

Ballyfacey N.S. Newsletter

December 2023 

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the first Ballyfacey N.S. newsletter. We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable first term back at school.

Special Events/Activities/News

- We have organised for Ballyfacey N.S. to be included on the list of schools visited by the Kilkenny Library Service van this year and the children are enjoying picking out books to read from the wide variety available.
- We wish to acknowledge an incredibly generous donation recently made to the school through The Irish American Partnership by past pupil Mr. Brian O Shea.
- On the 13th of October, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class took part in a Zoom call with author Christopher Edge as part of Kilkenny Libraries Bookville celebrations. Christopher Edge wrote a book based on Escape Rooms and as part of the Zoom call he set the children puzzles to see if they could escape their own virtual Escape Room. This activity was enjoyed by all.
- Storyteller, Helena Byrne, visited the three classrooms on Wednesday the 18th of October. We all really enjoyed it and everyone was captivated by her interesting and exciting stories.
- All of the classes received a talk on road safety from the RSA in November. We learned about staying safe while walking on the road and cycling on our bikes.
- The Little Red Kettle theatre company visited the school on Wednesday, the 6th of December. It was an interactive and entertaining show and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
- Our Christmas plays took place on Friday, the 15th of December. The plays performed were as follows: Junior Room - 'Whoops a Daisy Angel', Middle Room - 'It's a Cracker!' and the Senior Room - 'Baboushka'. The children worked hard preparing for their plays and really enjoyed performing in front of their families.

Reminders:

- The school closes for the Christmas break on Friday, 22nd of December at 12:20pm. It will re-open on Monday, 8th of January at 9:10am.
- The school will run a clothing collection fundraiser again this spring after the success of last year's one – please bear this in mind after Christmas.
- The mobile library will return to the school on Thursday, the 18th of January. Please have all books back by this date.
- Swimming lessons for 2nd – 6th Class start on Monday 15th January for 8 weeks leading into Easter. An email was sent to families of those classes yesterday with further information regarding the swimming.
- Please take a look at the school website www.ballyfaceyns.ie from time to time to see pictures and updates from various events either in the Latest News section or under the Our Classes tab.