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| **October** Newsletter 10/17 |
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Boolavogue N.S.



# Upcoming Events

## October 27

1. Fancy Dress in aid of Childline
2. Breakfast Morning sponsored by Cheerios
3. Split the Pot winner announced @ 3pm
4. MID TERM BREAK

## November 6

School re-opens after Halloween @ 9.20

## November 9

School Photographs onsite by Image Master Studio

Please see reverse for PARENT TEACHER MEETING INFORMATION

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| Important Announcement We are in short supply of parents who are **Garda vetted** to assist us with the successful co-ordination of school activities. If you are in a position to help please contact the school for a Garda Vetting Form. Many thanks to those who already volunteer their time. |

*Boolavogue Bulletin*

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| New Staff Members **We are delighted to welcome two new staff members to our school during the month of October.**  **Sinéad Dunne-** Sinéad joins the SNA team in our school having previously worked in Murrintown N.S.  **Michelle Richardson-** Having previously worked in Boolavogue N.S. for three years, Michelle returns to our school on the 26.10.17 as a permanent member of staff. Ms. Richardson will be joining us from Carnew N.S. Ms. Richardson will teach 1st/2nd class for the remainder of the year. |
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**Split the Pot**

We are having a great response to our Split the Pot fundraiser and the ‘pot’ appears to be increasing in value daily. The price is EUR5 per envelope and all envelopes must be returned to the school by October 25th for entry. Many thanks for your support.

**Fancy Dress/Breakfast Morning**

Breakfast will be served to a school full of witches, ghosts and ghouls on Friday October 27th. All funds raised from our breakfast morning and fancy dress will go to Childline, the only national active listening service for all children and young people in Ireland, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All children are asked to dress up in their Halloween costumes and it is requested a EUR2 contribution is made towards the charity above. School will begin as normal on the day @ 9.20 a.m. and children will be served their cereal instead of their normal spelling test! ☺

# Maths Week

Maths Week has been rescheduled in light of Storm Ophelia and will be held November 6th-10th. During the course of the week there will be Maths Trails for 1st & 2nd; 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th.  Juniors and Seniors will have Fun Maths Games over in hall.

There will be our usual Maths Question of the Day, sure to cause a head scratch or two.  The week will end with a whole school Maths Quiz on Friday November 10thh.

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| Storm Ophelia  Storm Ophelia raged through the country on October 16th leaving devastation in its path. It left many homes/businesses and schools without power, including Boolavogue N.S.  It also claimed two large trees at the front of our school, however, we are thankful there was no further structural damage done to our building.  Many thanks to the wider school community who co-operated so well with the unforeseen school closures. Due to water shortages, power outages and no heating we were left in this unfortunate situation like many schools around the county. |

School Calendar

We are offering parents/guardians an opportunity to sponsor our school calendar for 2018. This is a popular item that is well supported in the local community with prominent exposure. If you are interested in sponsoring a page the cost is **€30.00.** This is a great opportunity for advertising within the local area. If you are interested, please send your details and logo to Angela in our school office. We have had support to date from Mia Bella, Hertz Rent-a-Car, Trinity Motors and Neville Transport. We would be grateful for further sponsorship. A great advertisement opportunity that will see businesses advertised in homes around the area! Please support. ☺

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| **Sports Teams**  Very well done to our pupils who represented our school in recent Rackard League and Mini 7s Gaelic Football competitions. Our girls Rackard League team are having continued success and have progressed to the next phase of the competition. A huge achievement for the girls involved. |

# Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings for 2017/18 academic year will be held over two evenings on November 23rd (Wed) and 24th (Thurs). Meetings will begin each evening at 15.10. If you are unable to make either evening please notify the school by October 27th so alternative arrangements can be made. Each appointment time will circulate to parents the week of November 6th. To ease the process, we would appreciate if parents stuck to their original appointment time. In the case of extraordinary circumstance, we will aim to reschedule your meeting for a later date. Thank you.

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| Eureka!  Our pupils in Ms. Boyle’s room are currently designing an invention to put forward to the Eureka Project in collaboration with Carlow IT.  Eureka is a Science Foundation Ireland-awarded project under the Discover Programme. It is an initiative that actively promotes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). Some great ideas have been created in the room by aspiring engineers! |

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School Excellence Award

Building Project

Work on our Building Project is due to commence before Christmas. The project will occur in stages. Therefore, stage one will see the playground commencing first.

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| New Yard Layout After careful consideration, a new yard layout for break and lunch times was put into action recently. Due to constraints on space, the infants now play in their own secure area at the front of our school while 1st – 6th occupy the original playground. There are now two teachers and three SNA’s supervising our yard to ensure student safety is top priority. Many thanks to our staff for stepping up and ensuring a high level care for all our children. |

# The Sacraments

**Confirmation for 5th/6th class pupils will take place on Sunday April 22nd 2018 in St. Cormac’s Church. Time TBC.**

**First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday May 13th 2018 at 11 a.m.**

The teaching staff of Boolavogue N.S. will commence training on ‘Creative Language’ with an emphasis on oral language and the new primary language curriculum. Once completed, it is hoped Boolavogue will become a ‘School of Excellence’ under the above criteria. Staff will attend training outside of working hours from October until the programme ends in May. We look forward to sharing our learning with the students.

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| A Word from the Principal **A Chairde,**  **I am delighted to share the hard work of our pupils with you in this month’s bulletin. I have had the privilege of visiting each classroom where the high standard of work and level of learning is evident as soon as you enter the room! There are projects underway covering content from the Romans to the Taj Mahal. Staff are busy preparing music for the Christmas Carol Service. The school is a daily hive of activity and hard work!**  **A special word of thanks to our staff for increasing supervision on yard which impacts on their own break time. This must be commended and is greatly appreciated by our school community. Thank you to all the parents and relatives who have supported our Split the Pot fundraiser to date. As always, your generosity does not go unnoticed.**  **After many years, Mags Ellix has stepped down as Chairperson of our P.A. Our school is forever grateful for the hard work, commitment and drive Mags gave this position through the years. My very best wishes to Linda Holmes as she takes the ‘hotseat’.**  **I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy mid-term break and look forward to welcoming you back in November.**  **Le deá-ghuí,**  **Avril Mullery** |
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