

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

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates/reminders

- Bi Cinealta Anti Bullying Strategy

Our school will be implementing new Bi Cinealta Anti Bullying Procedures from the 1/9/2025 onwards. Our schools Anti Bullying Policy can be accessed by visiting school website at [www.urlingfordns.com](http://www.urlingfordns.com) or on request from school Office. Our Senior Class pupils have recently been working on a new Student Bi Cinealta Policy. If any Parent/Guardian has any concerns re possible Bullying they can make an appointment with their child's Class Teacher by emailing school office or calling school office between 8.30am and 12.30pm. Parent/Guardian Bi Cinealta Questionnaires will be sent home to all families for completion in early April in advance of Easter Break. Feedback from Parent questionnaires will be used when constructing our School Bi Cinealta Policies.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Class Cake Sale for Trocaire

4<sup>th</sup> class will be putting on a cake sale in aid of Trocaire on Wednesday morning 9<sup>th</sup> of April. 4<sup>th</sup> Class will sell cakes/buns etc to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and School Staff.

- Instagram Page + School Website

Keep up to date with school activities on our Instagram page [scoil\\_an\\_chroi\\_ro\\_naofa](https://www.instagram.com/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. Any families who wish for their children **NOT** to be included in photos of school activity on School Website and School Instagram page are asked to notify school in writing.

- 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.

- School Hurling+ Camogie Matches

2<sup>nd</sup> round of boys schools hurling league is at away vs Tullaroan NS on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April in Tullaroan GAA Pitch at 3.10pm. Players will leave school at 2.15pm. Bus will drop off boys after match at Woodsgift 4.25pm and Urlingford School 4.30pm. Boys will need to bring in €5 to cover the cost of Bus to match.

- 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. 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.

- Hurling/Camogie Helmets

Our school has a small stock of small and medium sized helmets available for E35 if anyone would like to order one. Orders can be made by calling school office on 0568831512 between 8.30 and 12.30 on school days.

- Emeralds GAA Bingo

Emeralds GAA Bingo on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of March is in aid of raising money for nets for behind goals for School Sports Pitch. All support welcome.

### **Upcoming School Fundraising –**

- Emeralds GAA Bingo in aid of Netting for Urlingford NS School Pitch on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Local Split the Pot Draw in aid of Netting for Urlingford NS School Pitch on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of March.
- School Easter Raffle. Cards will be distributed on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of March. Cards to be returned by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of April. Easter Raffle Draw will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of April in 6<sup>th</sup> Class Classroom. All support welcome.

- Emeralds Stars Inclusion Camp

Emeralds Camogie and GAA Club are making efforts to set up an Inclusion Camp (Emeralds Stars ) for children with additional needs. Emeralds GAA are holding a welcome morning on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April @ 11.15am in Urlingford GAA pitch for those interested. Please see attached poster below for all details.

- 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.

- 1.40pm Finish for All Classes

As per our schools 2024/2025 School Year Calendar all classes will finish at 1.40pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of May to facilitate Teacher Planning and Teacher Bi Cinealta Training.

- 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.

● **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.

- Book Fair

Khans Book Shop Kilkenny will host a Book Fair for whole school in school hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Timetable etc to follow.

- Swimming Payment Window on Aladdin

Pupils in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class can now pay for upcoming Swimming Lessons via Aladdin. Swimming costs e49. First Swimming Day for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

- 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.

- School Tour Dates

Junior and Senior Infants will visit Castleview Farm in Durrow County Laois on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of May. Price of Tour and Bus for Junior + Senior Infants is e24.

1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will visit Nore Valley Farm in Bennettsbridge County Kilkenny on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> Class is e21.

3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Class will visit Reptile Zoo + Playstation in Kilkenny on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Class is e30.

5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> Class will visit Adventure World, Limerick University on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> Class is e50.

More details re School Tours will be sent out to families in advance of Tour dates.

**Autism Awareness Week** takes place between Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of March + Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of April. All classes will be invited to participate in different Autism Awareness activities throughout the week.

- Geography/Biodiversity Quiz

Our school will hold a Geography/Biodiversity Quiz for 4th to 6th Class on Friday 11th of April at 9.10am in School Hall. 60 questions based on local and world Geography, plants and animals and flora and fauna.

- Transition to Second Level Education Lesson

Ossory Youth Transition to Secondary School Lesson for 6<sup>th</sup> Class Pupils takes place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS