**Ballyfin N.S. Newsletter May 2023**

**Cumann na mBunscol Finals** : Date: Wednesday 31st May

Roinn 2 Hurling: Ballyfin N.S. V Emo N.S. at **11am.**

Roinn 5 Camogie: Ballyfin N.S. V Rath N.S. at **1pm.**

Cost of bus is **€5** per child .

Both squads will go to Supermacs following the Camogie final.

Children to be collected at Supermacs at **3.15pm** approximately.

Buses will bring supporters from 2nd -6th to and from the matches. Cost is **€5** per supporter.

The buses with supporters will be back in Ballyfin by 3pm.

**Parents /Supporters please note:**

 ●Entry at the gate is € 5

 ●Students and OAPs are free

 ●No score shall be allowed that is kicked for a goal or over the bar

 ●Camogie goal= 2 points Hurling goal=3 points

Well done to both teams on reaching the finals again this year. A special word of thanks to our teachers Mr Looby, Ms. Saunders , Ms. Kavanagh and Ms. Reddin for giving of their time to coach the teams.

**Sacraments**

 Congratulations to our boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion on **May 21st**. Congratulations also to our boys and girls in sixth class who received the sacrament of Confirmation on **May 12th** .

Our thanks also to the class teachers Ms. Saunders and Ms. Kavanagh for all their hard work in preparing the children for the sacraments.The teachers were ably assisted by some of our SNAs who set up the art work that the children and teachers had prepared.

We would like to thank the parents for your part in preparing your children for the sacraments.

A special word of gratitude to our priests Fr. Brophy and Fr. Fitzgerald for their involvement in the sacramental preparation. The parish also covered the cost of the Confirmation retreat. Thanks also to our Parents Council who provided the First Communion children with treats last Tuesday.

**IPads/Tablets:** IPads /tablets are now being used in the senior classes.

The pupils are busy researching the European Union and have prepared some maths lessons on the IPads

**New Junior Infants:** Our new Junior Infants and their parents are invited to attend an open day here in the school. Date: **Tuesday 13th June at 2.15pm**

**Disco Dancing Day/Friday 26th May :**

As part of our Wellbeing activities our Wellbeing Committee have come up with the idea of a disco dancing day for all the pupils.

The pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth class with have a dance session with choreographer, Eamon Duff and in the afternoon all classes will come together in the hall to perform their dance routine.

**School website:**

You can view photos and activities happening in the school by visiting our school website [www.ballyfinns.ie](http://www.ballyfinns.ie)

You can view photographs of the First Communion children on the **Wellbeing Plan tab** on the HomePage**.**

**National Broadband Ireland (N.B.I.):**

N.B.I. has informed the school that they will be carrying out road works outside the school and church carpark next week . This is to prepare for the provision of fibre broadband in the Ballyfin area.

**School Closures:** June Bank Holiday/Friday 2nd June and Monday 5th June.

 ● School Planning Day/Monday 19th June

 Summer Break: School closing on Thursday 29th June at 12 noon

 ●The Department of Education have sanctioned a day for staff training on the Primary Curriculum Framework and the Primary Language Curriculum