

Parent Newsletter: Friday October 16th Balbbriggan Educate Together

1 Best of Luck to School Choir

The School Choir will make their 'professional' debut in the HELIX theatre in a show called "The Crossing" in conjunction with the Cross-Border Orchestra this Saturday night (17th). The children and teachers have been working so hard in preparation for this. We wish them the very best on the night!

2 Traffic Management

We are very concerned about some of the driving, dropping off and collecting that is taking place in the traffic area inside the school gates. **Always**: travel around the traffic island clockwise. **Always** pull your car into the left hand kerb before the children get out **Always** make the children get out the doors of the car on the passenger side. **Always** insist that your children walk around the footpath to the school yard **Always** be patient and courteous with other drivers. ***If there is not an improvement the school's Board will have to consider closing the school gates to all traffic.***

3 Human Rights Month

The month of November is Human Rights month and the planning team in the school have been working hard devising a programme for the children that will be both educational and exciting. Look out for a more detailed newsletter about Human Rights Month on your return from the mid-term holiday.

4 Wake and Shake

'Wake and Shake is back and was sorely missed in its absence. Thanks to the Parent Association for our lovely new Sound System, and to James for his energetic new routines!. Parents are welcome to bring toddlers along for the session, but we also ask any parents who stay to observe to join in with the exercises. It is important that all adults 'role model' exercise for the children the teachers and SNAs do it, and so should you!

5 Punctuality and Attendance

School starts at 8.45 am sharp, any later than that is disruptive to school life. Please remember that if your child is absent for any reason that he/she must present the teacher with a written note (in the journal or on a separate page) on his/her return explaining the reason for the absence.

6 Swine Flu Update

No incidences of swine flu have been reported to the Principal.

7 Student Council

Congratulations to the newly elected student council and congratulations to all the children who put great effort into their manifestos and putting themselves forward for election.

8 Whole-Class Parent meeting and future Parent-Teacher Meetings

We had a great turn out of parents for the series of whole-class Parent-Teacher meetings which have just concluded. The traditional one-to-one Parent-Teacher meetings will take place from 8th -12th February.

10 FAI Initiatives

The Football Association of Ireland (FAI) in conjunction with teachers in the school are running a successful after-school programme which a group of ten children are really enjoying. The programme will see them exhibit their soccer skills at half-time at the next Sporting Fingal home match in Morton Stadium.

11 Clubs

The forty two After-School Clubs are being enjoyed by all. There is a wonderful atmosphere in the school these evenings. Congrats to all involved.

12 Samba Perhaps you've heard the rhythms already but the school's first ever Samba Band is now up and running.

13 Raingear One parent is keen to sell good quality raingear for the children for the winter months ahead. She has left a sample in the school office for your perusal.... Come and have a look!