

Parent Newsletter: Monday January 25th

1 Parent-Teacher Meetings and Change to School Calendar

Due to the industrial-action of the teacher-members of the Irish National Teachers Organisation (INTO) the annual Parent-Teacher meetings will now take place from 12noon until 2.30pm on Thursday and Friday 11th and 12th February and not as set out in your school calendar. **This means that the children's school day ends at 12noon on both of these days.** Your child's class teacher will be in touch with you shortly with an appointment time. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's school progress.

2 Special Events Weekends

A limited number of places remain in the exciting Cookery and Science Special Events Weekends. Please give your child's name to Fintan if you are interested.

Special Cookery Weekend	Sat 27 th Feb 10am to 3pm and Sunday 28 th February 10am to 12.30pm	Children from 1 st class to 5 th class only	15euro for children from this school, and 35euro for children from other schools
Special Science Weekend	Saturday March 13 th 10am to 3pm and Sunday March 14 th	Children from 2 nd to 5 th Class only	15euro for children from this school, and 35euro for children from other schools

3 Parent Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the school's Parent Association will take place in the school at 8pm on Thursday 4th February. We hope there will be a great turn out of parents and that many of you will be willing to serve on the incoming Parent Association. Fintan (Principal) will be in attendance to thank the outgoing Parent Association for their valuable work and, also, to launch an Invitation to all parents to become involved in designing the school's Development Plan for the coming five years.

4 Maths for Fun: Parental Involvement

We are seeking a few more parent volunteers to train up in "Maths for Fun" for delivery in the classrooms in conjunction with the class teachers. Last year's parent group really enjoyed the experience, and felt that it benefited their own children in the home too! Please get in touch with Fintan or Leon immediately if you are interested (You will need to have some daytime/school hours availability, but we can also be very flexible).

5 Congratulations!

Congrats to the 4th class Young Scientists group who won huge praise for their exhibit at the Young Scientist exhibition in the RDS recently.

Congrats, too, to Paulina in 5th class on being shortlisted for her design/artwork in the nationwide Google-Logo competition.

Also as part of our normal school life we give awards to children at our Friday Assemblies for commendable work in their classrooms throughout the week. These Awards can now be observed on a weekly basis on our school website

www.balbrigganetns.com check it out! (plus this and all recent newsletters!)

