



Dear all,

The year is flying along and we can't believe we are in the last term.

This term we have two great events in the Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Confirmation is on Wednesday the 1st of May at 11.30 and Communion is on the 11th of May at 11.30.

We are looking forward to both these occasions.

We have good news as regards our Green Flag Award in that we have been awarded our fifth green flag for our work on Climate Change. We are the first school in the area to receive this flag. Congratulations to all involved especially the committee and Ms O Mahony. We will be presented with the green flag on May 20th and we will have a ceremony in the school at a later date. Please continue to walk or cycle to school.

On that note there are still one or two cars insisting on pulling in at the school entrance and parking on the yellow chevrons. At no time is this allowed, this is a no go area at all times.

Please remember that we have a healthy eating policy at school and that chocolate is not allowed nor are any crisp like snacks. Check the healthy eating policy on the website.

Many, many thanks to all who have paid the voluntary contribution so far. (€ 30 for one child and €50 for a family). If you haven't, if at all possible please send it in this month. There are many options.

- You can pay online by logging onto our website and following the link.
- You can pay using the envelope.
- You can also pay any amount you can afford as every amount helps.

Hopefully this term will be full of sunshine and the children can get out to play both in school and at home.

Mrs M Murphy

Reminder:

School is closed this Monday, 6th of May and Monday 3rd, Tues 4th and Wed 5th of June.

School starts @ 9.20 am

Communion

The children in Ms Farrell's and Ms McCrudden's are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion. Parents from third class and first class have been asked to help with the preparations for the party after the ceremony. Please give your name into the office and we can forward your details to the parents' committee. Help is needed on the Friday evening, the 10th of May and Saturday morning the 11th of May. It is a most enjoyable occasion.

The parents' committee invited a speaker, Noelle O Kane, from the National Parents' Association to speak to the parents in Balrothery. There was a good turnout. It was a very interesting and informative talk.

The Parents' Committee is running a copper trail in the school. Please send in any coppers you may have lying around the house. There is a night off homework for the class who gathers the largest amount of money.

Important dates for your diary

Sponsored Walk: Monday the 10th of June

(sponsorship cards to go out this week. Please do not feel under any pressure to send your child around looking for sponsorship. Any small sponsorship is absolutely fine) Sponsorship money will go towards IT and sports equipment.

Sports Day: Tuesday the 11th of June

(In the school grounds, timetable to follow)

For new parents this is a nice event to meet other parents.

Second hand Book Sale: Wednesday the 26th of June

(Timetable to follow)

Graduation Night: Thursday the 20th of June



Green Flag

On Friday the 10th of May the Green Flag committee is organizing a litter pick up session around the village of Balrothery. This is part of the Spring Clean National initiative. We would love to have your help. A letter will go out asking for support.

Spanish Trip



Some very happy faces as the children in 6th class enjoyed the food in the Spanish restaurant. They used their knowledge of Spanish to order their food.

New junior infants September 2013

New junior infants will have their induction days on the 13th and 14th of June. All children in Mr Callaghan's, Ms Coyle's and Ms Gleeson's will go home at 12 o'clock both days.

Easter Raffle

Thank you for your support for the Easter Raffle.

We sent €300 to Bóthar and €90.50 to Varanasi.

Yellow Flag

We had a very successful yellow flag cultural day on Friday the 12th of April. We were lucky with the weather and there was a great turnout.

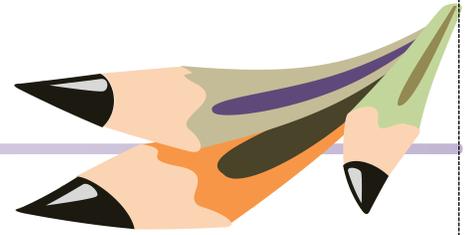
The day started with parents visiting the projects that each class had produced and displayed. There were food samples from various countries and many interesting stalls. We had an English tea party, which included the Mad Hatter, the Irish Traveller Ladies who made paper flowers, we had a very interesting Japanese area with some lovely traditional ornaments and we had a selection of African and European objects and food.

The Irish dancers organised by Ms Farrell entertained us, followed by Annette & Co, an African choir, who sang beautifully. Anthony Lawrence read a poem written by his dad, David.

The parade up the back of the school was great, highlighting the fact that there are people from all different countries living and working all over the world.

Many thanks to Paula Madden, Yellow Flag coordinator, Ms McGovern, Ms Coyle, Mrs Denver, Mr & Mrs Blaine, Mrs Gloria Ifeanyi, Mrs Kathleen Mongan and the yellow flag committee. It was a day to remember! See the website for photos. Log

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GAA

Congratulations to the Senior Girls' GAA team who after a courageous defeat of St Paul's NS, Airside, are through to the final in Parnell Park. (Date to be decided). St Paul's have won the final three years in a row. Well done girls.

The junior girls, captained by Lara Mckeown, were narrowly beaten by Rush but had a great victory over St Teresa's. Both teams are coached by Ms Coyle and Ms O Mahony.

The boys GAA team were beaten in the quarter final against St Mochta's. Well done to the boys who trained hard and showed great commitment.

Thank you to Ms Taylor and Ms Moore for their dedication and hard work.

Tennis: The girls' team is doing very well with two wins against Sutton under their belt. They also defeated Malahide. Watch this space!!! A special thanks to Ms Rooney & the parents involved, Mrs Duffy, Mrs Cody, Mrs Mullen and Mrs Redmond.

Cross Country

Last Tuesday saw the return of cross country with some great runs. Emma Mullen and Megan McAuley finishing third. Laura Cristea finishing fourth in a very competitive field. We had many children in the top 10. Well done. The last race of the season takes place in Santry on the 21st of May.

Cricket

Boys junior cricket team will play their first match on the 1st of May at 11 o'clock.

Soccer

Mr Callaghan coaches the soccer team and they are through to the semi-final of the Pegasus Cup. This is a great achievement as it is our first time to participate.

Santry Trials

These will take place soon. The date for these races is the 30th of May.

Discover Science and Maths Award

We received our fourth award this week. Thanks to all the staff and children for their hard work especially Ms Farrell and Ms Calnan.

