

Ballynacally Parents Association.

Working together for the benefit of all our children

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Newsletter 5th Edition

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The Chairpersons Address

Hello all, and welcome to the 5th edition of our newsletter. A big thank you to all committee members, teachers, parents and children for yet another successful and busy year. Thank you to everyone who supported our various fundraisers during the year, the proceeds of which went towards activities for the children.

This year we had events ranging from the annual Halloween party and scariest recycled material mask competition, cinema in the school, to exotic animal road shows.

We look forward to your continued support next year and would encourage many more parents to get involved in the association in any way possible.

We extend our good wishes for a great holiday to the teachers, staff and Board of Management and we look forward to supporting you all in the coming academic year. A big thank you to Marion, school secretary for her help and courtesy at all times.

Finally, we wish all of you and the children a safe and happy summer holiday

Ta suil againn go mbainfidh sibh tainearmh mor as na laethanta Saoire.

Best wishes on behalf of the committee.

Rosie & John (co-chairs)

Our Mission Statement

To support and empower Parents to be active in the best interest of their children's educational lives.

Our Objectives

We work in partnership with the Principal, Board of Management and the whole school community for the betterment of the children in the school.

We organise extra curricula activities, educational and fun events for the children.

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End of school year (2 day event)

Thursday 27th June "Magic Show"

Friday 28th June

- School Mass @10am in the church
- Darren's boot camp workout
- "Pizza & Pops" party !!
- 6th Class photo presentation



AGM

In October 2012 we held our AGM. We had a lot of new members this year New and enthusiastic members with fresh ideas are always welcome, so come along to our next AGM in September 2013, and get involved while your child is in school, you'll be welcome...

Halloween

Last Halloween again we ran a competition to design and make a mask using recycled material found at home. The competition was judged by a local art teacher who said that the standard of entries was very high. The winners received cinema tickets as their prize.

Well done to all and congratulations to the following:

- Juniors: Ciara Spellisey
- Seniors: Jack Moloney
- 1st Class: Ronan Gilhool
- 2ndClass: Adam Kelly
- 3rd Class: Luke Ayers
- 4th Class: Evan Flynn
- 5th Class: Ciara Smith
- 6th Class: Sarah Maher

View their photos with their masks on our website: ballynacallypa.com



Hallowe'en Disco

As the Community Centre was not available last Year we could not run our annual disco, however instead we had a party in the 5 Arches. Fortune telling, pass the parcel, Disney characters. The new Development Committee are working hard to have the hall ready for the end of the year, fingers crossed it will be ready for the Halloween party 2013



Hallowe'en Party 2012

Switched on for Christmas....



Christmas Lights 2012

Each Christmas the Parents Association celebrate the start of the festive season by switching on the Christmas lights in the fair green. There was festive music and HOT chocolate with marshmallows and tasty home cooking, sweets etc.

Our local celeb **Tony Kelly** the Clare Hurling Captain switched on the lights. "Thank you Tony".

Christmas carols were sung around the Christmas tree. Thanks to the large group of people who turned up despite the poor weather earlier in the day, we hope you enjoyed it, see you at the 2013 Christmas lighting ceremony pg.

Christmas Break- up

We showed a movie for the younger classes in Ms Eustaces room and another for the older agegroups in mrs Garry's room. To give that cinema feel we also gave them some crisps and jellies!!



Christmas Movie

Design a personal Christmas Card.

For a second year we asked all children to design their very own Christmas cards, these designs were then printed and purchased by family members. The children really enjoyed it again and it was a great fundraiser.

Article in the Clare Herald

This article was posted by Senator Mulcahy recently on the topic of reduction of prefabs in our schools...

"I want to congratulate Ballynacally N.S.'s Board of Management on today's announcement and in particular, I wish to acknowledge the school's Parents Association which has been very proactive in highlighting matters of importance to the school and those who attend it."

New classroom extension

After much negotiation and unexpected delay, work finally started on the new extension this year. The new class room constructed to replace the existing prefab which has been home to the current fifth class for many years is finally nearing completion well done to Conor and the board of management for their tenacity in seeing through this much needed job to completion.

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Confirmation

We congratulate the boys and girls of 6th class on receiving their Confirmation from Bishop Willie Walsh in Ballynacally church on February 10th.

Well done Mr. Greene for preparing for this big event!

Congratulations

The Parents association would like to congratulate Mr Shane Greene who was married earlier this spring. We wish him and his new wife a long, happy and healthy life together.



Local Defibrillators

The parents association are pleased to say they made a contribution to the purchase of the newly installed defibrillators. These life saving devices are now installed in the GAA car park in the village and at Lisheen cross.

Training in CPR & defibrillator use will continue soon (3hr course) so if you feel you would like to be in a position to help a person in need, have a look at our website for more info or ring 086 6020553 or email ballynacallypa@gmail.com



French & German classes



Again this year we ran our introduction to German & French culture, language and lifestyle for our 3rd 4th 5th & 6th classes. Local ladies, Pascale gave the French classes and Kristina gave the German classes. They were very well attended again this year and the kids benefitted greatly from them. The 6th class pupils find them very useful when making a decision on which language to choose in secondary school.

St. Patrick's Day Cake Sale



St Patricks day cake sale 2013

Our annual cake sale took place after Mass on St. Patricks day. Thank you so much if you are one of the parents who baked for the sale, it is one of our reliable fund raisers that allows us to carry out all the other events during the year.

A special word of thanks as always to Marion O'Loughlin for all her help throughout the year, we hope she has settled in to her newly refurbished office at school..... "Thanks Marion"

First Holy Communion

The Parents association acknowledges the work the teachers put in prior to Holy Communion each year. On Holy Communion day we do our little bit with great help from the 1st class parents by providing refreshments after mass as parents and families mingle while having photo's taken.



Making their first holy communion with Fr Tom O'Dea this year in Ballynacally NS were:

Tiernan Murphy, Adam Kelly, Dylan Ginane, Daniel Smith, Emma McMahon, Emma Curtin, Maeve Griffin.

Thanks to Mrs Garry for her help in preparing the class.



Schools football team

Congratulations to the 15 members of Ballynacally national school who competed in the schools league and reached the final.



The new kids on the block!

We welcome the latest new recruits who started school in Ballynacally with Miss Eustace last September, they have year one of eight done now and will soon have the company of a new round of Juniors in September.



Pictured are Ms Eustace, Katie McMahon, Brenda McMahon, Tia Pilkington, Sadbh Griffin, Alan Sheehan, Aine Clancy, Ciara Spellisey, Ria Meaney, Sam Bock, and Breda King.

The Class of 2012

Last June we said goodbye to the thirteen students pictured below who have recently just finished their first year of secondary school.

As they left the parents association presented them with a framed class pic signed by all class members as a reminder of their days in Ballynacally National School. We will be doing the same with this years class.



Gone but never forgotten!

Animal Road show



This year we brought back the popular animal roadshow to the school. The show allows the children to see and touch exotic animals and creatures such as snakes, lizards, owls, chinchillas, tarantulas, hedgehogs etc.

Have a peep on the P.A. websites gallery page and hopefully you will spot your son or daughter with perhaps a snake dangling around their neck or a furry creature perched on their head

Church Gate Collection

Sincere thanks once more for your support in our fund raising efforts. We do as much work as we can by voluntary means but for some things we need money and we appreciate your help when it comes to raising funds especially in these tougher times. Our statement of accounts is always available at our AGM held each year shortly after the new school year starts, but we generally only raise what monies are needed to run our various events each year.

Pre/After school care

Stephanie's pre & after school child care will re-commence in September. For further info you can contact Stephanie on 086-3188317



6th Class are Moving on

After eight "short" years in the school the time has come again for this years sixth class to move on.

We wish them a warm farewell on their continuing journey in education and good luck wherever they choose to go, as with previous years, no doubt some will opt for Schools in Ennis, while others will take advantage of our local school in the neighboring village of Kildysart.

Perhaps will see a familiar face or two at the national school sports day next year.



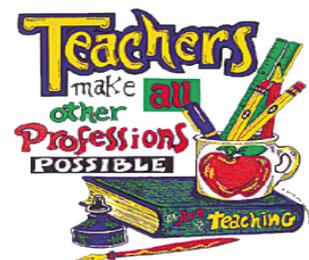
The very best of luck on your new adventure.....

Leaving us

We would also like to thank & bid farewell to Nuala Cahill our PA member who has contributed so much to our association over the last number of years.

Thank you.....

Many thanks also to our teachers, Mr. Conor Lynch Principal, Vice principal Mrs Garry, Mr. Shane Greene, Ms Eustace, Ms Hehir & Ms Minter who together do the real work of educating our children.



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