



# Burrow National School

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Dear Parents,

A very happy new year to you all. It was lovely to hear many of the students' news from their Christmas holidays and it's great to see everyone back happy and healthy for the new term.

## Looking back on 2017.....

We finished the year with 4 fantastic Christmas Plays and a fabulous festive Carol Service; A super effort from the staff and students and great support from family and friends.



Thank you to all who purchased "**Benson**" the **Burrow Bear Book** by **Karen McSweeney**. With the help of the P.A. and the success of their tremendous Christmas Fair and the profits from the sale of the book we have raised funds to start resurfacing some of the back garden space directly behind the 4<sup>th</sup> class room and this will commence during the Easter Holidays (weather permitting).

**A huge Thank you to all who have supported the school to date**, be it with voluntary contribution payments or continuous fund raising throughout the year.

€210 was donated to “**their lives matter**” charity in connection with **Rachel MacDonell** (Sophie, Chloe and Emily’s mum) from the sale of the **Benson Bear Book** – a cause worthy of such a donation.

We raised **€380 for Crumlin Children’s Hospital** with our Charity Jumper day in December.



Congratulations to **Tristan Snodgrass** and **Julia Killeen Henderson** on being **awarded a scholarship for Sutton Park School**. We received this great news just moments after the December newsletter was sent out, so apologies for late announcement; a great achievement for Tristan and Julia and for the Burrow school.

## **Sports for 2018 (during school time)**



- **Hockey Ireland** will commence training with classes **2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January for 4 weeks.
- **The FAI** will be coaching soccer skills to Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes every Wednesday for the next 4 weeks.
- **Janette Penney** continues with Pilates for **classes 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** for the next 8 weeks.
- **GAA training** continues every Friday for **Junior and Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes**.
- This month **all classes** are doing the P.E. strand **gymnastics** – the hall is set up with a gym circuit for all the students to enjoy.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class** recommence **tin whistle** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> now that swimming lessons are over.

## Upcoming events



**Graffiti Classics** are returning on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – their name is deceiving – 4 classical musicians burst the elitists boundaries of the traditional string quartet with their hilarious all singing, all dancing musical comedy cabaret show. A real treat for all the school to experience.



We will be having a **cake sale on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January** to help fund the cost of Graffiti Classics. Classes **2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** will be asked to **bake** for this – more details to follow closer to the time but this will follow the same format as previous years. €1 for a bag of 3-4 treats, **max €2 per child** and everything made must be pre sliced and ready to bag when purchased. Those baking love the challenge and they also enjoy the experience of selling their goods on the day.



**The PA run table quiz is on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Howth Yacht Club** - €10 per person and 4 to a table. I look forward to some challenging questions from a great quiz master and some healthy competition! As I remind the children, it's not about winning, it's about taking part that matters!



### **School Show Mary Poppins**

Musicality will be putting on the musical “**Mary Poppins**” for the school on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> and **for parents and friends at 7pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** in The Burrow Hall. Refreshments will be served during the interval.

**Ms Atkinson** will be completing her 4<sup>th</sup> and final year teaching practice placement with **Junior Infants starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January for 4 weeks** and then she will do further 4 weeks **teaching 6<sup>th</sup> class**. Ms Atkinson was with us last year on a teaching practice placement with the current senior infants and we are delighted to welcome back such a competent, confident and experienced student teacher. At The Burrow School we endeavour to facilitate training colleges of education with student teacher placements as we acknowledge the

need to develop the teachers of the future! This will be an enjoyable and educational experience for all.

**We are delighted to have Ms Gardner back teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> class** after her maternity leave. I know the students have kindly helped her settle back into the run of things.

### **Front Door**

Please note due to the cold weather we are using only the main door for entrance for parents and children in the morning. This is to keep the heat in the school.

### **Homework**

It has come to my attention that there are a number of children not completing homework. Homework should be done by all children each evening unless there is a valid excuse in writing. Attending swimming soccer, gymnastics lessons is not a valid reason to leave homework incomplete! Children repeatedly offending will be sent to the Principal's office to complete it at break time.

**\*\*\* Just to remind you we close for half -term on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive, then for 2 weeks Easter Holidays on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.30pm \*\*\***

Looking forward to an educationally productive 2018, with plenty of enjoyment for the students through their learning.

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