hope you enjoy reading all about it here.

## *A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL*

Happy holidays to all of the children, parents, families and friends of Ballyheada NS. We have had a wonderful school year filled with fun, friendships and learning. Our heartfelt good wishes to all of our 6th class graduates as they embark on their journey to secondary school. You will be missed. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a safe and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in August.

Jacqui Mc Carthy



## *ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK*

From May 6th-9th we celebrated Active Schools Week here in Ballyheada National School. Thankfully the weather was on our side and we had an absolutely fantastic week where we endeavoured to prioritise physical activity throughout our school day and also at home! The whole school took part in a 'Skipathon' on the final day of our active week and it was incredible to see the skills which the children had developed since starting their 'Skip Around Europe' four weeks previously. We would like to extend a special thank you to our active schools committee members for organising the most memorable week in conjunction with their teachers. Visit our school website to see more photos and videos from a wonderful week!





## *SCIATH NA SCOL*

Our Ballyheada NS camogie team made it to the final of the Sciath na Scol this year. It's the first time in almost 15 years that a camogie team from Ballyheada has made it to the finals of Sciath na Scol, so we are unbelievably proud of this team's fantastic achievement. The girls topped their group and had a clear win in the semi-final. The girls played the final against Gaelscoil Bhlarna in Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The whole school travelled by bus to Pairc Uí Chaoimh to cheer on our team. The girls played extremely well and fought hard the entire match. Unfortunately it was not to be on the day, and Blarney won a hard fought match. However, we are so proud of the girls' fantastic achievement.

They represented the school with pride and I'm sure will be an inspiration for Sciath na Scol teams of the future. Well done girls and everyone involved!

## *CORK PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS 2025*

Well done to all our pupils who represented Ballyheada N.S. in the Cork Primary Sports in MTU on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. Both our boys and girls were very successful and represented our school wonderfully in their straight races as well as with their relay teams. Comhghairdeachas libh go léir!



## *GRANDPARENTS DAY*

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, our 6<sup>th</sup> Class celebrated Grandparents' Day. Many grandparents came to visit the school and they were treated to a wonderful celebration organised by 6<sup>th</sup> Class and their teacher Ms. Murphy.





## *FIRST HOLY COMMUNION*

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in Ms McEvoy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. 2<sup>nd</sup> Class have worked hard over the past few months and they were absolutely excellent on the day. Well done also to our choir, made up of children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes, who sounded amazing during the Mass. Thanks also to the Parents Association who put together a wonderful breakfast for the children in the school afterwards. Well done everyone on a fantastic occasion.



## *FUN DAY*

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June we had our annual school Fun Day. We were very lucky to have Lorna O'Regan from Feel Good Fitness plan out a fantastic day for us all. The children took part in a wide range of activities, including obstacle relays, sack races, egg and spoon races, Round the World, sprints, baton relays, dodgeball, long jumps, javelin throwing and much more! A big thanks to the Parents Association for organising an extra-special surprise for us with the arrival of an ice-cream van!



## *SCHOOL TOURS*

The pupils of Ballyheada really enjoyed their school tours this year. The Senior tour (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes) travelled to Cuskinny where they had a fun-filled day packed with a range of activities. The Junior end of the school (Juniors to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class) headed to Leahy's Farm near Midleton. We had a fantastic day. We got to meet lots of different animals including snakes, alpacas, and even some baby chicks that were born that morning.



## *WATER IS LIFE POSTER COMPETITION*

Congratulations to Heidi Kiernan in Second Class who was the overall national winner of the Water is Life poster competition. Heidi and her family attended the Water Awards ceremony in Dublin this month where Heidi was announced as the overall winner in the junior category. Well done also to 6th Class pupil Amy O'Regan, who also attended the Water Awards ceremony. Amy won the Southern Region in the poster competition and her poster was shortlisted for the national award also, in the senior category. We are very proud of the two girls and their fantastic achievements. Well done Heidi and Amy!



## *BIRTHDAYS*

Happy Birthday to all the pupils celebrate their birthdays in the months of May and June:

Lee Finnerty, Sarah Holland, Jean Looney, Jack O'Brien, Ódhran Dwyer, Darragh O'Leary, Darragh Barry, Makayla Murphy, Nick Rice, Ailbhe O'Connor, Niamh O'Shea, Rebecca Rice, Fiadh Scully, Harry McCarthy, Emma Whyte, Siún Power, Aisling Power, Jack O'Connor, Chloe Murphy, Brook Clark, Ben Sheehan, Frankie Crowley, Bella O'Neill, Reuban Kiernan, Daniel O'Connor, Leo Sherlock

## *SLÁN LIBH*

Thank you all for taking the time to read our latest newsletter. We hope you all enjoy the break and we will see you all again in the new school year! Best of luck to all our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils who will begin their next adventure as they start secondary school in September. Slán agus mile buíochas!