



Dear all,  
We are fast approaching Easter. It is great to see the Spring weather and hopefully it will continue to improve.

School will close on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April at 12.30 pm and reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of April. Infants and their siblings will go home at 12. Please collect from the classroom door.

**Punctuality:** Please make sure your child is on time for school. Punctuality is marked on the end of year school report.

#### Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter raffle is now taking place. The children can buy tickets from their class teacher. €1 per strip. ( 5 chances). 6<sup>th</sup> class are selling these tickets.

Trocaire boxes: these can be returned to the school after the Easter holidays.

Thank you for continuing to support the Parents' Committee. They will host an Easter Egg hunt on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April at school and all the children will receive a chocolate bar. The children really enjoy this.

Have a lovely Easter.

Mrs Murphy

#### Dates for your Diary:

Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> April : Easter Holidays, we reopen on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

School is closed on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April as teachers are on training day in Drumcondra Education Centre for the New Language Curriculum.

First Holy Communion is on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May at 12 noon.

Confirmation is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 12 noon.

Vacation Days: June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>

Sports day is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June at the Man O War Gaa grounds.

6<sup>th</sup> class graduation night is at 7pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June at the Man O War GAA Club.

#### SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bhí an sport againn. Each class prepared a piece as Gaelge. There was great singing, poetry reciting and drama all as Gaelge. Well done to the teachers and students.



Lá Glas iontach a bhí ann.



#### Buddy Bench

Thank you to Joyce Denver for donating her Granny's garden seat to the school. Joyce 'upcycled' the bench so that pupils can enjoy sitting and chatting with their friends.

We plan to officially open our other Buddy bench before the Easter Holidays.



### **Junior Entrepreneur Programme**

**Exciting News:** You can now pre-order your very own Balrothery NS kit bag for €7. 6<sup>th</sup> class are taking part in this programme. They had to come up with a business plan, put it to the Dragons and one group was selected. They are now ready to launch these fantastic bags. Your bag can be customised to make it your very own Balrothery NS kit bag. See the advertisement attached.

**Building update:** A very slow process! There have been many hurdles to overcome over the past year. The Board are in constant contact with the department and the project manager. Planning has been granted. As soon as I have a definite start day I will let you know.

#### **First Confession**

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class made their First confession. Ms McKiernan and Mr Hall did great work in preparing the ceremony.

The children have had their ceremony of light and their ceremony of reconciliation.

#### **Choir:**

The choir will sing at the First Holy Communion on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. The children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class made their first confession. Ms McKiernan and Mr Hall prepared the children and they did us proud. A lovely night!

**Communion:** Please keep this Saturday morning free. More details to follow after the Easter break.

### **Sport Rugby: 4<sup>th</sup> class Blitz Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March**

**GAA:** The boys and girls Gaa teams are in full swing. Ms Burns, Ms Kilcoyne, Ms O Mahony and Ms Hannon are busy coaching and arranging matches. The boys' team have had two very competitive matches and are looking forward to their next match. The girls have won one match, lost two but played valiantly. They are all great to turn up for training and are lovely and polite and thankful to the teachers. Thank you.

**Cricket:** Mrs McGovern has organised training session for children on a Monday.

**Athletics:** Cross country. Mr Callaghan always gets a good crowd. Our children always do very well. The next race is on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April at Newbridge House.

**Soccer :** The soccer season is also underway. Mr Callaghan's and Mr Hall's boys are training hard .

### **Literacy and Numeracy**

**SPHE:** We continue to practice mindfulness. Pupils are working their way through the Stay Safe programme.

**Oral language :** This month the theme is food. The younger children should be able to describe their favourite food using a variety of adjectives. As the children move up the school they should be able to talk about food in other countries, the nutritional value of foods, foods that they like or dislike, give a critic of a visit to a restaurant.....

**Writing :** This month we are working on poetry, reading and writing poetry.

**Reading fluency:** The children are given pieces to practise at home. Please ask them to read to you. They should read it to themselves 2 or 3 times then read aloud to you.

**Numeracy :** Continue to help your child with the problem that is sent home each week.



**The Easter Raffle and Easter Egg hunt will take place on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April.**



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