

## **Parent Newsletter Balbriggan Educate Together Thursday March 18th**

### **1 Fire-damage**

Unfortunately a fire occurred in the school on Tuesday-night/Wednesday-morning. The three 2<sup>nd</sup> Class classrooms are now unavailable to us. We have been able to accommodate two of the classes (Cecelia's and Elaine's ) into two of the Resource Rooms, and Sheila's class have been distributed across the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes for the moment. At time of writing I cannot be sure what may have to be done over the coming days, and can only assure you that we will do our very best in the interests of the children. We regret the inconvenience caused.

### **2 Traffic**

Following the Spring Holiday ( the two week break over starting at 12noon next Friday –the 26<sup>th</sup> March), the whole set-down traffic zone within the school grounds will no longer be available to us. This restriction will continue until the new permanent building is completed, the latest estimate being middle-of-May. Cars dropping off and collecting children will instead have to use the public road and public car-parking outside of the school grounds. There is no question but this will be inconvenient to all. Could I request that whatever alternative arrangements that parents make please ensure to prioritise the safety of both your own children and , also, the safety of all other children and road-users. Please ensure to avail of the services of the Lollipop Lady for crossing the road outside the school.

### **3 Reminder about money**

Just to remind all that 120euro per child will be required from each child who will returning to us in September. This money will be requested from you on the 1<sup>st</sup> may, and we ask that you pay it before the 31<sup>st</sup> May. This cost covers all of your children's texts and services over the 2010/11 school year and is a fraction of that requested by other schools for the same commodities and services.

### **4 Special Science Weekend**

A small number of spaces are still available for the Super Science weekend taking place in the school this weekend ( 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>). Children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class may attend at a cost of only 15euro. The hours are 10am to 3pm Saturday and 10am to 12noon Sunday. A fantastic opportunity for budding young Einsteins!

### **4 Have your say in the school's Vision for the Next Five Years!**

Parents are invited to the school for a facilitated 'air your views' session in the school next Wednesday morning. Are you happy with the school? Would that currently goes on in the school would you like to see being continued? Are there things going on in the school that you are dissatisfied with and would like to see changed? A parent-facilitator will prompt a discussion along these lines and will summarise this discussion in the form of a report and will present this report back to Fintan (Principal) who will use this information in the formulation of a School Development Plan for the next five years ( September 2010 to August 2015). We hope to host a second session similar to this in May. See the Principal's Blog on the [www.balbrigganetns.com](http://www.balbrigganetns.com) website for more information on this process.

### **5 Clubs**

The second cycle of After-Schools Clubs is now underway. Huge thanks to the Parent Association for their hard work in undertaking the Club Registration night last week. Huge thanks, too, to the teachers who are undertaking the range of clubs. For more information on why we, as a school, undertake this project please have a look at the posting in the Principal' Blog on the website [www.balbrigganetns.com](http://www.balbrigganetns.com). Parents are asked to ensure that their children are collected promptly from the clubs, and are reminded that the outdoor clubs are weather-permitting and cannot take place if it is raining!