**Ballymoney National School,**

**Ballineen,**

**Co. Cork.**

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 **8th April 2022**

**Dear Parents,**

**Shelter mural**

Over the past ten days, the pupils have been painting a new mural on the inside of the shelter under the guidance of Mrs. Quin. It is a mural of a bookshelf that represents the interests in our school. It will be finished by hometime and you are welcome to come and look at it.

**School Transport**

The closing date to apply for school transport is Friday 29th April.

**Food Dudes**

The tasting stage of the food dudes programme is finished. Each pupil has been given a new lunchbox with two sections. The pupils are encouraged to use the lunchbox to bring a portion of fruit and a portion of vegetables to school each day for their lunch. There will be certificates for the pupils who continue to bring fruit and vegetables to school for their lunch.

**Free trees**

Dunmanway Family resource Centre has a huge range of free Irish species trees to give to any families who would like them. They would request a postcode and photo of tree planting in return for the free trees.

**Supervalu Tokens**

We have collected over 100 Supervalu tokens so far. We need 300 before 12th May to enter the draw. We are not asking anyone to shop in Supervalu unless they already do.

**Bandon Garda Station**

This year 2022 celebrates 100 years of An Garda Siochana. To celebrate this they are having an open day in Bandon Garda Station on Wednesday 13th April 2022. This will run from 10am to 3pm in the Station. Before this commences members of An Garda Siochana and retired members will march up  South Main street. This hopefully will be an enjoyable day for all. It will be an opportunity for people to visit the station, there will be various information stands on the day and hopefully a variety of different units, ie. drugs, community policing, dog unit, Crime prevention officer and much more. The event will be held outdoors. Tea and Coffee will be served.

**Refreshments**

Thank you to the families that have sent packets of biscuits into the school for the refreshments at the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

**Swimming Lessons**

The swimming lessons commence on Tuesday 26th April. Please send €40 per pupil into the school before then for the lessons.  Each child will need swimming togs, a swimming hat, goggles, hairbrush and a towel. The pool contains virtually no chlorine so they will not need showers afterwards.

**School Garden**

The pupils have been busy planting seeds in the raised beds and in the polytunnel. During the holidays, the seeds will need to be watered. We would appreciate it if families could water them when they are passing the school for the next two weeks. There are two water butts, one on either side of the PE shed, which we use to water the polytunnel.

**Enniskeane & Districts Community Games**

Activities have restarted for 2022 and a number of events are taking place in the next couple of months:-

Athletics Qualifier:                           Enniskeane GAA pitch, Monday 2nd May (County event Sat 4th June)

Art County Event:                            u8, u10, u12, u14, u16, Riverstick, Saturday May 28th 10am

Handwriting County Event:          u10, u12, Riverstick, Saturday May 28th 2pm

Model Making County Event:     u12, u14, u16, Riverstick, Sat May 28th 10am

Chess County Event:                      (Team of 4) u13, u16, Riverstick, Sat June 11th 2pm

Table Quiz County Event:             (Team of 4) u14, Riverstick, Sat June 11th 12pm

Draughts County Event:                                (Team of 5) u10, u12, u14, u16, TBC

More details will follow after Easter. Anyone interested in any activity please contact Marie Collins on 086-8417647 for more information.

For a full list of activities for 2022 click on the link <https://www.communitygames.ie/events.html>