

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

### **Rainbows**

Rainbows sessions for selected pupils will start on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of February from 2:45 to 3:45pm.

### **Transition to Secondary School**

A transition to secondary school workshop for our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will be given by Ossory Youth to Ms. Horan's class on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **New Curriculum Training**

School will be closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of March and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of June to facilitate teacher training in the new curriculum in Kilkenny Education Centre

### **Cumann na mBunscoil Trial Quiz**

Trial quiz for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class to select 4 team members for the Cumann na mBunscoil Sports Quiz will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 9:05am in the school hall.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation**

The 6<sup>th</sup> class graduation mass will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of June at 9:30am in Urlingford Church.

### **Icy Weather Conditions**

Kilkenny County Council have said they will treat the road in front of our school on icy frosty mornings when necessary. Our school caretaker, Anthony, will salt the footpath area between our school gates and the reception door on icy mornings when necessary also.

### **Sacrament of Confession (2<sup>nd</sup> Class)**

Confession for Urlingford NS candidates will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm in Urlingford Church.

### **Notes for Absence**

All families are asked to ensure absences are explained on the Aladdin app and to ensure to give a reason for the absence.

### **Homework**

Homework is an important link between school and home. All parents/guardians are asked to check and sign their child's homework daily. If, for any reason, pupils are unable to complete homework assigned by the class teacher, a parent or guardian should write a quick note to explain the reason for the incomplete homework.

### **Appointment Procedure**

Any parent/guardian who is requesting to speak with a member of staff should do so through the school office. A convenient time which suits both staff member and parent/guardian will then be arranged.

### **Up to Date Contact Details**

All families are asked to ensure that our school has up to date mobile phone numbers and email addresses as necessary so as our school can communicate suitably with all parents/guardians. Contact details can be changed by using the Aladdin app or by calling or emailing Mary and Aimee in the school office. The school phone number is 056 8831512 and the school email is [urlingfordns2020@gmail.com](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com).

### **Swimming / Aquatics**

2<sup>nd</sup> class swimming lessons will continue on Wednesday's up to the midterm break. All 2<sup>nd</sup> class swimmers are asked to make payment for swimming ASAP.

### **Tips to Promote Maths at Home**

Our school website [www.urlingfordns.com](http://www.urlingfordns.com) now has a page which gives suggestions on how to promote Maths at home.

### **Music Generation Tin Whistle Lessons – 3rd to 6th Class (22 weeks)**

Tin whistle lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will continue on Tuesdays.

### **Staff Transition**

Mr. John Duggan will be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> class after the February midterm and up to the end of the year while Ms. O'Driscoll is on maternity leave. Ms. Saoirse Gleeson will be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> class after February midterm and up to the end of the year in Ms. Rooney's absence due to her retirement.

### **Work Experience Requests**

After consultation with Colaiste Mhuire, Johnstown, our school will only be able to facilitate 3 TY students on work experience in future years. TY students wishing to avail of work experience must now submit a letter in writing explaining why they want to work in the education sector in the future and what they can offer our school when on TY work experience here.

### **First Responders Training**

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will receive First Responders Training from Urlingford / Graine First Responders on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Internet Safety**

An internet Safety Talk for 4th – 6th Classes and Parents will take place on 26th of February 2026.

### **Stay Safe**

Mandatory stay safe SPHE lessons for all classes will be taught term 2 of the 25/26 school year.

### **Hurling / Camogie Training**

Hurling and camogie training for interested boys and girls from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place on Wednesdays up to February midterm. We will train on Mondays and Wednesdays after midterm.

## **Enrolment**

Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Urlingford NS are now accepting enrolments for the 2025/2026 School Year. Enrolment packs are available from the school office between 8:30am and 2:45pm Monday to Friday, by calling 056 8831512, by emailing [urlingfordns2020@gmail.com](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com) or by postal enquiry to Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Urlingford NS, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, E41 A567. Enrolment forms are also available from Mick's Pre-School and Angela's Pre-School in Urlingford.

## **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Urlingford NS is eager to give pupils the opportunity to again participate in this year's Urlingford parade. Once we know if pupils from senior classes are definitely available, we will work on a plan for the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **Rugby Coaching**

1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be receiving rugby coaching lessons with Leinster rugby coach Noel Devlin in February and March. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will receive two rugby sessions each.

## **School Self Evaluation Parent / Guardian Questionnaires**

School Self Evaluation Parent Questionnaires will be sent home to 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class parents next week. Parents are asked to complete questionnaires and return them to school before Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 2:45pm. Parent, pupil and teacher questionnaires will then be analysed and a school self evaluation report will be compiled for all in our school community.

Thanks to all for your support and have a good weekend.

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