

Dear parents and children,

The children are in full swing now with the feeling of Christmas coming upon us all!!

We are very excited about the Christmas Fair this Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December from 2pm at the school. The choir will sing, lovely goodies to enjoy, a present room for children to buy gifts, slime making workshop, face painting and much more. If you can donate any goodies, toys books, cds etc please send into school this week. Remind children that they can take part in a colouring competition, bring their art on Sunday and winners will be announced.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donation to Temple Street, €364.

Thank you for your generosity with Shoe Boxes, over 250 boxes donated. Thank you to Barbara Dolan for organising this.



This month we have celebrated Science Week and Show Racism the Red Card.

Read on to learn about all the interesting things that took place in the month of November.

Thank you.

Mrs Murphy

Dates for your Diary:

Christmas Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 13<sup>th</sup> of December  
Christmas Carol Service at 7pm in St Peter's and Paul's Church. Children to be seated at 6.30pm.

School closes for Christmas Holiday Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 12.30. Infants and siblings at 12

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The Website

Remember to check out the website for the latest news. Simply google Balrothery NS. Here you will be able to read our newsletter in colour.

Science Week 2018

Each class carried out their experiments everything from static electricity, magnetism and chemical reactions.

On Friday we held our annual science exhibition in the hall. Each class demonstrated and spoke about their experiments to all the visitors.

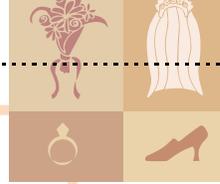


Ms O Mahony's class took part in an electricity workshop in Balbriggan Library.

6 classes took part in a forensic science workshop investigating a hypothetical murder! Great detectives. Voluntary Contribution covered this. Thank you.



Thank you to Ms McKiernan for co-ordinating this.



Traffic at the front of the school is an ongoing problem. It is particularly dangerous on wet days. There are yellow chevrons on the road that mean you cannot park there at any time. These measures are in place to keep your child safe. Please help the school by adhering to the road markings at all times. Parking a safe distance from the school and walking the children to the school gate is a good option.

**Green flag**

Ms Markham and Ms Gleeson organized an SEAI workshop for 1<sup>st</sup> class and 3<sup>rd</sup> class, teaching the pupils how to save energy. The staff had CPD on how this can be linked to our science curriculum.

**Marathon Kids:**

A great day was had by all. Staff and pupils enjoyed the experience. Some pupils met David Gillick. Mr Callaghan is ensuring we are all thinking about our fitness.



**Show racism the Red Card:**

Mr Callaghan and Ms Kiernan along with our Yellow Flag/student Committee organised a great day to highlight that racism is not acceptable. We all dressed in red and had a red run/walk around the village.

Below are some of the wonderful art pupils did. Well done everyone!



**November, a month of remembrance.**

Remembrance Ceremony : At this we pray for all the people in our families that have passed on. The children were invited to write the name of a loved one on a leaf. These leaves were decorated, hung on a tree and will be displayed in the hall. We are hoping Fr Brendan , the new parish priest will join us. Unfortunately it is for the pupils due to the size of the hall.

**Child Protection:**

At times we need parents to volunteer to give lifts to children e.g. for communion practice or for matches. We are now required only to involve parents who have gone through the process of Garda Vetting. This is simple. I give you a form to fill out, I send it away and I receive a letter to confirm vetting. All of the information is confidential .Please contact the office if you can volunteer. Thank you.

Tennis Lessons: Mr Hall's and Ms Kiernan's classes are enjoying tennis lessons for 6 weeks. It's a great skill and really improves their co-ordination.

Christmas Fair: Taragh from the Parents' Committee will be here tomorrow and Friday to collect any baking or bought items.

Hope you can join us on Sunday at 2pm

