

December 2017

For such a short month, we seem to have packed in quite a lot! Second Class were working hard on their Titanic enquiry, and designed and presented their own projects, Senior Infants covered the topic of the Arctic and we had a visit from the Sam Maguire Cup along with some Dublin county players. We all learned the song Molly Malone to sing for the team members

School News

- ✓ Our student council have begun to target bullying, and we are planning on a school wide anti bullying month in January. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the student council, who have, so far proven themselves thoughtful, fair, responsible and good humoured!
- ✓ As always at this time of year, we like to highlight the importance of giving, so over the course of December we will be accepting donations of toys for a chosen local charity. Boxes are now located at both entrances, and we will be collecting donations until Wednesday 20th December
- ✓ We are going to go for the Science and Maths awards this year, so over the next two terms each class will have some exciting Maths and Science projects! Stay tuned!
- ✓ As part of promoting an inclusive school environment all the children in the school have been learning Lámh signs each week... to date these include the sign for 'hello', 'happy birthday' and some even know 'santa!'

Dates for your Diary

- School Disco : 
Thursday 21st
December
(6.00 – 7.30)
- ASA Term 2 Sign Up : 11th
January (more details to be emailed after Christmas)
- School closed at 12pm, on
Friday 22nd Dec
- School will reopen at
8.15am on January 8th

Important Reminders

- Our online payment system seems to be working very well for our parents, we hope those of you who have used it have found it convenient. If there is an error with your payment, this can often be the result of a dropped internet connection, or a card error and usually is fixed if you try a second or third time. This is the advice given to us by Aladdin. If a problem with payment persists, please get in touch with us on info@ballinteeretns.ie and we can arrange an alternative.
- Some of our after school activities next term will follow on with material taught in Term 1 (particularly in violin, recorder and dance). This is only the case in classes where it is necessary. For this reason, the children who have already attended these classes will have the opportunity to sign up first, and any remaining spots will then be opened up to all. However, new attendees may find it challenging to catch up. There will also be, as always, a selection of classes available to everybody from 1st – 4th. We envisage that next year, and following on from that, we will offer different activities for different class groups. The Jiu Jitsu coaches will take control of their own booking and payments for the next term, their details will be passed on after the Winter Break.

Happy Holidays!

Happy holidays to one and all from all of us here in Ballinteer ETNS. It's hard to believe that our first term in our new location is coming to a close, but we are so happy how well everyone has settled back into their new surroundings! Have a relaxing break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January!

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