



Dear all,

Time is flying and we are fast approaching our last few weeks of the year.

Our sports day is on Friday the 9th of June, weather permitting at the Man O War GAA club. All details will be e-mailed to you also.

It is so important that all the children take part and only a written note from you will excuse your child from participating. The emphasis is on participation and fun.

The parents' committee will host a cake sale on that day with tea and a cake for sale. The children can bring in cakes and buns on Thursday the 8th of June. Any other nonperishables can be brought in from now onwards. Children will be able to purchase goodies on sports day after they have completed their events. The Parents' Committee have a 'Best Bake' prize this year.

Class teachers will escort their class when it is their time to go to the cake sale. Please do not bring your child to the cake sale as each teacher will have a time slot allocated to attend. Otherwise all the cakes will be gone before the older classes can get their chance to buy.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who took part in the Bag packing in Dunnes in the pavillions. €1350 was raised.

**Building Update:** The Department have sanctioned approval for 4 new prefabs ( rental) while we wait for the main building project to commence. They have also given approval in principle to proceed with the re-tender process to contract a builder. It is important to note that it is in principle and they will need to approve the costing when the tendering process is complete. We are still short one prefab for a class ( currently in the hall) and a prefab for the special education team. The Board continue to work with the Department on this. The Board are working on restoring the front grass area and some of the tarmacadam while we await the tendering process. We wish the news could be more exciting .

Mrs Murphy

Dates for your Diary:

Active Week : 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June

Sports Day is the 9<sup>th</sup> of June: Man O War GAA

New Infant Induction Days: Tues 13<sup>th</sup> and Wed 14<sup>th</sup> of June. All infants will go home at 12 on those days.

Graduation Night: 22<sup>nd</sup> of June at 7pm Man O War

School closes on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June at 12 for the infants and 12.30 for the rest of the school.

School reopens on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

School calendar for 2017/2018 is on the website. [www.balrotheryns.com](http://www.balrotheryns.com)

**Important:**

**Booklists and reports:** The children need a stamped self addressed envelope for this . Stamps now cost €1. Envelopes should be given to the class teacher as soon as possible.



**Active Week :**

**Ms Kiernan and Ms Kilcoyne are organising various activities for the school .We will have wake and shake in the mornings, a healthy eating talk for the older children and other events throughout the days. Please send in extra water for your child .Homework will be different next week. Each child will be asked to do an activity of their choice and document it. Please sign their journal/homework sheet to confirm the activity has happened.**

## Green Flag:

A big congratulations to the Green Flag committee and Ms O Mahony. After a lot of hard work we were awarded our flag on Recycling, Litter and Waste and Global Citizenship. The Green Flag committee are looking after the vegetable garden. We have lettuce, carrots, strawberries, peas and potatoes. Well done everyone.



**Discover Science and Maths Award 2017:** Congratulations to all as we have achieved an award for all our hard work on science and maths. Ms McKiernan and Ms Burns have worked hard to co-ordinate this. The award is given to acknowledge the good work in Science and maths throughout the whole school.

## Communion

The communion was very successful . The children were a credit to you all. Well done to the choir and Ms Farrell/Mrs Callaghan for all their hard work and to Ms McKiernan and Mr Hall. The SNAs Joyce, Karen, Pauline, Regina and Suzanne also worked hard to make sure everything went well. Thank you to the Parents' Committee for providing a lovely party at the school.

## Confirmation

I would also like to give a special mention to the children who made their Confirmation. Thank you to Mr Callaghan and Ms Markham for preparing the children. The choir sang beautifully.

Thank you to the Parish Team, Fr Eugene and Niamh Morris who planned and co-ordinated both these occasions .

Trocaire amount raised with the trocaire boxes was €684.89 .

## Athletics

The children from 3<sup>rd</sup> up to 6<sup>th</sup> took part in sprints and relay races. Well done to all the children. We were delighted this year when one of our own won a medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m sprint.



## Cricket:

There was lots of cricket played in the school this year. Both the boys and girls took part in one day events. Mrs McGovern continues to coach and promote the sport within the school.

## BNS Bags

Mr Callaghan's 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in the Junior Entrepreneur Award again this year. They produced BNS bags that proved very popular. They learned many business lessons on the way , they developed negotiation skills, sales skills and great organisational skills.

