

June 29, 2013

Reminder:

School reopens Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August.

Happy holidays.

### **Graduation night for 6<sup>th</sup> class.**

Congratulations to all the children in 6<sup>th</sup> class on their graduation. It was a lovely night with the children giving a power point presentation of all the work they have done this year. It was amazing to see the variety of events that the children experienced. They shared their favourite memories with us all. They entertained us with their singing and it ended on a high note with the 'Haka'.

A very special thank you to Ms O Mahony and Ms Taylor who through their dedication made the graduation a fantastic night.

Many thanks to the parents' committee for providing pizza for the children.

Thank you to the board of management for providing nibbles for the adults.

A great night was had by all.

Another year is over and it seemed to fly. I hope everyone has a great summer, a well-earned rest for one and all. Many thanks to you all for your continued support. It is much appreciated.

See you all on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August.

Mrs Murphy

### **Second Hand Book Sale/ Swap your uniform**

This was successful and the children certainly enjoyed selling their books. I hope next year that more parents/ children will avail of this opportunity to buy second hand books. There were books in excellent condition sold for exceptionally good value. Bargains galore!

### **Sports Day**

Sports day was a great success. The children had great fun participating in the various races. This year we had events such as welly throwing and log throwing. These events showed that we have some promising stars in our school! Thank you to the parents' committee for the lovely ice pops.



### **Vintage Cake Sale**

This was organised by the Parents' Committee and was a resounding success. Apart from raising funds it proved to be a fantastic social occasion where parents sat and chatted for the day. The children loved buying the cakes with the fifth class and sixth proving they were champion eaters. €1400 was raised.

A huge thanks to you all for supporting this event.



### Green flag

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June we raised our fifth Green Flag. The theme was climate change and it was the grand finale to all our hard work over the past two years. We were very lucky to have the mayor of Balbriggan present to share this moment. Peadar O Ceallaigh spoke of the importance of looking after our environment and commended the children of Balrothery on their efforts.

A special word of appreciation must go to the Green Flag committee, Mrs Callaghan and Ms O Mahony.

### Sponsored Walk

The children raised €2,968.18. It shows the generous support that there is for the school and thank you again for this.

We all enjoyed walking around the village. We strolled up the back lane and it was some of the children's first time to see that part of Balrothery.

### Staff for 2013/2014

Junior infants: Ms McHale

Junior/senior infants: Ms Callaghan

Senior infants: Mr Callaghan

First class: Ms Moore

First/ second class: Ms McCrudden

Second class: Ms Farrell

Third class : Mrs Callaghan

Third/fourth class: Mr Caffrey

Fourth class: Ms Markham( sub initially)

Fifth class: Ms O Mahony

Fifth/sixth class: Ms Taylor

Sixth class: Ms Coyle

Learning support/Resource

Mr O Connor

Ms Gleeson

Mrs Mc Govern

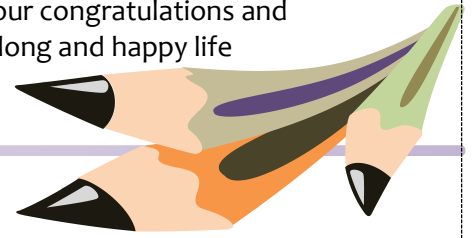
Ms Rooney

### Yellow Flag

The assessment of all our work on diversity and inclusiveness took place on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Thanks to Ms Coyle and Mrs McGovern and the committee for their input and interest all year. We are so proud to have been awarded our Yellow Flag and it will remind us going forward that we are one community working together in Balrothery NS.

### Ms Coyle

Ms Coyle is getting married this summer. We would like to extend our congratulations and wish her and Conor a long and happy life together.



### GAA

During the year Barry from O' Dwyers GAA club and Siobhan from the Man O' War GAA came to coach classes. We also had Peadar from the Man O' War. This is free of charge for the school. I would like to say a big thank you to both coaches and clubs. The children love it.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class hurlers were the winning team in this year's O' Dwyer's Shield Competition.



### School track suit.

The school track suit is compulsory. Uniform is optional. The track suit can be purchased in McFaddens in Balbriggan. This is the only track suit that is permitted.

School starts at 9.20 am.

Please ensure from August that your child is on time for school.

A letter to explain lateness and absence is a requirement from the Department of Education.

Thank you for your support in both these matters.

Website: read BOM annual report

