

BALLINABRANNA NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Welcome back to all, we hope you have had a lovely relaxing Christmas and wish you every blessing and success in the year ahead.

Enrolment 2021 The school has published our Admissions Notice for 2021 on our website. Applications will be accepted from the 14th of January 2021.

The school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for the 2021/2022 school year are available on our website, by emailing ballinabrannans@gmail.com or by writing to Ballinabranna NS, Ballinabranna, Milford, Co. Carlow R93T9N4. The closing date for applications is 4th of February 2021.

Christmas Crib – Well done to our pupils in 6th class who, under the guidance of their teacher Mrs Agars, created a wonderful backdrop for the Christmas Crib in St. Fintan's Church Ballinabranna. Bishop Denis McNulty has suggested that everyone in Kildare and Leighlin Diocese might leave their cribs in our churches and homes up for the month of January, as a message of solidarity, encouragement and hope during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Climate Change Competition As part of our Greens school initiative we invited everyone to take part in our Creative Christmas competition. Every year we throw away a shocking amount, from six million Christmas trees to over 227,000 miles of wrapping paper. So, with that in mind this year our Green School's Committee encouraged everyone to get creative and reduce, reuse, and recycle.

There were two categories in our competition. The first category was to create a Christmas decoration using sustainable materials. The winner of this category was Charlotte Hutton (5th class) with her sustainable angel decoration.

The second category was to wrap a pretend present or object using an alternative form of wrapping paper, from newspapers, old book pages or even old pillowcases. The winner in this category was Amelia Flanagan from Senior Infants. Each winner received a €25 One4All Voucher. Well done to all who entered!

Road Safety - In December as part of our road safety education programme each child received a free high-vis jacket from the Road Safety Authority of Ireland to help keep them safe as they walk or cycle on footpaths and roads. Extra hi vis vests are available to order from www.rsaorders.ie should you need more for your family.

Raffle – Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Raffle which raised an amazing €2710 for the school. We are extremely grateful to all who helped in any way, selling tickets, buying tickets or sponsoring a prize, with a big thank you to Brenda in the office for all her hard work!

The prizes winners and sponsors were:

Winner	Seller	Prize	Sponsor
Ciara Lyons	Fionn & Oran Lowry	42" Samsung Smart Television	Clogrennane Lime
Anita Pilsudska	Maria Pilsudska	€200 One4All Voucher	Ronan Byrne & Co
Paddy Lowry	Amelia Flanagan	€100 Cash Prize	Donated
Seán Foley	Seán Foley	€25 Ray Whelan Voucher	Ray Whelan
Marguerite O' Brien	Pippa O' Brien	€100 Fenlon Voucher	Fenlon Heating & Plumbing Ltd
Ciara Leigh	Callum Leigh	€25 Jones Business Systems Voucher	Jones Business Systems
Clóna Raftery	Clóna Raftery	€50 One4All Voucher	Grass Tech
Gabrielle O' Neill	Áibhín O Sullivan	€100 Voucher Aboretum	Aboretum Home&Garden Centre
Emma Doyle	Scott Kelly	€50 Fairgreen Voucher	Woods Contract Cleaners
Arlene Sharkey	Eva Dooley	€50 Lord Bagenal Voucher	Carlow Electrical – Cathal Lawlor
Zach Fitz	Emma Walsh	€150 One4All Voucher	Brealey Windows
Becky Amond	Caitlin Amond	€50 Voucher	Campus Oil
Ciarán Breen	Ciarán Breen	Hamper	Aboretum Home & Garden Centre
Sarah Darcy	Sarah Darcy	€25 Ray Whelan Voucher	Ray Whelan
Willie Kelly	Amber Bolton Clarke	€50 Voucher	Macs Menswear
Nathan Stedman	Nathan Stedman	Jewellery	Douglas Jewellers
Fiach Donnelly	Fiach Donnelly	Christmas Knitted Hamper	Catherine Ayres Sellers Prize

