



October 26, 2012

Dear parents and children,

The children have all been working hard since coming back to school in September and deserve a good rest.

To celebrate Halloween we will have a dress up day on Friday. There is no need to pay any money.

School will finish at the usual time for all children.

There is a competition now open to all children in the school. The remit is that the children make a 3D model of an Eco- Friendly house. The design must show features that highlight renewable energy e.g. solar panels, a wind turbine and rain water collection. These are only suggestions I am sure that the children will come up with fantastic ideas. The house must be ready for display on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. It can be made individually or in groups ( Max 4). This competition is within the school.

1<sup>st</sup> prize : €25    2<sup>nd</sup> prize: €15    3<sup>rd</sup> prize: €10

Help from home is welcomed!

I hope you all have a happy and safe half term. See you all on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

Mrs Murphy

The yellow flag. ( Diversity)

The first meeting was held. The children have painted flags that represent all the families in the school. A questionnaire on the theme of racism will be sent out to all families. Please take the time to fill it in. Thanks.

#### Our website

The school website is up and running. Please log onto the website to keep up to date with school activities and school news. There is now a principal's page which will have all the current letters that are sent home. It is a useful means of communication.

Thank you.

#### The Parents' Committee

The AGM of the Parents' Committee was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. There was a great turn out and this support was appreciated by the committee. A new committee was elected. Many thanks to Sinead Cassin, Regina Mullan and Barbara Dolan who have worked so hard on the committee for many years. Barbara Dolan will stay on as a committee member. Teri Donaghy is the new chairperson, Joyce Denver is the new secretary and the new treasurers are Sarah Sheehan and Suzanne Bowes. Many of the existing committee have stayed on and again this is much appreciated.

#### The pumpkin fair!



Walk to school on Wednesdays and Foot on Friday.

The children are great for walking to school. Keep up the good work.

### Green flag

The members of our Green School Committee are Ciara Mc Keown, Cleo Gallen, Lia Butler, Cian Fanning, Katie Whitehouse, Lucy Andrews, Calum Beasley, Olivia Brennan, Sammy Howell, Cian Daly, Bronagh Sullivan, Amy Melia, Megan Dunne and Séamus Cassin.

They have been busy making posters and promoting awareness of climate change.

### Cross country

The first race of the season took place in Balheary Park on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Fifty athletes travelled from Balrothery. We had a very successful day with many children running in the top ten of their age group. Well done to Laura Cristea and Emma Mullen for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in their races, the highest scorers for the school. The 3<sup>rd</sup> class boys and girls were particularly strong. The next race is on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November in Balheary park at 11 am.

### Chess

The chess team played their first match at home against St Mary's NS, Haddington Rd. Adam Ward, Georgia Giffin, Seamus Cassin and Oisín Jennings played very well but were beaten. It was a very pleasant experience with both teams playing each other in a friendly afterwards. Well done to the team.

### Science week 2012

The teachers are busy planning science week which runs from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

An exhibition will be held in the school hall on Friday the 16th. All will be welcome.

Mrs Callaghan's class will experience a renewable energy workshop. A trip to Imaginosity for another two classes is being planned. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November a science speaker will visit the school.



### A snap shot of our last six weeks!

5th/6<sup>th</sup> class on historical tour of Drogheda.



The Irish Cricket team visited the school.



Maths week 2012.

Ms Markham's organised maths puzzles for the various classes.



The children experienced maths trails. Mr Caffrey's and Mr Callaghan's class working together.

