

April 2018

# St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

We are two weeks into our final term this year. We had a very positive first meeting regarding the community field beside the school and welcome further input into a second meeting.

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class on their Confirmation last term. There was also full attendance at the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class RSE talk this week so our senior room is very informed and mature now.

Welcome back to Mrs Greaney and best of luck to 2<sup>nd</sup> class on their First Holy Communion next week.

Note new dates on the school calendar for this term.

Yours sincerely,

*Eilís Treacy*

School Principal

## Community Field Development

We had a very positive and constructive meeting regarding the Field. One issue that needs to be highlighted is that the Field which was purchased by the **community**, belongs to the **community**. While any development on the field would be gladly used by the school during school hours, any development will be primarily for the **community**.

The meeting on Wednesday was primarily an ideas session and gauging of interest. Ideas discussed include a playground, sensory garden/park, shelter, walking track.

We will meet again on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8:30pm for a follow-up and everyone from Eyrecourt and the wider areas are most welcome. It is important to hear the views of all the community before a decision is reached on what type of development is chosen



## Upcoming Events

### Saturday 28th April

First Holy Communion

### Wednesday 2nd May

Field development meeting

### Tuesday 15th May

School closed for Staff inservice

### Friday 25th May

School closed for referendum.

### Friday 1st June

Infant open day

## Money collections:

Music

€20 to Summer

## Enrolment Sept 2018:

Enrolment forms for next year are available from the school office: Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 11.00am

## School Writing Competition

We had great excitement on the day of the Easter holidays when the writing competition winners were announced. The standard was extremely high and the judges all spoke about the difficulty in choosing winners. However the 5 winners pictured were most deserving and we congratulate them on their efforts. This term we are focusing on Report Writing and we will be awarding the winners at the end of the term.



## Confirmation

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> were Confirmed along with Clonfert NS (pictured). All the hard work paid off and the ceremony was very special. Special word of thanks to Fr. McInerney and Mr Kelly for all their support and work in the preparations. Thanks also to the parish choir whose singing was beautiful and really added to the occasion.

## Hurling / Camogie

We are finally back to proper training and the weather looks like it will cooperate for a while!

We have big numbers out, especially in the younger classes and it's great to see the pupils enjoying playing with their classmates. The boys are playing 7 aside and the girls are in the 9 aside championship. We are playing the matches one by one instead of a day blitz.

The first match for both teams will be next **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April** in Clonfert Pitch. The boys play Ballinakill at 1pm and the girls play Killimor at 1:45pm. We will be taking a bus and the pupils travelling will get a note home on Tuesday. The pupils who have trained all year will be brought and will tog out as part of the panel.

## Féile

Galway host Féile this year and we have been invited to the launch on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May in Duggan Park Ballinasloe. We have to send 5 boys and 5 girls. We will put the names of the boys and girls who train regularly into a hat and randomly choose the 10 children from that.

**Tuesday lunchtime:** Junior & Senior infants

**Tuesday 3-4pm:** 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class

**Thursday 12-1pm:** 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class.

### Helmets

It is possible to purchase helmets at a reduced rate through the school.

3 brands are included: Marc, Mycro and O'Neill.

Small or Medium = €35

Large = €45

The school can only order 20 helmets a year so if you are interested, ask for the form from the school office.