



Mr Keary wishes everyone a happy Christmas

Balrothery NS NEWS

December 1, 2011



Sam Maguire comes to Balrothery!

A great day was had by all when the Sam Maguire cup came to the school. All of the children saw the cup. In this picture Seán Richardson, an avid GAA supporter, had the pleasure of holding the cup.

This term has been busy at Balrothery NS.

As you know Mrs McInerney and Mrs Carew retired and are sorely missed. Their retirement do in the Bracken Court hotel was a great night and a great tribute to both teachers.

We have three new members of staff, Ms Dunne, Ms Callaghan and Ms Farrell. We welcome them and hope they enjoy their time at Balrothery.

Congratulations to Mrs Murphy who has been appointed as the new Deputy Principal. We wish her good luck in her new role.



The children have also been busy this term with many interesting activities taking place.

Mrs Callaghan's and Mr Callaghan's classes visited Ardgillan in the autumn and had a woodland walk. They learned all about the fauna and flora of our local area.

Following on the scientific theme the children all participated in science week which ran from the 13th of Nov. to the 20th of Nov. During this week the infant classes visited Imaginosity and observed some experiments on the chemistry of life. A great day was had by all!

All classes in the school demonstrated their experiments in the hall on Friday 18th of Nov.

We also had an aeroplane flying competition with Shane Ryan in 5th class winning first prize. Well done Shane. The children made some wonderful designs showing great engineering and artistic skills.

All of this work goes towards our effort to get our third Discover Science Award.

Children from 5th and 6th class also took part in a writing workshop. Here they learned about the technique of writing.

Spanish as part of a Modern Language Initiative in the Primary School is being taught from 1st class to 6th. The children are enjoying this experience.

CRUMLIN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

THE CHILDREN RAISED €622 FOR THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT IN CRUMLIN HOSPITAL. A LETTER OF THANKS WAS SENT TO THE SCHOOL. WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF OUR CONTRIBUTION AND WE HAD FUN IN THE PROCESS. EVERYONE INCLUDING THE TEACHERS DRESSED UP THAT DAY, SOME LOOKING SCARIER THAN OTHERS!!



REMINDERS

[All letters of consent for various activities are now due back. Please **send these back as soon as possible.**

A gentle reminder that Irish dancing money is also due at the moment.

School closes on the 22nd of December for the Christmas holidays at 12.30pm and reopens on Monday the 9th of January.

[OUR THANKS]

The book fair in the school was successful. Thank you for your support.

Rainbows

Rainbows is a group that meets once a week within school time. It is designed to meet the needs of children who may have been through bereavement or who may have experienced a change in their family circumstances. An explanatory letter will be sent out before the Christmas holidays with the view to the group meeting after Christmas. Two members of staff have undergone training in order to facilitate this group.

Christmas annuals

The Christmas annuals will be on sale in the office from Tuesday the 6th of December. The price is €4.

Christmas in Balrothery NS

We will have a Christmas carol service in the school for the children, some classes will perform plays and Mrs Callaghan is busy at the moment preparing the choir for these events. As Christmas is a time for thinking of others a group of children will visit Hamilton Nursing Home where they will sing and perform a Christmas play.



Cross country team 2011

The children have competed in two races this year and we have had many children in the top ten places. These races are very competitive and we are doing very well. We look forward to more competitions in the New Year.

School Christmas Plays

It's that time of the year again and teachers are getting ready to put on the usual entertaining productions. Please take note of the day and time of your child's play.

Ms Callaghan & Ms Farrell	Thurs 15 th Dec @11.30
Ms Mc Crudden	Fri 16 th Dec @ 11.30
Ms Markham	Fri 16 th Dec @ 1.30pm
Ms Coyle	Mon 19 th Dec @ 12.00
Ms Dunne	<u>Mon 19th Dec @ 1.30pm</u>
Ms Gleeson	Tues 20 th Dec @ 10.30
Mrs Murphy	Tues 20 th Dec @ 12.00
Ms Moore	Tues 20 th Dec @ 2.00pm

