

Ballinora National School
Ballinora,
Waterfall,
Near Cork
T12 500



Scoil Bhailenóra,
Tobar an Iarla,
i gCorcaigh.
T12 D500

7nd February 2023

A thuistí,

From inside the school, it appears that all children are safe, happy and learning. If any family has a concern please contact your class teacher.

[Click here for some pictures from our Instagram account for an insight into some of the action around the school.](#)

- If anyone feels their child may ***not*** be attending Scoil Bhailenóra next year, please let us know as soon as possible as we will be in contact with the DES very shortly regarding resources and staffing for next year, and accurate numbers are extremely important. This equally applies to children who are due to start in junior infants in September.
 - We were delighted to welcome back a number of past pupils in Transition Year. They have been superb and we the future looks very bright for these young men and women.
 - All visitors to the school are asked not go directly to classes but to report to the office.
 - Cash for clobber remains an on-going fund-raiser for the school. Clothes, bed sheets etc. can be dropped to the office (no pillows or duvets please).
 - We have been contacted by a number of our neighbours regarding driveway access and egress. Please be mindful of this at drop-off and collection times.
- 01.03.23 Wednesday – Early Closure for staff meeting
 Infants 1:30
 1st to 3rd 1:40
 4th to 6th 1:45

Academic Calendar 23/24

[Please click here to see next year's academic calendar \(2023/2024\)](#)

Ethos

- On Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st, Diocesan advisor T.J. Coakley visited the school.
- Wednesday 9th February, First Confession for second class pupils
- Staff continue to visit friendly schools in Rennies, Carrigaline and Kilmurry to develop a greater understanding of resources to support children with special educational needs.

Curriculum

SPHE – Community Garda Patrick Casey visited all classes to remind pupils that are advised to learn their Eircode and /or a parent's phone number.

Music – Drumming Workshops were enjoyed by all classes
PE – Skipping workshop has had to be deferred until May
PE - Cycling Workshop for 3rd class
PE - FAI 5-a-side competition for 6th class in Lakewood.
English/Irish- Continued support from the PDST in the implementation of New Language Curriculum
Dig. Literacy PDST support in this area suspended by DES to help alleviate subbing shortage.

Co-Curricular

Our 3rd to 6th class chess players competed superbly at the *Féile Fichille*, in a one-day chess tournament which brought a number hosted by the school. 4th class, Chess Challengers won their 'Buds Tournament' category, and 3rd class Raging Rooks came second place. Eleven teams took part in this category, so this was a huge achievement!

In the 'Masters' competition, 5th class, Checking Champions took second place and 6th class, Knights of Ballinora came in 4th place. There were 7 teams in this category also, so really well done!
Huge thanks Ms McDonagh who coordinated this event and Mr Noonan who supported her.

Sciath na Scol Quiz – The children showed their knowledge and did the school proud, our thanks to Ms Walsh for coordinating and to parents who drove the pupils.

Bishopstown Credit Union Quiz – Our teams played a blinder on the road. Once again, thank you to the parents who got them from A to B and back safely, and to Ms Walsh and Mr Brennan for coordinating.

Green Schools

The Green Schools committee members from 3rd to 6th Class have met and are working towards gaining our next school flag for 'Global Citizenship - Litter & Waste'. In school, the committee have been reminding everyone of how we earned our Waste, Energy, Water, Travel and Biodiversity flags and how we can keep these flags in our school. Over the coming days, **every child should bring their own wash cloth or face cloth to school. This will reduce the need for paper towels to be used and it is one of the vital things to remember to keep our Waste flag in Scoil Bhailenóra.** Our Green school committee is coordinated by Ms. Maguire and Ms. O'Connor. [Click here for the green school's blog](#)

Thank sponsors from Christmas raffle

A huge thank you to the PA for coordinating the raffle and to all the families who contributed so generously. We also extend our thanks to the following businesses who donated prizes.

- Rugby Tots,
- O'Shea's pub
- O'Connor Opticians
- Anglers Rest
- Kilkenny Store
- Salon 28
- Laurie McWilliams Artist
- Brendan Bowe Auctioneer
- Obviously massive thanks to all the families who contributed so much.

Retirement

The board, staff and community thank the mighty and magnificent Pat Spillane for his service to the school. Pat will retire on Friday March 3rd. Pat, a gentleman to his most capable fingertips, has a great way with all the children and adults in our school. During hazardous weather he shows-up and prepares the school even if not scheduled for work. He has been our chief photographer, and, on a personal note, a great friend. We wish him and his family every success and blessing in the next chapter of his life. Below is an abridged advert of the caretaker post in our school.

CARETAKER/JANITOR POSITION



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Ballinora National School Waterfall, Cork
www.ballinorans.ie

please see full advert at :

<https://www.educationposts.ie/post/view/185765>

Application Closing Date: Thu, Feb 16th 2023

Commencement Date: Mon, Feb 27th 2023

Status of Post: Fixed-term

This is a part time position.

It is not a full-time position.

- Initially this is a fixed term contract, from 27/02/23 to 14/06/23.
 - This post is for 12 hours a week, generally worked over three days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. However, flexibility and ability to work overtime when necessary is essential.
 - This position is subject to satisfactory Garda vetting.
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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Letter of Application - Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- CV (Unbound/Slide Binder) - CV (Digital)

Applications may be submitted by Email

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