

February 1, 2015

Dear parents and children,

Spring is definitely in the air and at long last the weather has picked up. I hope the mid-term brings good weather and a good rest for one and all.

We are still inundated with people looking for school places for junior infants. Please spread the word that it is important for parents to register their interest as soon as they can.

I sent a text this week highlighting the danger that our children face each day at the dropping and collection times. I have asked Balbriggan Garda station to note my concern and I have asked them for their support. I really don't want an accident to happen. Keep our children safe.

Again I would encourage all children to be on time for school. Come early and avoid the traffic.

School is closed Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

School is closed on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March and Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

Happy half-term!

Mrs Murphy.

#### Breakfast Morning: Yellow Flag Committee

As part of friendship week the children had breakfast at school. The parents' committee supplied croissants and juice and Costcutters supplied croissants and milk. We had a lovely morning and the children enjoyed chatting with children that they may not usually chat to.



#### Date for First Confession:

Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30

#### Date for ceremony of Reconciliation for confirmation:

Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30.

Read on and see what has been happening this month.

Sport

Cross country:

The children raced on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. It was very cold but all children ran very well.

The children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class are running a marathon, doing a km a day.

GAA:

Training has commenced for boys and girls after school on Thursdays. Thank you to Ms Taylor, Ms O Mahony, Ms Hannon and Ms Burns for their help.

Tennis:

As Ms Rooney is on maternity leave if any parents would like to organise the tennis team that would be great. Parents must be Garda Vetted. Please let the office know.

Cricket

Ms McGovern has organised coaching for the girls on a Thursday during school time. Good luck to the Irish cricket team in the world cup. We wish them well.

Choir:

A great night was had by all at the Peace Proms. Well done to the choir.

Credit Union Quiz:

Three teams entered from the school. The children gave up their Saturday afternoon and performed very well. Well done children.

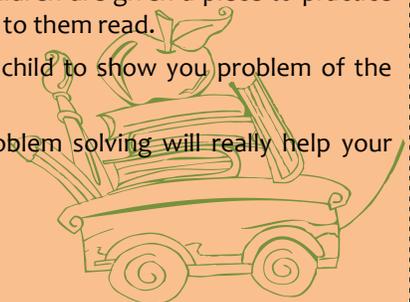
#### Oral Language and writing:

Theme is food for oral language and poetry for writing.

Reading fluency: The children are given a piece to practice each week. Please listen to them read.

Maths: Please ask your child to show you problem of the week.

A one to one when problem solving will really help your child.



## The yellow flag/student council:

The student council/yellow flag committee organised Friendship week. Each day something happened to highlight the importance of good friendships, children learned about what makes a bully and how to deal with bullies and children's rights. Bracken ETNS visited for chess matches. We had our breakfast morning. Children learned songs and poems and performed at the school assembly. There was great excitement with the secret friends. The council visited Matt Lane also.



## Green Flag

### Bio-Diversity Flag

We are the proud owners of the Bio Diversity Flag. The green school committee and Ms O Mahony worked hard creating awareness around biodiversity carrying out habitat audits, organising the make a creature a home competition, encouraging children to walk to school and ensuring each class has a light and water monitor.

### Crazy Sock Day

We raised €226 to give to Niamh O Connor towards her volunteer work in Nepal. We will do a non-uniform day for her before the Easter holidays. It is great to be see one of our past pupils willing to do volunteer work. Thank you.



## Engineer's Week

Parents came to speak to some of the classes about their work as an engineer. We had a 3D printer in the hall churning out little figures. Great excitement. Thank you to Mr Daly, Mr Matthews and Mr Kelly.

### Upcoming events: The Easter raffle.

1 ticket 50 cent    5 tickets €2

Prizes: Easter Eggs (small and large) and some spot prizes.

### Imaginosity:

The children in the infant classes will visit Imaginosity this week.

### More Crazy socks

