



I hope everyone had a lovely break. Easter is fast approaching.

School will close on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March at 12.30 pm and reopens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Infants and their siblings will go home at 12. Please collect from the classroom door. All buses will leave at 12.

**Reminder:** The voluntary contribution envelopes have been distributed. All contributions greatly appreciated. Voluntary Contribution money is used to buy resources. Check the website for the updates on how this money is spent. Starting in September the voluntary contribution will be on the booklist.

#### Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter raffle is now taking place. The children can buy tickets from their class teacher. 50c for one €2 for five.

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

Have a lovely Easter.

Mrs Murphy



*School band in action. Ar fheabhas!*

#### SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



The children had a great time learning Irish and using their Irish in a fun context.

Well done to Ms McCrudden and to all the teachers who prepared their classes for a brilliant ceolchoirm. Everyone put in a great effort.

Our school band performed. Ms Burns teaches the children at lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday. It is a great opportunity for the children to learn and perform.

A special word of thanks goes to a past pupil Eoin Kearns who played the uilleann pipes for us. Eoin plays in the national junior orchestra.

#### **Request for sponsorship**

Parents' committee are hosting an 80 s night on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May in the Bracken Court hotel. If anyone would like to sponsor or part sponsor the band and DJ that would be terrific!



*School Easter Egg hunt takes place on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March*

## First Confession

The children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class made their first confession. Ms Burns and Ms Taylor prepared the children and they did us proud. A lovely night!

**Confirmation:** The children have had their ceremony of light and their ceremony of reconciliation.

### Yellow Flag/student council

The student council continue to work on the various stages of our yellow flag programme. Their breakfast morning was a great success. This week each class was given a letter or two to decorate. The decoration must show the message that we in Balrothery give racism the red card. The children will display these letters at our next assembly on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

### Sport

**GAA:** The boys and girls Gaa teams are in full swing. Ms Burns, Ms Taylor, Ms O Mahony and Ms Hannon are busy coaching and arranging matches. We are lucky to be able to avail of the new all weather facility at St Molaga's NS.

**Cricket:** The girls have had coaching sessions up at the cricket club.

**Athletics:** Cross country. Mr Callaghan always gets a good crowd. The children are fantastic for going to these races as the weather is always cold and the competition fierce. Again our children do very well with a lot of children in the top ten.

**Soccer :** The soccer season is also underway. Mr Callaghan's boys are doing well.

### Literacy and Numeracy

**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. A one to one support in this mathematical area is a great help to your child as it is an area identified by us that needs to be worked on.

### **Parents' Committee:**

The movie afternoon was a great success. The children really enjoyed coming to school on a Saturday! The committee raised €751. Thank you for your support.

### **Building update:**

A slow process! Test holes have been dug. The soil quality in regards to drainage is very poor. Some work will need to be done before building can start.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**6<sup>th</sup> class graduation** will take place on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Sports Day** will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Communion** is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. We urge all choir members to keep that morning free as we will need them.

**Confirmation** is on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

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