



December 2013 (Available on website, read it in colour)

Dear parents and children,

The staff at Balrothery NS wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The staff of Balrothery NS would like to thank you for your continued support this year

We hope you enjoy the holidays . We hope that Santa brings lots of surprises for the children who all have been very good this year so far!

Well done to all the teachers and children who have worked hard over the past few weeks preparing for the Christmas plays and carol service. Great fun was had by all.

Children can wear their own clothes on Friday.

(treats are allowed)

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir.

Mrs Murphy



Please read the following information:

- **School closes on Friday for the Christmas holidays and reopens on Monday the 6th of January 2014 @9.20**
- **Infants and siblings to be collected from the classrooms doors at 12.**
- **An adult must collect siblings at the classroom door. Older siblings are not allowed to collect younger siblings from the classroom door. This is for safety reasons.**
- **Bus children will leave at 12 also.**
- **All other children will leave in the usual way at 12.30.**



Health and Safety

Please park away from the school so that the children can leave the school safely. Enter the village from the Balrothery Inn side and exit from the Golf Club side so as to avoid traffic congestion.



Santa



The Christmas Fair was a great success. Santa made a surprise visit much to the delight of the children. The parents' committee worked very hard to make it the success that it was. A total of €2091 was made. Thank you all for your generosity and thank you to the parents' committee for a very pleasant, social and productive day.



Choir

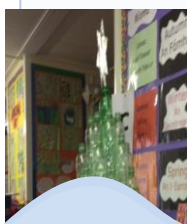
Mrs Callaghan's choir has been very busy. They sang for the residents of Hamilton Park, they sang at our school carol service and they sang at the church in Balbriggan on Monday the 16th of December for the community carol service. They are a credit to themselves and to Mrs Callaghan.

Green flag

The Green flag committee would like to remind everyone to recycle this Christmas. All Christmas wrapping paper, cardboard, plastic and bottles can be recycled. We have a battery recycling facility here at school so bring all those old batteries to school after Christmas.

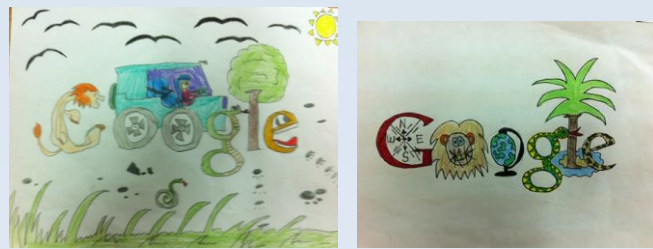
Design a Christmas Ornament Competition was won by Erin Fanning. Erin made a Christmas tree out of plastic bottles. Cillian Stewart and Ella Hackett came 2nd with her creation of Santa's sleigh and Chloe Scanlon came 3rd with her tree made out of plastic cups.

There were lots of excellent designs showing how creative the children are. Well done to everyone who took part.



Doodle for google competition.

The children were given the opportunity to enter the doodle for google competition. There were many creative entries. These are some of them:



Creative writing

Apart from the creative dramatics that happen at this time of the year other curriculum work still goes on. Ms Farrell's class is working on their Christmas poetry.

Dasher the dancing Reindeer

Once on a foggy night.

Dasher the reindeer blew out of sight.

He held up his feet and wiggled his toes.

He swished his head and lit up his nose.

He shoved and moved, he had good groove.

He went off in Santa's sleigh and danced the night away.

He delivered children's presents but he knocked down a pheasant.

He went to the workshop when all his work was done.

You could say his was fun.

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