

## Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Weekly Friday Email – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 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.

- Instagram Page + School Website

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 now 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

Well done to all pupils who participated so well in today's 3<sup>rd</sup> class hurling blitz in Emeralds GAA club.

- 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 €5 to help cover the cost of transport to and from Extra Curricular Hurling/Camogie Games. €5 will not cover full price of transport but it will help make participation in AWAY Extra curricular events/matches more viable into the future.

- 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.

- Service of Light Date

Service of Light for Confirmation Candidates in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of May in Graine Church at 7.30pm.

- Graduation Mass

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. 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 8.50am 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. Girls and boys from 6<sup>th</sup> class will need runner, boots, and shorts and a change of clothes and extra drinks on the day.

- **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.

- 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Class will receive a visit from Urlingford Fire Station in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS