

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

### **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

### **Credit Union Quiz**

Trial quiz to select U11 and U13 teams for the Credit Union Quiz will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of January in the school hall for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class.

### **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.

### **Ms. Rooney Retiring**

Ms. Rooney, 2<sup>nd</sup> class teacher, who has served as a class teacher and post holder in our school for 20 years will be retiring from teaching on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. We wish Ms. Rooney all the best in her upcoming retirement.

### **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).

### **Diocesan Advisor Visit**

Sr. Maria Comerford will visit our school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of January to speak with class teachers and pupils.

### **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.

### **Nutrition and Exercise Workshop**

Amy Adams will deliver a workshop on nutrition and exercise to 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class students on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **Work Experience Requests**

Any past pupils of our school who would like to undertake T.Y., LCVP, SNA or Student Teacher work Experience in Urlingford N.S. are asked to email/post a letter to our school explaining why they would like to undertake work experience in an educational facility. The earlier we receive work experience requests the better. Our school receives a lot of work experience requests each year, early notice will better allow our school to provide a meaningful work experience slot to anyone interested in following education as a career choice.

### **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.

### **Enrolment**

Scoil an Chroi Ro 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 Chroi 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. Brigid's Crosses**

St Brigid's Crosses made by our pupils will be for sale through the school office in the coming weeks. €3 each or €5 for 2.

### **St. Brigid's Day Mass**

Whole school mass to celebrate St. Brigid's Day will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of January at 9:30am in Urlingford Church. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will prepare songs, prayers and mass responses in advance.

### **Rugby Coaching**

Selected classes will be receiving rugby coaching lessons with Leinster rugby coach Noel Devlin in February and March. More details to follow.

### **Adrian Mullen Visit**

Kilkenny county hurler Adrian Mullen will visit our school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January for a question and answer session and to undertake a hurling coaching session with senior classes. The question and answer session will be with 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes.

### **Rainbows**

Reminder – Rainbows Programme will start this term. Children in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class received information leaflets and an expression of Interest form in school on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Please return forms to the office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January if you would like your child to be considered to participate in the programme.

Please contact the Rainbows Coordinator Deirdre McGovern via email [rainbows@urlingfordns.com](mailto:rainbows@urlingfordns.com) or leave a message with the school secretary (056) 8831512 if you have any queries.

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

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