



## September 2010-June 2011

### **A sad Farewell**

Very sadly we are losing Ms Moffatt, Dympna Lyons and Jennifer Mountaine from our team due to DES cutbacks. We wish them all the best for the future.

We are also very sad to say goodbye to our Deputy Prinicipal, Mrs Lawless. She is heading off into the well-earned world of retirement after an accomplished and fulfilling career in our school. Countless families across Balbriggan have wonderful memories of Mrs Lawless and great stories to share of their early school days. She is well loved and respected across the wider community. Loretta-we will miss you. Your generosity of spirit and your patience and care with the children will be sorely missed. We wish you every happiness as you begin this exciting chapter of your life.

### **Colouring Competition**

Congratulations to Julia Szewczuk and Ellen Brogan for scooping some nice prizes in the Balbriggan Summerfest Coloring Competition for their inspirational art work. Also well done to Mrs Cummins class who won a reward trip to meet Rob Kearney in the Audi Coloring Competition in May. They had a brilliant day.

### **GAA Allstars!!**

We are so proud of the hurlers who took part in the recent Hurling Blitz in O'Dwyers and came a mighty second! Congratulations to Gerard Cullen, Alex Finnegan, Jake McGann, MJ McMahon, Conor Cumiskey, Alex Okafor, Josh McCabe, Conor Gaffney and Sophie Foley-Darcy. Thanks also to Mr Donovan and Ms Kehoe for their motivation and encouragement to the team!

### **Sports Day Fun**

The School Sports Day was a great success, despite the unpredictable weather as were all the school tours that the children went to. We hope they all had a great time. Check out the gallery to see some of the fun they had.



### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion. Thanks to the school choir and to Ms O' Brien and Mr Donovan for all their hard work. The school choir also entered their first ever choir competition during the Balbriggan Summerfest and did marvelously.

### **School Website**

We are delighted with the launch of the school website on March 25th 2011 and hope that all the parents and pupils are enjoying checking out the site. Well done to all involved, especially to Ms Burns who put in a lot of time and energy into getting the website up and running.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Seachtain na Gaeilge was great fun this year. Representatives from many of the class had the opportunity to read out the 'Aimsir' as Gaeilge over the school intercom. We were lucky with the weather and children were able to do Céilí dancing out in the yard. Lá Glas was a great success and raised money for the school. The Junior Infants and the First classes had their own St. Patrick's day Parades, there was great excitement!

### **Competition Winners**

There were quite a few winners from our school in the Balbriggan St. Patrick's Day Competition. In the poetry section there were three winners from Miss Hickey's 2nd class 1st Amber Faulkner, 2nd Raymond Adebajo and 3rd Avril Wambui. Sophie McEvoy, also for poetry, was a winner from Ms Meehan's 1st Class and Sheila Odunlami from Miss Moffat's 2nd class. Adam Singleton from Miss Kelly's class was another proud winner. They all attended a presentation in the Town Hall and received book vouchers.

Tesco also had a poetry competition and Rachel Gough from Mr. Walsh's 2nd class was a delighted winner and Miss Kelly's class also won with a group entry.

### **Cake Sale**

The Parents committee ran a very impressive cake sale which everyone enjoyed. They got great sponsorship and all their hard work was greatly appreciated.



## **Fundraising**

The 'Rag and Phone' recycling initiative was a great success , thanks to all the parents who sent in bags of clothes for recycling and thanks to Mrs. Tobin for all her hard work.

## **First Confession**

Congratulations to all our 2nd Class pupils who made their First Confession, they are well on their way to the big day, we are very proud of them all. A big thanks goes to all the 1st Class children who sang in the choir; all their hard work makes the day more special.

## **Congratulations**

We would like to Ms. Mullarkey and Mrs Fitzpatrick on the arrival of their new baby girls and wish Mrs. Tobin good luck as she is going on maternity leave at the Easter Holidays

## **Christmas Plays**

The Christmas Plays were a great success and all the girls and boys preformed magnificently. A lot of hard work went into practicing and it really did show on the day, Well done everyone! Check out each of the class pages to see photographs from each class play

## **Dublin City Fire Brigade Competition Winners**

A big congratulations to two extremely talented students from Ms Burns Senior Infants Class Josh Clarke and Laura Stanclik who were winners in the Dublin Fire Brigade Art Competition. Josh was the overall winner for the Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class category in all of Dublin County and Laura was a winner in the "Special Mentions Category" for their Fire Safety Week artwork. Well done you two!!

## **Halloween Dress-Up**

Our annual charity Halloween dress-up day took place on the 22nd of October. Our charity this year was Unicef and we managed to raise a fantastic €344 for Unicef's "Believe in Zero" initiative, a huge



thank you to everyone who supported the day. There were some super spooky costumes on display!

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair was another great success this year with lots of fantastic books bought, happy reading to everyone!

### **Shoebox Appeal**

Team Hope Shoebox Collection wish to thank all of you who so kindly donated to their appeal this year.

### **Important Reminders**

" DOGS are not allowed in the school yard at any time, whether on a lead or not. Many children are afraid of dogs and can be distressed if they see them in the yard.

" BIKES are only permitted for 1st and 2nd class students. Scooters and "Flickers"are not allowed to be stored at the bike rack.

" We would remind parents if you want your child to drink fluids throughout the day then please send in water only. We are extremely aware that fruit juices can lead to an increase in tooth erosion and would therefore ask that they are limited to lunch times only.

" Use of the staff gate is strictly prohibited; children and parents may only use the ramp gate and the side gate coming to and from school.

### **Birthday Treats**

Everybody loves a celebration especially a Birthday! A new trend has recently started in some classes. Parents have sent in party bags and food for all the boys and girls in their child's class to celebrate a birthday. As this puts pressure on teaching time to distribute the bags, food etc. and of course to eat it all, as well as putting pressure on other families to do the same, this practice may no longer be continued. If further "parties" are sent in, they will be sent back home.

### **Science Week**

Science Week was a great success again this year. A big thank to Mrs. Bouzzah for all her hard work. All the boys and girls learned a lot and had fun too.



### **Parking**

The number of complaints regardless careless and thoughtless parking has risen enormously. Please have consideration at all times for residents in the vicinity of the school and do not park across or in their driveways. Also, please ensure your children never get out of the car on the roadside and always cross with Nancy our Lollipop Lady.

### **Welcome**

We all want to give a huge SS. Peter & Paul's welcome to 3 new teachers that have joined us: Mr. Walsh in 2nd class, Ms. Moffatt also in 2nd and Ms. Kehoe in Learning Support. We wish them all a very successful and fun school year!