

## **My School Memories**

**Grace Morrison**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> class some things had changed had Mr. PJ Keary he is now the Principal he prepared me for confirmation 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 1<sup>st</sup> teacher was Ms. Larkin and up until 5<sup>th</sup> class her principal was Mrs. O'Connor and then it was Mr Keary.**