



Boolavogue N.S.

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Morning Supervision

A reminder to parents the school yard will open to receive pupils at the hour of 9.10 a.m. which is the time staff supervision commences. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. In the case of children travelling by the School Bus, the school cannot accept responsibility for these children before the time of 9.10 a.m in line with our insurance policy.

Board of Management Announcement

The Board of Management of Boolavogue N.S. wishes to remind parents of appropriate procedures relating to parental concerns. In Boolavogue N.S. we endeavor to promote an approachable environment, proactive in rectifying any concerns parents may have. Should you have any concerns relating to your child, parents are reminded that they can **request a meeting with the class teacher** at any stage of the school year. Communication between both parents and teachers is key in ensuring any concern/problem is resolved. This procedure along with the various stages is outlined in the school's Grievance Policy which is available on our website.

School Tours

Children are on the countdown to one of our highlights in the school diary. They are eagerly awaiting their school tour on June 13th. On this day Junior and Senior Infants will travel to Woodfield House and 1st – 6th class will travel to Adventure World, Kilkenny. Hopefully the weather will be good to us! We would like to thank all parents who volunteered to supervise on the day. Parents will be notified in the coming week who will be travelling on the tours.

Upcoming Events

May

1. May Bank Holiday – School will closed on Monday 7th May and will re-open on Tuesday 8th at 9.20am

May 13

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 13th May @ 11am

Important Announcement

School Reports

School reports will be sent home mid June. Well done to the boys and girls on succeeding in another year at National school level. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with the class teacher before the end of this school year.

Confirmation



Congratulations to the boys and girls in 5th and 6th class who made their confirmation on Sunday 22nd April under the guidance of Fr Brian Broaders, Fr. Gahan and Fr. Cosgrave. Huge credit to Ms. Boyle for ensuring our candidates were prepared so well for this important sacrament.

A huge thank you to Ms Gallagher and the amazing choir made up of students from 1st – 4th class who added to the wonderful ambience throughout the service with their beautiful singing. A great day was had by all.

Communion

With preparation well under way, we'd like to wish our nine communion candidates in Ms Richardson's class the best of luck. The children will be making their First Holy Communion on May 13th in St Cormac's Church at 11a.m. Fingers crossed for a sunny day!

School Uniforms

Now that we are hopefully coming into fine weather, the boys can wear navy shorts as part of their uniform and the girls can wear a navy skirt/white socks if they wish. The parents association will have samples of school uniforms which will be available to order on Wednesday the 6th of June in the Parish Hall. Our prospective Junior Infants can place orders at 12noon after school induction.

Booklists

Booklists for next year's classes have been finalised. Here at Boolavogue we make every effort to keep the booklist cost to a minimum. Once again, following on from advice received during our Whole School Evaluation, we will continue to try and reduce the number of workbooks being used in class, which will have a knock on effect on the cost of the booklist. We are offering a facility whereby all books can be ordered through the school so that parents do not need to buy books/copies for the new school year. All would be ready and waiting (book rental, copies and books on the list for purchase) when your child returns in late August. This would help avoid the headache of books being out of stock, incorrect versions etc which require frequent returns to the bookshops. To avoid disappointment, we are hoping to put our book order in with the suppliers on June 8th. This way any errors with the suppliers can be rectified before June 22nd.





EUROPEAN UNION

Blue Star Flag

Pupils from Infants to 6th class have been very busy this month as they study Hungary as part of this years Blue Star Initiative. We are fortunate to have three very important students helping us with this project as our pupils Leeann, Kolen and Lana have very strong links to their home country, Hungary. Children have been learning about the inventor of the Rubiks cube, Hungarian delicacies and famous landmarks as part of their studies. Thank you to one of our parents Szilard Czako, for visiting the school and speaking to the children about his home country, Hungary! Köszönöm!



Active Schools

Term 3 is always a busy month for Active Schools. This term children have resumed GAA coaching each Thursday morning with help from Wexford County Board. Hurling 365 is set to make a comeback in the coming weeks also when training will begin before school for those who wish to partake.

Rackard League is currently in full swing with our boys and girls playing a series of matches. Our boys are having a successful campaign under the guidance of Ms. Richardson.

Tag rugby in conjunction with Leinster Rugby has began for students from 3rd-6th class with rugby coach Ross.

Rural School Sports will also take place in May, with school finals taking place in the coming weeks.

Spring Clean

On April 26th, under the guidance of Mrs. Cowman, students from Ms Boyle's room got their hands dirt for the village of Boolavogue!

Pupils and staff cleaned up the local soccer pitch, Fr. Murphy centre hedgerows etc. On the day, children collected four large sacks of rubbish and two old car seats. A successful morning!



Green Schools

Our school will be awarded its next Green Flag on Tuesday May 22nd in Hotel Kilkenny. Huge credit to Mrs. Cowman for her Trojan works in leading Green Schools for our pupils. Two members of the Green school committee will join Mrs. Cowman & Miss. Mullery when our school receives the award later this month.

SFI Award

Our school recently submitted an entry for the Science Foundation Ireland Discover Science and Maths Award after the success of our recent Science, Engineering and STEM activities. We look forward to hearing back from the accreditors who will appraise our recent efforts. Thanks to Ms. Boyle for coordinating and leading our school in the entry process.

SEA Award

On the evening of Tuesday May 15th staff of Boolavogue N.S. will attend W.I.T to present their project on Oral Language in the Primary School. On this evening, our school hopes to receive the School of Excellence Award in Oral Language. Staff began researching this process in October 2017 following on from recommendations in our WSE.

<p>School Diary 2018/2019</p> <p>A copy of next year's school calendar has been sent home with booklists. If you require another, please contact the office. Alternatively, this document is available on our school website.</p>	<p>Library Bus</p> <p>The mobile library will be visiting the school soon. We would appreciate if you could have a check at home to see if there are any library books belonging to the mobile library. If so, please send them in as soon as possible to ensure all books are returned before the end of the school year!</p>	<p>School Garden</p> <p>After a severe, long and unpredictable winter, our school garden is need of some TLC. The garden will be getting a makeover in the coming weeks from planting to painting! We look forward to seeing Boolavogue N.S. back blooming and providing an aesthetic backdrop to our new yard.</p>
<p>Bag Packing</p> <p>Thank you, well done and congratulations to the Parents Association on the success of their recent bag pack. Overall €1,079.36 was made over two days. This is greatly appreciated by all members of our school community! We even had a celebrity guest and a donation from Pat Shortt-D'unbelieavable! Thank you to all the parents for volunteering their time over the weekend of April 27th - your support is greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>New Building</p> <p>Our new school building is near completion with the last few details been added by the tradesmen. We look forward to opening our new classroom and having each student take a tour once it is finished. It will be used as an all-purpose room for the month of June and opened officially as a mainstream classroom in September 2018. Much needed space and storage is now available in Boolavogue for all our brilliant resources! We thank you for your patience and support during project works this year. We are now near the end!</p>	<p>New Infants 2018</p> <p>The school year is coming to an end for the boys and girls currently at Boolavogue N.S.! While they are looking forward to their summer holidays, there are other children eagerly waiting for September 2018 to come and their chance to join 'Big School'. Our new infants will be introduced to their new school on June 6th, when they will attend school for an induction morning to make new friends and become familiar with their new school setting.</p>

A Word From the Principal

A Chairde,

We had a busy start to our final term this year with our confirmation and communion candidates preparing for their sacraments! Huge thanks to our choir for adding their key part in these sacraments and making it a whole school celebration- maith sibh!

This term we look forward to completing our building project in the school. The boys and girls are eager to visit their new classroom space. Many questions are being asked by the pupils who are busy enquiring which class will be the lucky new occupants in September! Thank you to you, our parents, for your patience in allowing this project develop over the past number of months. It has been a long road and I am delighted to see it all come together as well as it has.

Thank you to the Parents Association for their fundraising efforts to date- the bag pack was another huge success! We look forward to announcing our plans for the generous amount donated in the months ahead.

On behalf of the whole school community, I wish Ms. Gallagher the very best of luck in her new role as APII (promoted post holder).

Finally, I stumbled across the below quote recently and decided to share it- a lovely message for all our pupils- we are lucky to have classrooms full of these 'nice kids' doing the 'right thing'!

Le dea-ghuí,
Avril Mullery

Some kids are **SMARTER** than you.
Some kids have *cooler clothes* than you.
Some kids are **better at sports** than you.



IT DOESN'T MATTER.

You have *your* thing too.

Be the kid who can **GET ALONG.**

Be the kid who is **GENEROUS.**

Be the kid who is *happy* for other people.

Be the kid who does the **RIGHT THING.**

Be the nice kid. - Bryan Skovnik