

Parent Newsletter Thursday 31st January

School Closures

1 Reminder: The School closes at 12noon tomorrow (Friday 1st) for Staff Meeting.

2 Reminder: The School closes at 12noon the following Friday (8th) and reopens on Monday 18th February for Spring Half-Term Holiday.

Other business:

1 Tennis Lessons

Eight weeks of Tennis Lessons for only 18euro! Registration today (Thursday, 31st) at the Tennis Courts in Balrothery at 3.30pm.

2 GAA

The Gaelic football and hurling Nursery is now welcoming new members (5 years to 10years). Indoor sport activity each Saturday Morning at 11am to 12.30pm in the gym hall of St Teresa's National School. Only 2 euro per session.

3 Arts Week (February 25th to 29th)

Fantastic plans for Arts week are being finalised and you will receive a detailed newsletter about this next week.

4 Parent-Volunteer Maths Workshops.

Huge thanks to all the parents who have signed up for the Parent-Volunteer Maths Workshops. I will be in touch with you after the half-term holiday about the date and time details.

5 Parent Survey.

If you have access to a home computer please give five minutes of your time to a survey being conducted by the National Parent Council and the Irish Primary Principals network. They are hoping that they will be able to use the results of this survey to bring pressure on the Government to fund schools properly! Go to www.npc.ie to fill in the survey.

6 Parent-Teacher Meetings

By now you should have received your appointment date and time for your PT meetings next week. The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and thank-you in advance for your courtesy on these occasions.

7 Enrolment

We very much regret that the school has had to turn-away 317 (three hundred and seventeen) new children and their families for school places in Junior Infants next September. We predicted this unsatisfactory situation over 18months ago and have been contacting the Department of Education and Science on a monthly basis to urge them to start up a new school for the Moylaragh area. The Chairperson (Frank Mongey) and myself (Fintan) met with the Minister for Education in person last week and reminded her of her duties and responsibilities to the people of Balbriggan to provide adequate school places and to ensure that all schools are open and inclusive to all children in their pupil-intake policy and practice. She listened to our description of the unsatisfactory situation in these regards on the ground here in Balbriggan.