

Happy Easter to you all.

I hope everyone has a lovely break.



School is closed on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 12.30 pm and reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of April. Infants will go home at 12.15.

Remember that there will be traffic congestion on Friday. Please leave your car a safe distance from the school. Try to approach the school from the Balbriggan side and exit through the opposite end. This worked well before and will allow everyone to travel in a calm and careful manner. Of course the best solution is to leave the car at home and walk or cycle.

Infants should be collected from the classroom door at 12.15pm and please collect siblings at the same time.

Again thank you for your cooperation . Reminder: The voluntary contribution envelopes have been distributed. All contributions greatly appreciated.

Mrs Murphy





Bhí na paistí agus na muinteoirí an gnóthach i rith seachtain na gaeilge. Gach lá bhí rud ar siúil.

Bhí lá glas againn, ceolchoirm, céilí mór sa chlós, comórtas scríbhneoireacht agus éalaín.

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. The talent in the school is great. The singing and drama were truly entertaining.

Some children danced a set dance prepared by Ms Farrell and some children played an instrument. Well done to Anna Holland for playing the violin. We had our traditional outdoor céilí organised by Breda Gibbons. See the photos on the website. It is truly amazing to see the whole school dancing together.



Liam Farrell, author and actor brought his story of 'The big bad wolf and the three little pigs to life. The children loved his storytelling. During the week children read stories to each other. Check the website for further details and photos.

# World Book Day





#### First Confession

The children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class made their first confession on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. It was on the same day that the new pope, Francis, was announced. A special evening for all.

## Spanish Trip

The children in 6<sup>th</sup> class travelled into Dublin to visit the Institute de Cervantes to view the Spanish Library. They then continued onto a Tapas restaurant, Salamanca, to enjoy Spanish food! The children used their knowledge of Spanish to order their food. A great day was had by all.

#### Science

Children are reminded to look for Horse Chestnut trees and frogs over Easter. We will log our sightings onto the Greenwave website and this will help towards our Discover Science and Maths Award.



We are continuing our work on the Yellow Flag Programme. We had a visit from Kathleen Mongan and Suzie, both primary health care workers in Matt Lane. Kathleen's children went to school here in Balrothery. The talk was very interesting as the children could ask any questions they liked about life as a traveller now and in the past.

We are having our Cultural day on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April starting at 11.30. An invitation will be sent to each family.

#### **Sport**

**GAA:** The boys had a good win over Bracken Educate Together NS last week and they are now into the quarter final of their league.

The girls had a great win over Lusk NS. They won by 9 points! Unfortunately the weather has been against them since and their matches have been cancelled.

**Tennis:** The girls have their first match this week against Sutton.

Cricket: The leprechaun league and cup start after Easter for the boys. There is a new leprechaun competition for the girls.

Athletics: Well done to Oisín & Peter Jennings who completed the Balbriggan 10km event. A great achievement.

### **Winners**

Congratulations to the following children who were successful in the recent St Patrick's Day poetry, art & essay competition run by Balbriggan Town Council.

Kate O' Driscoll (1st prize for her essay), Bronagh O' Sullivan(2<sup>nd</sup> prize for her poem), Caitlin Stewart (3<sup>rd</sup> prize for her poetry), Megan Lawless (3<sup>rd</sup> prize for her art) and Joshua Clegg (3<sup>rd</sup> prize for his art).



The Easter Raffle will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. We have raised enough money to buy a goat for Africa. Well done and thank you all for your generosity.



We're on the Web! See us at: Balrotheryns.com

A big thank you to the parents' committee for running the annual