

Parent Newsletter: Monday March 8th

1 Arts Week

Great excitement in the school this morning as our 4th Annual Arts week got underway. Could I request a payment of **Seuro per child** (to a maximum of ten euro per family) for all of the trips, visiting Artists and additional expenditure on materials that your children will be enjoying this week. Please pay the money directly to your child's class teacher and if possible, on or before this Friday (12th). A full programme of the Arts Week is available on the school website www.balbrigganetns.com Your Parent Association have already made a very generous contribution to this event from their hard-earned fund-raising.

2 Club Registration

Club Registration takes place this Tuesday night (9th) at 7.30pm. You have already received a full brochure of the fantastic clubs available for this ten-week cycle, and a covering letter dealing with the money and registration issues. Again, this is available on www.balbrigganetns.com (and click on School Clubs). The Parent Association have asked me to remind you that one adult can only make club registrations for one family. This is to ensure that the queue will be processed quickly. Many thanks to the Parent Association for conducting this Registration night. (Following on the success of the special event Cookery Weekend, a limited number of places remain free for the Special Event Science Weekend on 20th/21st March -contact Fintan directly about this).

3 School Website

Please get into the habit of regularly checking the school website www.balbrigganetns.com for the latest information on what is going on in the school. Currently on the website you will find the following information:

- Did your child win an award at last Friday's weekly Assembly?
- Did your child win a book as part of our celebration of World Book Day?
- All the information you need on Arts Week
- All the information you need to know about Club Registration night and the next cycle of After-School Clubs
- If you click on 'Principal's Blog' you will find extra information from Fintan on all school business. Currently there is postings on 'A new school for Balbriggan', Swine Flu Vaccination Update' 'Progress on the new school building', "Consultations on the next Five Years School Deveelopment Plan' and "Why do we have an Arts Week in our school?" **Please feel free to use this facility to leave comments which are always welcome.**
- Another 'blog' is that run by the children in Dan's 4th class about their lives and classroom activities. They would dearly love if you took the time to have a look and make some comments.
- And all the permanent features of the website... School Policies, archive of Parent Newsletters, a Parent Association page, lots and lots of photos, Class Pages, Enrolment Policy and Forms and loads loads more.

4 Best of Luck to.....

- Our school choirs who participate for the first time ever in the prestigious CORFHEILE choir festival in Tallaght this Wednesday (10th)
- Our boys football who have got off to a winning start in the Cumann na mBunscoil best of luck with remaining matches
- Our four science teams who have been shortlisted by RTE for a new science quiz programme, best of luck with their further screening/interviews
- Our Samba Band who will be making their debut in the Balbriggan St Patrick's Day parade (17th)
- The group of ten Student Teachers from St Patrick's College who will be with us for the next three weeks.