



November 2014

Dates for your Diary:

January 28th and 29th, 2015

Reminder: Parent/teacher meetings will be held in January.

November 26th, 27th and 28th

Book Fair in school. Please support. The more you spend the more books we can get for the school. Great Christmas presents! The school library has been painted and tidied. Now we would love to add more new books. (Money raised last year for the library will be held until we move the library into its own room.)

Sunday November 30th



Great news! The Christmas fair is back from 12 until 3 on Sunday the 30th of Nov. Keep this afternoon free, bring the children, meet Santa, buy some Christmas gifts, come and get into the festive spirit. It was great fun last year and promises to be even better this year.

Science Exhibition

We will hold our annual science exhibition in the school hall on Tuesday the 11th of November. All are welcome between 11.30 and 12.30. It is always an interesting occasion with representatives from each class explaining their experiment. A lot can be learned!



Happy faces! Thanks to the parents' committee for their pumpkin sale. They raised €281 for school funds.



Halloween Cross Country.
The children in 3rd class up to 6th class took part in a fancy dress cross country run around the school. Well done to everyone who took part. The children dressed up in aid of Crumlin Hospital. €392.62 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.

Health and safety:

This is a priority for us here in Balrothery NS. Some parents still insist on pulling in at the school gate to drop their children off particularly when it is raining. This is far too dangerous. All cars need to be a safe distance away from the school gate otherwise an accident will happen. Children cycling please wear a helmet. The brain is precious!



Punctuality:

Many thanks for your support in this area. The children are flying up the hill and it's great to see them making an effort. Keep up the good work.

Literacy and Numeracy

Oral language: This month we are talking about the Environment. Ask your child about their favourite place and how can they keep it clean? We will talk about climate change, how we can conserve energy and water, global warming and pollution. Draw their attention to any topics on the news/newspaper that may relate to this topic.

Writing genre: We are learning how to write recipes, instructions, invitations and menus. You can show your child any samples of these you may have around the house.

Problem solving: The children will have a maths problem a week in school and a problem that is sent home for homework. They may need your help. Infants tend to do oral problems in school.

Remember to make sure your child is learning their tables, test them regularly as knowing tables can make maths in general so much easier.

Green school:

Ms Markham's class are enjoying seasonal visits for the OWL nature foundation and learning about the bio-diversity that exists in our local environment. The Green School committee urges you to walk to school, turn off your lights and make sure you are not wasting water.

Student council: The student council has made suggestion boxes for the older classes. All children are encouraged to suggest ways in which we might improve our school. They also attended a show racism the red card workshop.



Maths week 2014

The school took part in maths week. Each class did maths trails with the senior classes teaming up with the junior classes. The children measured, counted, found 2d and 3d shapes, used trundle wheels, metre sticks and rulers to study the maths that are in our environment. 5th class labelled the school mathematically. The children really enjoyed doing practical maths.

Storyteller:

Brendan Nolan, an author will visit the school on Wednesday the 12th of November. The children will enjoy listening to his stories.

A big thank you

Again Balrothery has shown their generosity with the number of shoeboxes donated. So far we have collected 224 boxes.

Headlice

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly.

