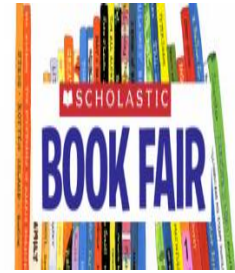


October 2017

We had an exciting October in school which saw some chickens hatch in 2nd class, a visit from a politician in 4th class, student council elections in all classes from 1st to 4th, the beginning of a new term of very popular after school activities, the return of the ever popular book fair, not to mention – a hurricane! We are glad that everybody remained safe during the storm.



School News

- ✓ Student council held their first meeting! <http://www.ballinteeretns.ie/student-council/>
- ✓ We will be trialling an online system where parents can pick their preferred time slot for our Parent Teacher Meetings this year
- ✓ The PTA have organised a table quiz in November <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/betns-table-quiz-tickets-39056553202>
- ✓ The PTA will be selling school calendars and seasonal cards again this year. Brittany will be coming in to take the class photos for the calendars. More information on this to follow from the PTA.

Dates for your Diary



- 23rd – 27th October : Book Fair
- 27th October : Character Dress Up
- November 29th/30th : Parent Teacher Meetings
- (Junior Infant PTMs will take place in February)
- Class coffee mornings: week of 13th November (dates will be emailed to all parents).

Important Reminders

- Please remember to email in advance, where possible, if you are picking up your child early from school. This is so we can have your child ready and waiting for you.
- The Book Fair will be open every morning from 8.15 – 9.00 and every afternoon from 12.30 – 2.15 so you are welcome to browse, with or without your child, and buy books at this time.
- Each class will have an allotted time on either Tuesday or Wednesday to go to the book fair and browse for themselves. Class teachers will be informing the classes of their allocated time shortly.
- On Friday, 27th October, the children dress up as their favourite character from a book to celebrate the end of the book fair.
- All our teachers have begun updating their class blogs so keep an eye on www.ballinteeretns.ie for class news
- Please remember we are a nut free school! This includes Nutella.
- The PTA are available at ptaballinteeretns@gmail.com

Safety First!

We would like to remind everyone to be mindful and considerate when parking on Finsbury Road at drop off and pick up time. Unfortunately, we have had a number of complaints from both residents and parents in our school that people are still parking on the double yellow lines, which causes an obstruction to the traffic and to pedestrians. There is plenty of free parking further down the road.

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