



# St Oliver Plunkett's NS Newsletter



## November

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### Welcome to November's Newsletter

Dear parents and children,

This has been another busy month for the pupils at Balrothery NS.

The building work is making great progress. You may be able to see something of the works through the classroom windows at the Christmas Fair, the concrete floors are in and work has commenced on the

supporting pillars in each classroom. It is very exciting.



The current BOM had their last meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. The outgoing members Kay O' Mahony (Teacher rep), Taragh O' Connor (parent rep) and Leo Matteo (parent rep) were thanked for all their hard and dedication over the last 4 years.

Thank you for the wonderful support for the HOPE Foundation and our shoebox collection. I am sure the children in Balrothery have made some children around the world very happy so well done!

**We continue to ask for your support. We have our Christmas Fair Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December from 1 until 4.** There is great excitement. There will be goodies for sale, you can relax, have tea/coffee/hot chocolate and cake while you listen to our lovely choir who will get us into the festive mood. There is a craft room for the children, a sweet room, a present room where children can buy a present and have it wrapped for their parents, a Bric N Brac room (lots of interesting things in there), two rooms with stalls selling Christmas items, you can play Tombola- great prizes, there's a raffle, guess Teddy's date of birth, guess how many sweets are in the jar and much more. It is such an enjoyable event for all the family. We are really looking

forward to seeing you all.



Big thank to the Parents' Committee.

CASH is king at this fair as CASH is all we can take so please come prepared for that. Thank you.

Thank you to Tommy Gallagher and Mrs Patterson for designing and co-ordinating handprints on our hoarding. The pupils' handprints symbolise learning, pupils on butterfly wings, and as they learn they fly!

Flying to reach their potential.



It is a work in progress.

Science Week was an exciting week with STEM projects in each class and a science exhibition for parents and classes in our hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. This was enjoyed by all.



Magnetism and animation!



Static Electricity



Building and testing bridges.

From Lava lamps to magnetism, learning how electric circuits work....



We learned about weather in space and what we might need to wear.



What makes a good catapult?



This was followed up by a CSI workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November.



Hopefully we are encouraging our budding detectives, artists, engineers, designers and scientists amongst us!

Not to mention our budding Olympians!

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in the Last Mile of the Kids marathon in Santry. This was a great achievement, Those rainy days up in the field paid off.



Well done everyone!

We held our Remembrance ceremony on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. The choir sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who contributed from the readers to the choir. We prayed for all those who have passed away. Classes brought leaves with the names of loved ones to the altar.

Parent/teacher meetings were held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, thank you for completing our questionnaires on pupils wellbeing. More questionnaires to follow!

The student council under the direction of Mr Callaghan and Ms Kiernan organised a follow up workshop with Sport Against racism Ireland for 6<sup>th</sup> class. This message is so important in current times. We held an Express Yourself Day in November – this reminded us that we are all individuals and each person deserves respect regardless of appearance.





**Man O War GAA.** We were delighted to welcome back three past pupils, Conor Dolan, Sean Hussey and Fiachra Cassin, part of an historic team who brought the Man O War to a great victory.



**What's next? Dates for your diaries:**

**Christmas Fair:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 1pm to 4 pm. We are still accepting items for the Bric n Brac, any prize donations.....

**Christmas Plays dates and times:**

**Ms Mc Cabe - Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.40am      Ms Duffy - Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2pm**

**Ms Clarke - Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10am      Ms Maguire - Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.40am      Mr Callaghan - Fri Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1.30pm**

**Ms Andrews - Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.40am      Ms Folan - Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2pm**

**Ms O'Neill - Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.45am      Ms Gleeson - Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.40am      Ms O Mahony - Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2pm**

**School closes on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December for Christmas holidays.** Infants will go home at 12, siblings of the infants may go at that time as well. These will be walked to the gate by the infant teachers. All others leave at 12.30.

Thank you  
Mrs Murphy