

Balbriggan ETNS
Parent Newsletter 11th December 2009

1 Clubs

The Autumn cycle of after-school clubs is now over, the ten weeks is complete. No Clubs next week! The children enjoyed themselves hugely and many thanks to all the teachers and coaches. The next cycle of Clubs will take place from March-May with registration night on Tuesday March 9th

There are a couple of exceptions to this:

- The Tuesday clubs (and only Tuesday, **NOT** Monday, Wednesday or Thursday) will run on Tuesday 15th to make up for the day's Strike Action earlier in the term.
- The Homework Club will continue until Thursday 17th
- The Breakfast Club will continue until Tuesday 22nd
- The Friday Catholic classes finish on Friday 18th and restart on Friday January 14th for the Spring Term

2 New School Building

We are delighted with the progress of the school building and can be confident that the building will be available to us for the start of the 2010/2011 school year. And while not trying to diminish the joy of this development we feel that there is one area of concern. **The architectural plans for this school do not include any plans for a PE Hall or similar facility.** To this end the Board of Management have initiated a campaign which we hope you will support. We have drafted a 'campaign letter' which we hope you will personalize and send to a variety of Ministers, local TDs and Councillors. I will talk briefly about this campaign and distribute the letter to those parents who are in attendance at the Winter Concerts. Let the campaign begin!

3 Winter Concerts

You are cordially invited to our annual Winter Concerts on **Tuesday December 22nd** the day the school breaks up for the Winter Holidays. Here are the details:

Concert 1: The "Junior" Concert: For Junior Infant, Senior Infant and 1st Classes will take place in Roisin's classroom from 9.30am to 10.30am. Children may go home with their parents immediately after this concert if you so wish. For those who don't go home school finishes at 12noon on that day for all for the Winter Holidays.

Concert 2: The "Senior" Concert: For 2nd Class, 3rd Class, 4th Class and 5th Class will take place in Dan's Room from 10.30am to 12noon.

- School closes at 12noon for all for the Winter holidays and reopens on Thursday January 7th at 8.45am.

4 Book Fair

Huge thanks to all the parent-volunteers and all the parent-buyers who made last week's Book Fair a huge success. The proceeds will restock the classroom libraries throughout the school.

5 Parent Association

The AGM of our excellent and hard-working Parent Association will take place at 7.30pm On Thursday January 14th. Please consider joining in the work of this group by attending on the night. It's not all work... they have some fun too!

6 General News

Congrats to the 3rd/4th class Boys Futsal team who acquitted themselves well at the recent tournament in Skerries...let's hope the Girl's team can do equally as well next Wednesday (16th). The 4th and 5th classes are off to see 'Oliver: The Musical' and a 3rd class and 2nd class group are off to trace the footsteps of the Vikings in Dublinia. The school choir's great success in the Cross Border Orchestra event in the Helix is now on DVD and set to be broadcast on TV! Check out the school website www.balbrigganetns.com for picture highlights of our Human Rights Concerts and Month