

St Oliver Plunkett's NS Newsletter



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Welcome to our Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well. The weather is really beautiful now and the children are having a lovely time out in the fresh air. There have been many trips up to the field and down to the beach in Balbriggan. We are lucky to have these amenities on our doorstep.

We have completed our standardised testing. These scores will be sent to you via Aladdin Connect on the 23rd of June. The class teacher or the Learning support teacher will contact you before sending out the report if they have a concern. Please remember the standardised tests are a moment in time and do not always reflect a child's full capability. This year taking school closures into account we ask that you keep your child's scores private to your family. Other years children have told each other on yard what their score was and this can be upsetting for some children who may not have performed as well. To support you with this we are sending two reports home this year. Each child will receive a paper report to bring home to you. This report will not have a standardised test score. We will send another report identical to this with the standardised test scores via Aladdin Connect. If you would like more information on standardised testing please go to https://www.ncca.ie/media/1429/understanding-standardscores_eng.pdf. Thank you for taking the time to do the Child Safeguarding Survey online. There is a new heading on the school website called Child safeguarding and this has my name Mairéad Murphy as the DLP and Joanne Callaghan as the DDLP.

The school has expressed an interest in taking part in the safer routes to school initiative and we are hoping our school will be selected. The Balrothery Community Association is working tirelessly seeking safer crossings and safer routes for the children to encourage them to walk, cycle or scooter to school. One of our lovely pupils was knocked over last week. (Thankfully they are fine). E-mails have been sent to Fingal Co Council to request pedestrian crossings in the village as a matter of urgency.

Dates for your diary:

Reminder school is closed for Thursday 3rd of June and Friday the 4th of June leading into the bank holiday weekend. We reopen on Tuesday the 8th.

Ocean Awareness day: 8th of June: The pupils can wear blue that day.

Shorts n Shades Day 10th of June: The pupils can wear shorts and shades. We will raise funds for Aoife's Clown Doctors in memory of Fionn Flavin Anderssen that day. A request for a donation

will go out via Aladdin. €1

Reminder: Ms Kiernan's class and Ms McKiernan's class will go home early at 12 on Friday the 11th and Friday the 18th to facilitate the induction of new junior infants. Thank you.

Read on and see what we have been doing this month!

The Eurovision came to Balrothery NS.

There was great excitement in school with the build up to the Eurovision Song contest as this year one of our past pupils was representing Ireland, Leslie Roy. We were delighted to support her by sending her a video message wishing her luck. She was very kind and replied to us with a lovely message. Before we knew it we were on News Talk. Mr Callaghan's class spoke very well and explained why it was exciting to have a connection to Leslie Roy. The pupils felt that if a past pupil from Balrothery NS could represent

Ireland by following her dream that any of the pupils could do the same.



We love Science! Ms Quigley's class learned all about volcanoes. The pupils constructed volcanoes.



They then painted them.



Finally they poured in baking powder and vinegar which caused a chemical reaction and created "lava".

Mr Hall's have been doing circuits as part of their PE.



JEP: Ms Byrne's class and Mr Callaghan's class say a big thank you to everyone who supported their Jep projects. The production lines are very busy getting their products out to their customers. The pupils have learned so much through this process.

Team work :

Ms O' Sullivan's 4th class worked together as a team and made this wonderful wall mural. Well done!



The Community Gardaí visited 5th and 6th class to give a talk about cycling safety. Next Wednesday the 9th of June they are offering a free service of imprinting your post code to any bike or scooter at the Garda station between 6 and 9.



Keep an eye out for the Garda open day, date to be announced.

One of the benefits of covid has been our outdoor learning experiences. Classes have been visiting the beach, the field and have been learning about our local history. 6th class did the walking tour historical tour of Balbriggan.



Have a lovely weekend.
Stay safe
Mrs Murphy

