



Feb/ March (Available on website, read it in colour)

Dear parents,

This term has been tinged with sadness for us at school. As you know Mr Tadhg O'Connor passed away on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, RIP. As we go about our daily business he is never far from our thoughts and prayers.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you the parents for your support and expressions of condolences. It meant a lot to everyone. The O' Connor family are very appreciative of the support and felt very moved by the guard of honour outside of the school.

Thank you.

Easter

The Easter holidays begin on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 12.30. The infants and their siblings will go home at 12.15. Please collect infants from their classrooms.

We will reopen on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Remember that there will be traffic congestion on that Friday. Please leave your car a safe distance from the school. Try to approach the school from the Balbriggan side and exit through the opposite end. This worked well before and will allow everyone to travel in a calm and careful manner. Of course the best solution is to leave the car at home and walk or cycle. On that note the traffic outside the school is a continuous source of concern.

The Board would like to ask for volunteers to stand at the school gate wearing high viz vests in the hope of deterring people from parking directly outside the school. If you are interested please let me know. The only reason for this is to ensure the safety of your child as they enter and exit the school.

Mrs Murphy

Please support the Galore-ious Handbags tomorrow Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 8pm.

€5 admission. Raffle and refreshments and lots of chat and laughter.

Parents' Committee



Reminder: The voluntary contribution envelopes have been distributed. All contributions greatly appreciated.

First Confession: Congrats to the children in second class who made their first confession on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. They were great.

The children in 6<sup>th</sup> class will make their confirmation on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April.

Seachtaine na Gaeilge

*Bhí an craic againn i rith na seachtaine. Bhí céilí mór againn sa chlós.*

*The children looked great in their green outfits.*

*Go raibh míle maith ag Breda Gibbons. Is múinteoir iontach í.*



Making butter in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class. The children concluded that homemade butter was much nicer than bought butter.



## Pancake Tuesday

We celebrated Pancake Tuesday with each child in the school eating a lovely pancake. As usual the children and adults loved getting a treat like this in the school. We were reminiscing about the good old days when Mrs O' Connor, retired principal, used to hand make a pancake for each child in the school. We cheat and use the microwave! Many thanks for the generous donations to cancer research.



yummy!

## Green flag

We are continuing to learn about our environment and the bio diversity that we have on our doorstep. The children from Ms Whyte's class are taking part in free workshops organised by Fingal Co Council. They have become eco-warriors! They have learned that there is a wide variety of bird species living around the village of Balrothery.



## Discover science award:

Please look out for a swallow and Horse Chestnut tree. Most especially keep an eye out for Hawthorn tree. Let your teacher know if you spot one.



## Sow and Grow Project

*Mrs Callaghan's and Ms Whyte's class are taking part in the sow and grow project with innocent smoothies. They will be growing beetroot, cress and runner beans in class and their online blog will be updated with progress reports weekly on [www.sowandgrow.innocentdrinks.ie](http://www.sowandgrow.innocentdrinks.ie)*

## Athletics

Next outing is in Santry on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April.

## Sport

### Soccer

The school team (boys and girls) unfortunately were beaten in the cup 5-3 after the extra time. Hard luck!

They will have another chance in the league which starts next week.

### GAA

Boys: Great team work so far and the boys have reached the quarter finals in Malahide on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April @ 2.30pm against Scoil Colmcille.

Girls: The girls also have reached the quarter final against Scoil Neasáin in Malahide @ 2.30 on 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

## Tennis

*3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> class have started tennis lessons in school with Cíaran from Balrothery Tennis club.*

*We have a girls' tennis team and a mixed team and both have entered the Tretorn Primary Schools Tennis League. Players are really enjoying it and doing well.*

## Cricket

*4<sup>th</sup> class is having cricket lessons in the cricket club at the moment. The league will start in April.*

## Balbriggan Town Council Awards

*Congratulations to the three girls who won prizes in the art and essay competitions.*

