



# St. Colman's National School Ballindaggin

## February News

### Engineers Week

Engineers Week runs from Feb 26th—March 2nd. As part of this-Brickz4Kidz will visit the school on March 2nd and host hour long Lego Workshops with each class.

Furthermore the school has availed of twenty boxes of Knex on loan from Wexford Education Centre for the week to challenge the building capabilities and imaginations of the children.

As part of our Engineers Week celebrations we are setting each family the challenge of designing and making a bridge from recyclable materials capable of supporting at least 1kg ie a bag of sugar. The bridge must span one metre. Examples of materials that can be used are

soft drinks cans, lollipop sticks, cereal boxes, toilet roll tubes and masking tape.

We encourage every family to design and make a bridge together, however there is no obligation to **participate**.

Bridges will be displayed and tested on March 1st with prizes for the best three bridges.



### Enrolment

The school is now accepting enrolment forms for the 2018/19 school year. Forms are available online or from the school office. Please pass this message on to anyone you know interested in enrolling.

### School Photos

County Photos will visit the school on the 19th of February to take photos of the children. There is no obligation to purchase photos. A letter explaining prices etc will be sent home next week.

### Drop off and Collection

We encourage parents and pupils to 'Park n Stride' in the mornings and evenings. This involves parking in the church car park or at Jordan's and walking to and from school. Not only does this have health benefits but it also alleviates traffic congestion outside the school. If you absolutely must drop your child to the school via car please try to observe the following:

1. Avoid doing U-turns. Please approach from the left and exit right or vice versa.
2. Refrain from parking alongside the school wall as it is unsafe.
3. After dropping your child vacate the parking area so others can use the spot.

The Board of Management greatly appreciate your cooperation with this.

## Update on New Class-rooms

As we all know the building of two new stand alone classrooms has been granted. However, a condition of planning from the County Council is that parking must be provided for. The Department of Education currently will not grant funding to provide said parking and fundraising monies is not an option as the funds needed exceed €100,000. The Board of Management are continuing to try to resolve this issue and complete the building project as promptly as possible. This process is long and drawn out and where it may seem like little is happening on the surface we assure you that everything that can be done to resolve this issue is happening behind the scenes. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this time.



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## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade through the village takes place on March 15th (weather permitting). Each child is encouraged to dress up. Sponsorship cards to follow.

## Icon Visit

The confirmation & Communion Class attended Mass in the cathedral on Tuesday last & visited The Icon for the World Meeting of Families & left their prayers in it.



## Credit Union Quiz

Well done to 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class teams who participated in the Bunclody Credit Union Quiz recently in Millrace Hotel & Ballinaboola. Our Senior team came first in the quiz on Friday. Team members were: Naomi McCarthy, Cormac Byrne, Blaze Kearney and Conor Garland. Our Junior team performed very well also and they put in a stellar performance. Team members included Jack Jordan, Iassac Kearney, Eoin Kennedy, Billy O'Connor, Eva Nolan and Saoirse Delaney.

## Mid Term Break

School will be close on February 9th at 2.40pm and reopen again on Feb 19th at 9.00am.

## Hurling 365

Hurling 365 continues on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are delighted with the children's enthusiasm each Wednesday.

## Rugby Coaching

5th & 6th Classes are currently partaking in Coaching at school in association with Leinster School's Rugby.

## Communion Class

First Communion will take place on Saturday 5th May 2018 @ 11am

Please practice prayers with your children who are preparing for these sacraments and you are encouraged to attend weekend mass with them.

## Confirmation

Confirmation takes place on Friday 1st June 2018 along with Killealy N.S. in St. Colman's Church