

My School Memories

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I started in St. Oliver Plunkett's National School back in September 1974 however we just called it Balrothery National school. Wow that was a long time ago. I have some very vivid memories. As I lived in Balbriggan I had to get the bus which was driven by a man called Frank Fanning. We had some fun on that bus. The higher the class the further down the bus I sat until I reached the "Back Seat" in 6th class.

My first teacher was Ms. Larkin I remember how kind she was. She later went on to teach us knitting and crochet skills that I still use today. In all my classes I was very lucky to have some nice and tolerable teachers. The head mistress was Mrs. O'Connor who also thought us singing. I always will remember her tuning fork and how high her voice could go.

The school was somewhat different then we had more prefabs and no gym we did P.E. outside when the weather would allow us. I still dislike football, Oh but when we got the Basketball nets now I loved playing that. We didn't have to wear a uniform back then just our own clothes. We did some school plays and I remember doing one in the Balrothery Inn, and my friends and I preformed Bucks Fizz

"Making your mind up" that was great fun. All the parents came to watch we thought we were all going to be big stars.

We sometimes played climbing the trees that was not allowed and we got in a lot of trouble when we were caught I remember getting stuck and Susan Clark got Mr. Griffin who had to rescue me) was so embarrassed. I also remember when Mr. Griffin married Ms. Kennelly an she brought in her wedding album and how lovely she looked.

I made a lot of friends in there and some of which turned out to be lifelong friends like Susan Clark. We had great fun as well as learning.

By the time I reached 6th class some things had changed had Mr. PJ Keary he is now the Principal he prepared me for conformation and going to secondary school. It was hard changing schools but I coped very well thank to all the teachers in St Oliver Plunkett's school. I can safely say that I enjoyed my time there and believe I learned a lot.

That's probably why I sent my daughter there when it was her turn to start school and her 1st teacher was Ms. Larkin and up until 5th class her principal was Mrs. O'Connor and then it was Mr Keary.