

Dear all,

We are coming to the end of another school year.

Our sports day is on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, weather permitting.

A timetable of events for sports day has been attached to this newsletter. Please take the time to read it to ensure you know when your child is taking part.

It is so important that all the children take part and only a written note from you will excuse your child from participating. The emphasis is on participation and fun.

The parents' committee will host a vintage cake sale on that day with tea and a cake for sale at €2. The children can bring in cakes and buns on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Any other nonperishables can be brought in from now onwards. Children will be able to purchase goodies on sports day after they have completed their events. Class teachers will escort their class to the hall when it is their time to go to the cake sale. Please do not bring your child to the cake sale as each teacher will have a time slot allocated to attend. Otherwise all the cakes will be gone before the older classes can get their chance to buy.

Again please remember your voluntary contribution if you can. So far 98 families have contributed. You can use our paypal system or simply send an envelope in with your child. Reminder from September 2015 the voluntary contribution will be on the booklist.

Our book rental scheme in place. The cost is set at €30 this year. It has been extended to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class. There is the option of renting class readers in Junior infants up to 2<sup>nd</sup> at the cost of €3. You must let the present class teacher know you intend to do this. Many thanks to the book rental committee, Mrs Callaghan, Ms J Denver and Mrs P Carew.

Reminder: The school uniform requirements are as follows: The tracksuit can be purchased as usual from McFaddens. You have the choice of purchasing a plain navy sweat shirt ( no hoodies, no zips ), plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a light blue polo shirt in any department store. There are strictly no stripes, logos or brand names allowed. The school crest can be bought in McFaddens.

Mrs Murphy



Reminder:

May 31, 2015

School is closed Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June and will reopen on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

Infants will go home early at 12 for new infant induction days on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

Sports day 12<sup>th</sup> of June

#### Communion

The communion was very successful and we were lucky with the weather. The children were a credit to you all. Well done to the choir and Mrs Callaghan for all their hard work and to Ms Taylor and Ms Burns.

#### Confirmation

I would like to give a special mention to the children who made their Confirmation. Thank you to Mr Callaghan and Ms Andrews for preparing the children.

#### Parents' Committee

80's night: A huge success. Great fun was had by all. Thank you for your support. A special thanks to all the businesses that sponsored prizes for the raffle. A big thank you to Karen Graham for giving her time to the staff and parent dance group who performed on the night. A sight to behold!!

Their next fundraiser is their vintage cake sale. Last year it was an absolute treat for everyone. Please support on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. Cakes etc can be dropped to school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Nonperishables can be sent in from now.

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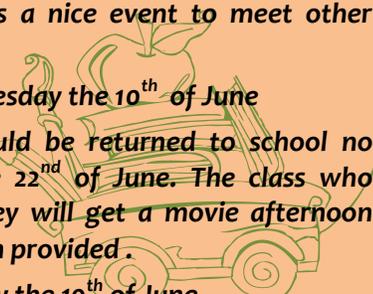
Time table attached.

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

Sponsored Walk: Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June

Sponsorship cards should be returned to school no later than Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. The class who collects the most money will get a movie afternoon with drinks and popcorn provided.

Graduation Night: Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June



## Green Flag

We have been awarded our Green Flag for our work on Bio-Diversity. Ms O Mahony and the committee have worked hard all year on this. Our vegetable garden has peas and herbs planted.

### Cricket : The Leprechaun Cup

The boys reached the semi-final of the cup. Unfortunately they were beaten by Malahide who had a very strong team. The girls also took part this year. Thank you to Mrs McGovern for her dedication to the game.

### Girls GAA

Congrats to the Girls GAA team who won in Parnell Park. They played a great game full of determination and skill! Well done to their coaches Ms O Mahony and Ms Burns. It was a great day out for the school.



### Discover Science and Maths Award

We received our 6th award this week. Thanks to all the staff and children for their hard work and to Ms Farrell who co-ordinated and documented the work. It is so beneficial to the children to take part in this each year.

### 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will take part in a life skills workshop. The objective is that the children get the opportunity to think about enhancing their self-esteem, setting goals and to learn about the power of positive thinking.

### Lost Property/ clothing

All items must be collected before or on Wednesday June 24th. After this date they will be available for anyone to take from the school porch/gym free of charge. On Friday the 26th of June whatever is left will go to St Vincent de Paul. There are perfect items of clothing in the lost and found tub!

Booklists will show books in book rental scheme which means you do not have to purchase these **only** if you have paid into the scheme for the coming year.

Please continue to check our website. A new school self-evaluation page has been added and is updated.

Our oral language theme is hobbies/pastimes for June.



### Active week 2015

Active week begins on Monday the 8th of June with a wake and shake programme. During the week we will encourage the children to be active through Wake and Shake in the mornings, PE lessons, a diary of their activities will be kept by themselves and the week will include Sports Day, yoga and sponsored walk.



### Yellow Flag:

Our Intercultural day was so enjoyable. The children listened to music from around the world. The message to all who attended is that music can bring us together. We had visitors from St George's NS and Bracken ETNS. They are also Yellow Flag schools. It is important that the children in Balrothery learn to appreciate diversity to see its value and to be open-minded about different cultures. We are due for renewal of the flag in June. Thank you to Ms Calnan, the yellow flag committee, Mrs Callaghan ( choir) and Ms Burns ( school band). Thank you to Musicantia and the Garda Band who we had the privilege of having thanks to Dave Delany. ( Heather's and Katelyn's dad)



### WSE

The whole school evaluation report is now on the Department's website. Log onto [education.ie](http://education.ie) and read it for yourself.

**School reopens on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2015.**

