



ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

There was very positive feedback from Ballinamuck Aftercare following their enrollment evening last night. For any parent who could not attend, you can pick up forms in the office or contact Ballinamuck Afterschool Committee at [ballinamuckaftercare@gmail.com](mailto:ballinamuckaftercare@gmail.com). The deposit return bin can be found in front of the school hall. As you can appreciate, there are costs involved in setting up the afterschool, and in particular in the early stages. Please consider donating your plastic bottles to a great cause, which, ultimately will benefit the entire community.

A poll looking for uptake on French lessons was sent out on Tuesday along with a google form so we can decide on Wednesday or Thursday for the classes. There has been a very low response rate to date. If we do not have the numbers, the classes unfortunately might have to be pulled. If you've not done so already please complete the poll on Aladdin and google form sent out by next Tuesday at 3pm.

TD Michael Carrigy and Senator Padraic Brady will visit the school on Friday 9th May to take questions from the children as part of the Blue Star Programme coordinated by Mrs. McGuinness. Our Cumann na Mbunscol Mixed team play the last of their round robin games against Newtowncashel on the 9th May also. The game takes place in Monaduff. Throw in is at 12:30pm.

First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 10th May at 11am. In keeping with tradition, the parents of the children who made their Communion last year will be serving up teas/coffee/treats in the 98' hall after the service. If you've not done so already please respond to the poll that went out regarding choir. We need to get a handle on numbers early next week to help us properly prepare for the ceremony.

Standardised testing for Literacy and Numeracy will begin on the week beginning 19th May. Information can be found at [https://ncca.ie/media/1429/understanding-standardscores\\_eng.pdf](https://ncca.ie/media/1429/understanding-standardscores_eng.pdf)  
[https://ncca.ie/media/5521/english\\_report-1080p.mp4](https://ncca.ie/media/5521/english_report-1080p.mp4)

Our annual bake sale takes place on Tuesday 3rd June. The Bake Sale will kick off Well-Being week again this year. We are scheduling a WOW (walk on Wednesday for the 4th June). Our well-being students committee will meet in the coming days to finalise events for the week.

Active Schools Week will take place on the week beginning 9th June. We are currently looking at options to make the week as enjoyable as possible for the kids. Further details will be communicated through our Aladdin App.

School tours this year are as follows. Infants to 2nd class will be going to the mall in Longford. The company 'Just For Fun' will be organising events for the day. Our middle and senior classes will be going to Athlone. 'Lets Go Fun' will be organising the events on the day. The junior tour is on the 16th June. The Senior tour in on the 13th June. Further information including costs are in the process of being finalised. Please keep an eye on Aladdin.

Thanks to Séan McKenna who was with us before Easter for part of his teaching placement. The children in the 5th/6th classroom enjoyed his lovely lessons.

We wish all the boys and girls involved in Community Games over the next few weeks the very best of luck.

Just a reminder, that we are transitioning to our new email address [office@ballinamuckns.ie](mailto:office@ballinamuckns.ie) I am trying to remind myself to use this address also! Old habits die hard. For the time being, emails to the old email will still get to us.

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School Principal

**Dates for your Diary:**

23rd May	Transition Day (6th class pupils go to Moyne)
3rd - 6th June	Well-Being Week (Bake sale 3rd June)
9th - 13th June	Active Schools Week
13th June	3rd-6th Class Tour
16th June	Infants - 2nd Class Tour
17th June	5th/6th tript to Dáil
20th June	Half Day (Summer Holidays)