

## Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Weekly Friday Email – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates/reminders –

- New Department of Education Bi Cinealta Strategy

New Bi Cinealta Anti Bullying Procedures will be in place for start of 25/26 School Year in all Primary and Secondary Schools.. The Bí Cineálta procedures aim to support school communities to prevent and address bullying behaviour. They have been developed with the four key principles of Cineáltas in mind: prevention; support; oversight and community. These procedures will ensure that every school's Bí Cineálta policy is developed and reviewed in consultation with the school community and they will provide for enhanced oversight of measures to prevent and address bullying behaviour.

- Vision and Hearing Screening

Public Health Nurses will visit for Junior Infant Vision and Hearing Screening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of March (9am to 12 midday).

- Instagram Page

Keep up to date with school activities on our Instagram page [scoil\\_an\\_chroi\\_ro\\_naofa](#). This is an information page only and comments or messages will not be replied to. Our new school website [www.urlingfordns.com](http://www.urlingfordns.com) is online and will be updated weekly going forward.

- Schools Hurling + Camogie

Interested boys and girls in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class will train on Mondays and Wednesdays at Big Break from 12/2/2025 onwards. Efforts will be made to visit Emeralds GAA Pitch on Fridays after St Patricks Day so as children can play practice matches.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hurling/Camogie Blitz

All pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> Class will take part in a hurling/camogie blitz in Emeralds GAA Pitch on Friday morning 7<sup>th</sup> of March between 9.30 and 11.30am. Hurling/Camogie Blitz will also be used to learn common words and phrases used during a GAA match as Gaeilge in advance of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Irish words and phrases will be prepared and learned in advance of Blitz. Other schools involved include Johnstown NS, Crosspatrick NS and Galmoy NS

- Transport to and from AWAY Hurling + Camogie Matches

Pupils attending AWAY Hurling and Camogie matches on buses organised by school will be asked to bring in e5 to help cover the cost of transport to and from Extra Curricular Hurling/Camogie Games. E5 will not cover full price of transport but it will help make participation in AWAY Extra curricular events/matches more viable into the future.

- Schools Hurling/Camogie Challenge

Schools Hurling team will have a Challenge match against Gortnahoe School on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 1.15pm in Gortnahoe. Bus for match will leave school at 12.45pm and return in time for hometime at 2.40pm. e5 charge for buses to away matches.

Schools Camogie team will have a Challenge match against St Annes on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 3.15pm in Emeralds GAA Club. Players will leave school at 2.25pm and be ready for collection at Emeralds GAA Club after match at 4pm

- School RSE Plan

As per our schools RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) Plan the relevant age and class appropriate RSE lessons for different Class Groups will be taught in January, February or March before Easter Break.

- Ash Wednesday Mass

Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will attend Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 9.30am in Urlingford Church, or 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Graduation Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of June at 9.30am.

- Notes for Absence

All families are asked to ensure Absences are explained on Aladdin App and to ensure to give a reason for 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 class teacher - Parent/Guardian should write a quick note to explain reason for incomplete homework.

- Friday Tests

All families are asked to sign their child's Friday Tests. Pupil should complete corrections in test copy if applicable.

- School Lunches

Online orders for Glanmore school lunches should be ordered before Friday in advance of the week ahead. All classes including Junior Infants can now order preferred lunches online. Glanmore Lunches can be contacted at 01-8976026 and [customerservice@glanmorefoods.ie](mailto:customerservice@glanmorefoods.ie) if any families are having difficulty with online ordering process.

- Pre School Supervision

Pre School Supervision by designated school staff will be in operation between 8.45am and 9am. No pupils should be dropped off at school before 8.45am. Designated members of staff will be present at front and back of school to supervise pupils between 8.45 and 9am. Between 8.45am and 9am pupils should enter through school entrance gates promptly and make their way to their class line at the back of the school. For the first week Junior and

Senior Infants can assemble at entry point closest to their classrooms where they will be met by Class Teachers.

- Up to date Contact details

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

- School Office Hours

School Office hours are between 8.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday during school year. Phone calls and emails to our school are recommended between 8.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

- Appointments 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.

- Allergies/Medication

We ask the families of any pupils with allergies or specific medical requirements to please inform school staff so as pupils can be catered for suitably in school.

- 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.

- ASD Training (School Closure)

School will be closed for pupils on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May to facilitate Whole Staff ASD Training. Whole Staff ASD Training will be delivered by Alva McManus from NCSE in School Hall.

- Ger Brick Internet Safety Talk

Ger Brick from iNetSafetyTalk on Monday will deliver online Internet Safety Lessons to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Ger Brick will deliver a remote Online Safety Talk for Parents/Guardians on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of April outside schools. Link to access Online Safety Talk will be emailed out to Parents/Guardians in advance.

- St Patricks Day Mass

Junior Infants to 5<sup>th</sup> Class will attend Urlingford Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of March in advance of St Patricks Day. Pupils will read readings, prayers of the faithful, play instruments and sing songs on the day.

- Seachtain na Gaeilge

Irish Week activities will take place between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of March. Information re Seachtain na Gaeilge activities will be sent out to Parents in advance. Bain triail as.

- 5 A Side Soccer

6<sup>th</sup> Class Boys and Girls will attend FAI 5 a side soccer competition on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of March. Bus leaves at 8.10am and bus returns at 2.35pm. Soccer training for 6<sup>th</sup> Class will take place again on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

- **Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa Urlingford NS Now Enrolling for 2025/2026 School Year -**

Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa Urlingford NS are now accepting enrolments for the 2025/2026 School Year.

Enrolment Packs are available from school office between 8.30am and 3pm Monday to Friday or by calling 056 8831512 or by emailing [urlingfordns2020@gmail.com](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com) or by postal enquiry to Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa Urlingford NS, Urlingford, Co Kilkenny E41A567.

Enrolment Forms are also available from Micks Pre School and Angelas Pre School in Urlingford. Deadline for receipt of completed Enrolment/Registration Forms is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of March. Confirmation of Acceptance letters will be issued before 25<sup>th</sup> of April. New pupils joining school will receive an opportunity to visit our school on a date to be arranged/finalised in June 2025.

- World Book Day / Dress Up Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of March. All pupils are invited to Dress up as Book Characters for World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. Selected classes will visit Urlingford Library for World Book Day. Members of 6<sup>th</sup> Class will attend Urlingford Library for a World Book Day Quiz on 6/3.

- Alcohol/Drug/Addiction Awareness Talk

John Leahy Alcohol/Drug/Addiction Awareness Speaker will visit our school to deliver a talk to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Talk is part of HSE 'Don't Start, Stay Smart' Program.

- Fire Station Visit

Our ASD Class visited Urlingford Fire Station for a guided tour and met local Firemen on Monday 24/2. Thanks to Keith and all at Urlingford Fire Station for facilitating the visit.

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS