

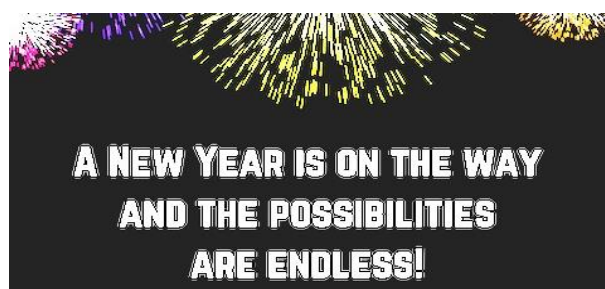


### Newsletter – January / February 2022

Dear Parents,

#### Quote for the week

# 2022



#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



A warm welcome back from holidays, we trust you had a calm and relaxing Christmas. We would like to wish all the teachers and families a Happy New Year! May all your dreams turn into reality and your efforts into great achievements!

#### HAPPY ST. BRIGID'S DAY



#### HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY



### Urlingford N.S. Parent Association



#### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021/2022

Fri, 18 Feb 2022	- Mid-term closing 14:40
Mon, 28 Feb 2022	- School re-opens
Tue, 15 Mar 2022	- First Confession
Thur, 17 Mar 2022	- St Patrick's Day holiday
Fri, 18 Mar 2022	- Bank Holiday
Fri, 8 Apr 2022	- Easter holiday, closing 12pm
Mon, 25 Apr 2022	- School re-opens
Mon, 2 May 2022	- May Bank Holiday
Sat, 14 May 2022	- First Communion
Mon, 7 June 2022	- School closed
Thur, 30 June 2022	- Summer holidays start, closing at 12pm

\* Please check the school calendar on the school's website for any changes.

#### SCHOOL TIMES

Junior & Senior Infants:	09:00 – 13:40 every day
Classes 1-6:	09:00 – 14:40 every day

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Open from **9:00 am to 12:30 pm** every day.

#### SCHOOL / BANK HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – St. Patrick's Day  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Bank Holiday  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Easter Monday  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 – May Bank Holiday  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Bank Holiday

#### NEWSLETTER

**Please note** should you wish to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter, please forward a note to Ms Hennessy. Hard copies will only be made for parents who have requested them.

## PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR - ALADDIN

This software programme app will ensure reliable and up to date communication with you, the parent/guardian. This is a very simple and easy to use programme and can be installed on your home and/or work computer/s. This will allow the school or the parent association to keep you up to date on what is happening at school. This will include news on sporting fixtures, homework, communication directly with teachers, absences and reports.

You can download the app from the Google Play Store or Apple Store. You will need to register for the Aladdin Connect before you receive messages on the Aladdin app. You will receive a text message or an email from the school containing a registration code. Should you have any queries, please contact Mr. Dunphy on 056 88 31512.

## ROAD SAFETY

We would like to bring your attention once again, please, for the safety of students, parents and teachers when dropping off and collecting children that **NO STOPPING OR PARKING** in the bus bay and the yellow box outside the school gate is permitted!

Many parents are still stopping and dropping in these areas, and this causes a serious safety risk for everyone.

Please DO NOT stop in these areas.

## SWIMMING

We are happy to say that the middle and senior classes will return to swimming for an extra 4 weeks this term. This is a once-off arrangement to allow for missed swimming lessons during the restrictions in the last two years. 5th and 6th Class started 25<sup>th</sup> January.

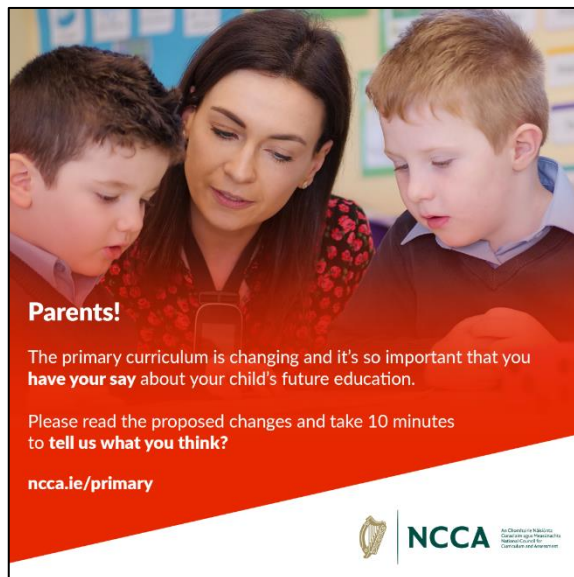
3rd and 4th Classes will begin after Spring Mid-Term on March 1st.

The cost is as normal, €7 per week.

A new payment on Aladdin for those who prefer to pay online and this will be available under the payments button on the app.

One small difference for these sessions is that children who are not attending the lessons will not travel to Kilkenny and will be supervised by a teacher in school.

## ACADEMIC




**Parents!**

The primary curriculum is changing and it's so important that you **have your say** about your child's future education.

Please read the proposed changes and take 10 minutes to **tell us what you think?**

[ncca.ie/primary](https://ncca.ie/primary)

 **NCCA** National Council for Curriculum and Assessment

## Parents! – Reminder

### Do you know that the Primary Curriculum is changing?

What children learn and how children learn in primary school is changing. The proposed changes aim to enhance children's learning in school and provide for even more relevant and meaningful learning.

You can find the proposals at

<https://ncca.ie/media/4456/ncca-primary-curriculum-framework-2020.pdf>

As a parent, it is important that you have a say in shaping your child's future learning. Consultation will close by the end of February 2022.

Please take 8-10 minutes to tell us what you think at the following

<https://surveyhero.com/c/mrefuzfc>

Want to know more? Visit the website

[www.ncca.ie/primary](https://www.ncca.ie/primary)

## SPORTS

Some good news on the sports front as it appears both Schools' Camogie and Hurling Competitions will go ahead this year, starting hopefully in March and April. The boys and girls of 3rd to 6th classes get a day a week each to bring in their hurls and helmets, but hopefully we will soon be able to play every day in school.



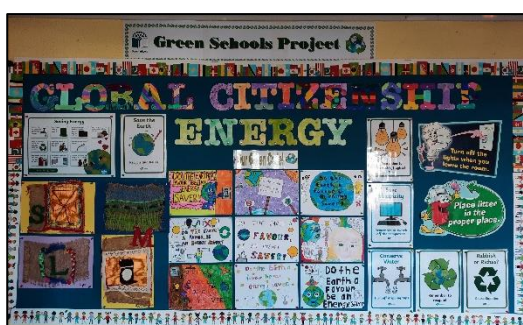
## BUILDING PROGRESS

Building work is progressing nicely and the concrete has been poured.



## GREEN SCHOOLS

Green Schools - the Green Schools' Committee is working very hard towards our 7th Green Flag, "Global Citizenship - Energy". New energy monitors "Power Rangers" are at work in each class keeping our energy usage down! The committee recently held an online survey regarding our energy use organised by Sixth Class and Ms Casey. 58% of the families responded to the survey and the results are being graphed as we speak. Ms Rooney and the committee keep the Green Schools' noticeboard up to date and it is looking very colourful at the moment.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week was held from January 24th - 28th with a special Grandparents' Day on Wednesday the 26th. The school held a short assembly and prayer service for Catholic Schools Week on Friday of that week.

## ST. BRIGID'S DAY

Lá Féile Bhríde - There was great celebration for St Brigid's Day and the start of spring. The infant classes made lovely collages of St Brigid's Cloak which are displayed on our new Irish Noticeboard - Clár Fograí na Gaeilge! In many classes, the tradition of St Brigid's Cross making was practised with the senior classes distributing lovely reed crosses throughout the school.





## ART

First Class – 2022 Poster



Second Class – Catching Snowflakes



Sixth Class – Balloon Art



## PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING

### SPLIT THE POT

The Parent Association are taking on 'Split the Pot' from 6<sup>th</sup> February to 6<sup>th</sup> March in aid of new notice boards and various items for the new school hall. As people are aware, by now, you put €2 in an envelope and if your envelope comes out then you will win half the pot of money



### Split the Pot

1<sup>st</sup> Draw 13<sup>th</sup> February

Get your Envelopes now

Funds for notice boards and various items for the new school hall.

## PARENTS' CORNER

### 8 SENTENCES THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

1. GREAT MINDS DISCUSS IDEAS.
2. TWO THINGS MATTER: HONESTY AND RESPECT.
3. BE KIND. EVERYONE YOU MEET IS FIGHTING A HARD BATTLE.
4. IF YOU DON'T STEP FORWARD, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN THE SAME PLACE.
5. IF YOU DON'T ASK, YOU DON'T GET.
6. YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL. USE THEM WISELY.
7. WILL THIS PROBLEM MATTER A YEAR FROM NOW?
8. GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS REQUIRE TIME.